

# Round Hill Presbyterian Church

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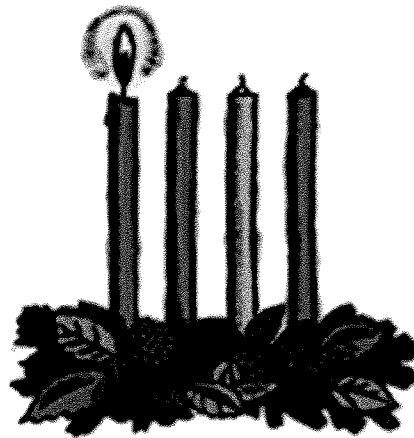
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First Sunday in Advent

*November 28, 2021*

Verse for Meditation:

Matthew 5:16

“Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.”

WELCOME

INTROIT

\* INVOCATION

Pr. Matt Stith

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

HYMN:

*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION:

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you.**

(Now follows a brief time for silent, personal confession.)

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\* PRAISE: *“Gloria Patri”*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end, Amen, Amen.

\* RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING ..... 1 Chronicles 16:8-13

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

**People: We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Leader: The LORD is God, and he has given us light.

**People: Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.**

Leader: You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;

**People: you are my God, I will extol you.**

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

**People: for his steadfast love endures forever.**

\* GREETING - PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

*“Christmas Hymn”*

Chancel Choir

Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. <sup>2</sup> Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. <sup>3</sup> She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." <sup>4</sup> So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. <sup>5</sup> And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. <sup>6</sup> He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." <sup>7</sup> When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

<sup>8</sup> But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." <sup>9</sup> So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. <sup>10</sup> Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." <sup>11</sup> But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! <sup>12</sup> Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. <sup>13</sup> But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" <sup>14</sup> So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

<sup>15</sup> Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel; please accept a present from your servant." <sup>16</sup> But he said, "As the Lord

lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing!" He urged him to accept, but he refused. <sup>17</sup> Then Naaman said, "If not, please let two mule-loads of earth be given to your servant; for your servant will no longer offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

## NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 28:1-10

After we had reached safety, we then learned that the island was called Malta. <sup>2</sup> The natives showed us unusual kindness. Since it had begun to rain and was cold, they kindled a fire and welcomed all of us around it. <sup>3</sup> Paul had gathered a bundle of brushwood and was putting it on the fire, when a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. <sup>4</sup> When the natives saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, "This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, justice has not allowed him to live." <sup>5</sup> He, however, shook off the creature into the fire and suffered no harm. <sup>6</sup> They were expecting him to swell up or drop dead, but after they had waited a long time and saw that nothing unusual had happened to him, they changed their minds and began to say that he was a god.

<sup>7</sup> Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, named Publius, who received us and entertained us hospitably for three days. <sup>8</sup> It so happened that the father of Publius lay sick in bed with fever and dysentery. Paul visited him and cured him by praying and putting his hands on him. <sup>9</sup> After this happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases also came and were cured. <sup>10</sup> They bestowed many honors on us, and when we were about to sail, they put on board all the provisions we needed.

SERMON

"Shine"

Pr. Matt Stith

\* Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 16

**[G]ood works, done in obedience to God's commandments, are the fruit and evidence of a true and living faith. By them believers show their thankfulness, strengthen their assurance of salvation, edify their brothers in the Lord, and become ornaments of all those who profess the gospel. Good works in believers silence the criticism of the enemies of the gospel. They also glorify God by showing that believers are the workmanship and creation of Jesus Christ, because their aim is that holiness of living which leads to eternal life.**

## **\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.**

**\* HYMN:**                    *“Church of God, Elect and Glorious”*

## **PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

### **LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

### **OFFERING OF SELF AND SERVICE**

**\* Doxology:**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

### **\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

**\* HYMN:**                    *“Once in Royal David's City”*

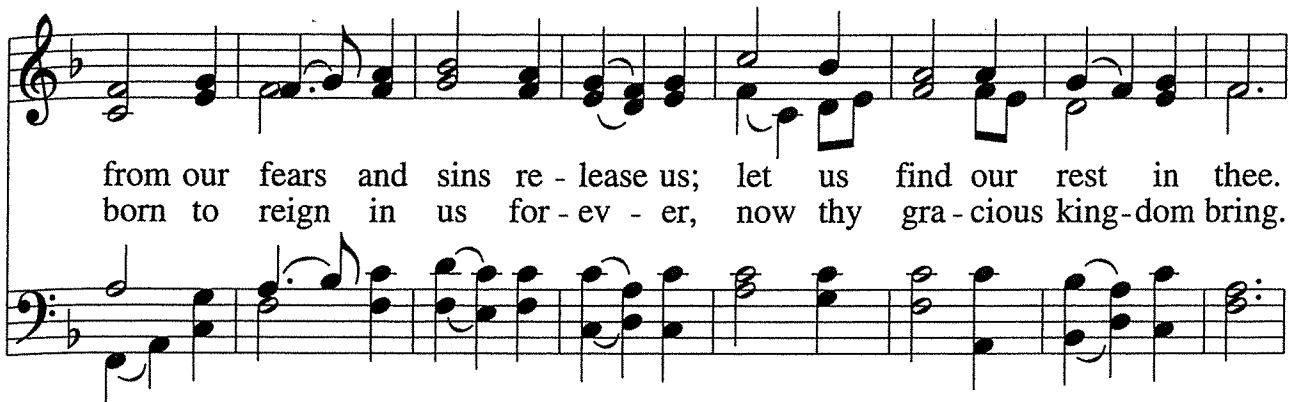
### **\* BENEDICTION**

**\* RESPONSE:**            *God be with you 'til we meet again,  
if life's trials should confound you,  
God will put His arms around you:  
God be with you 'til we meet again.*

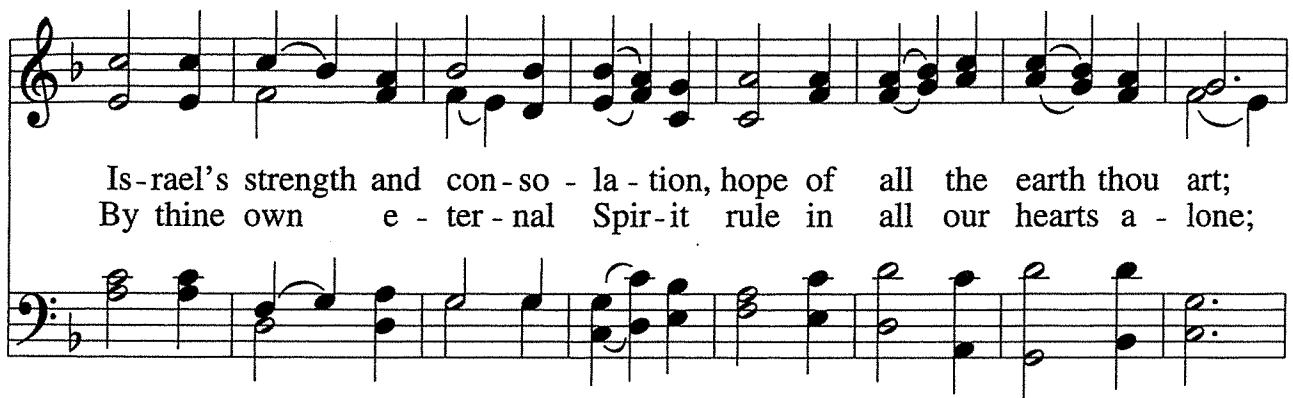
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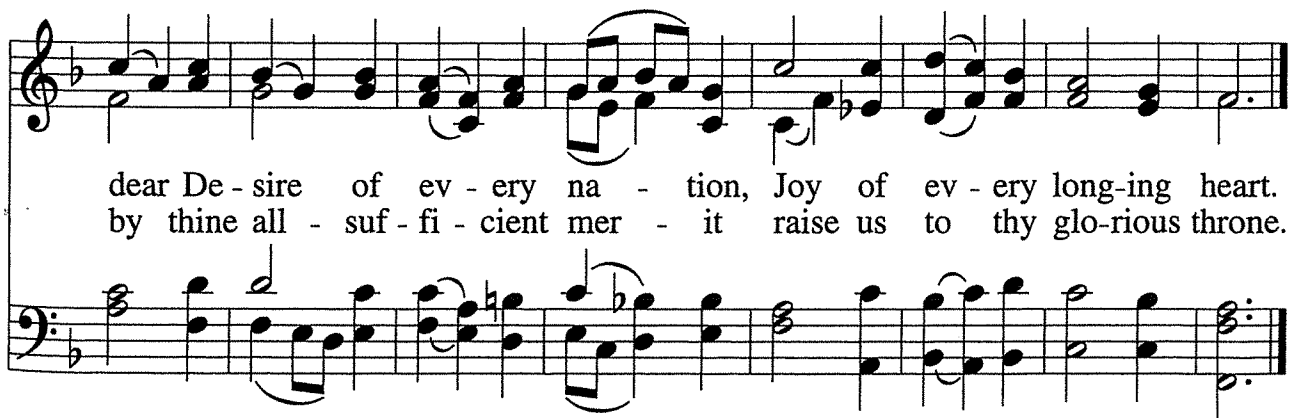
1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;  
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.  
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.

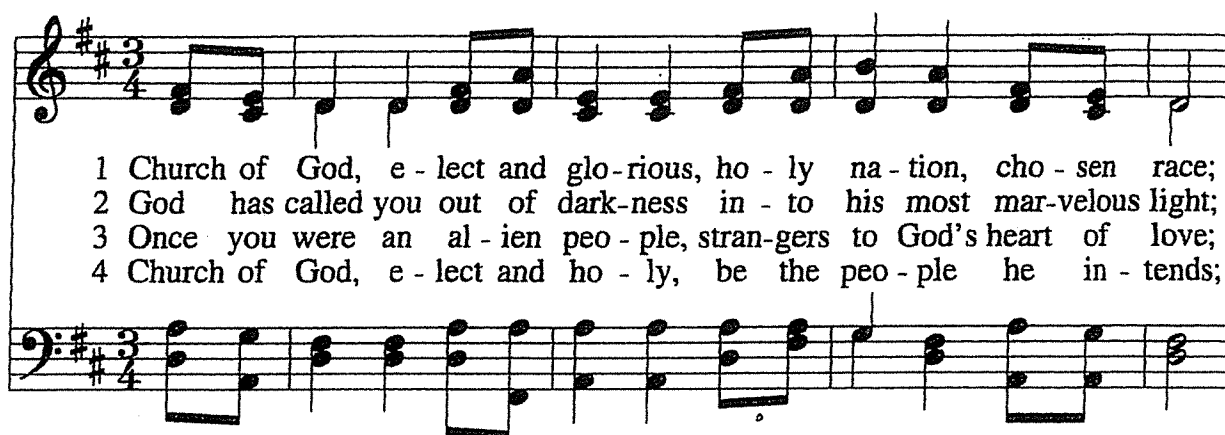


Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;  
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

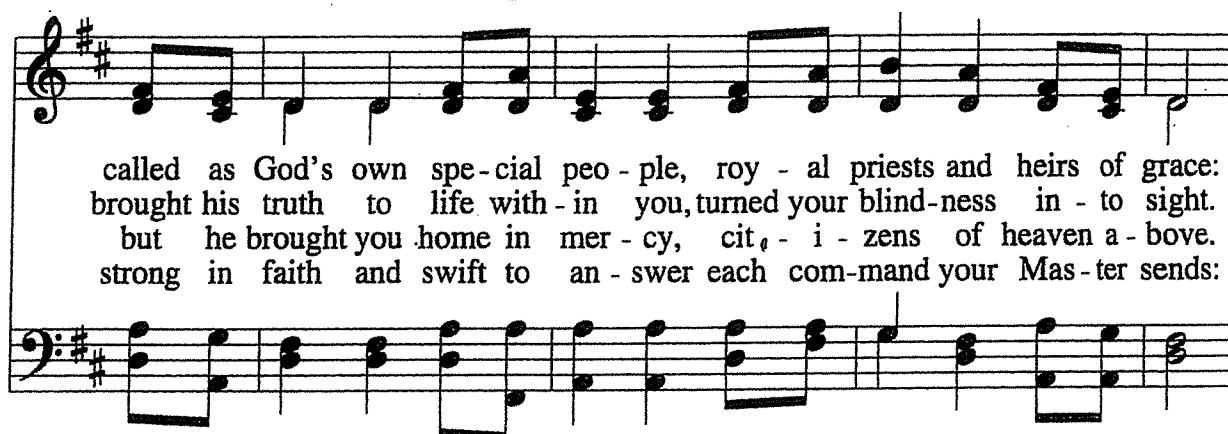


dear De - sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.  
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.

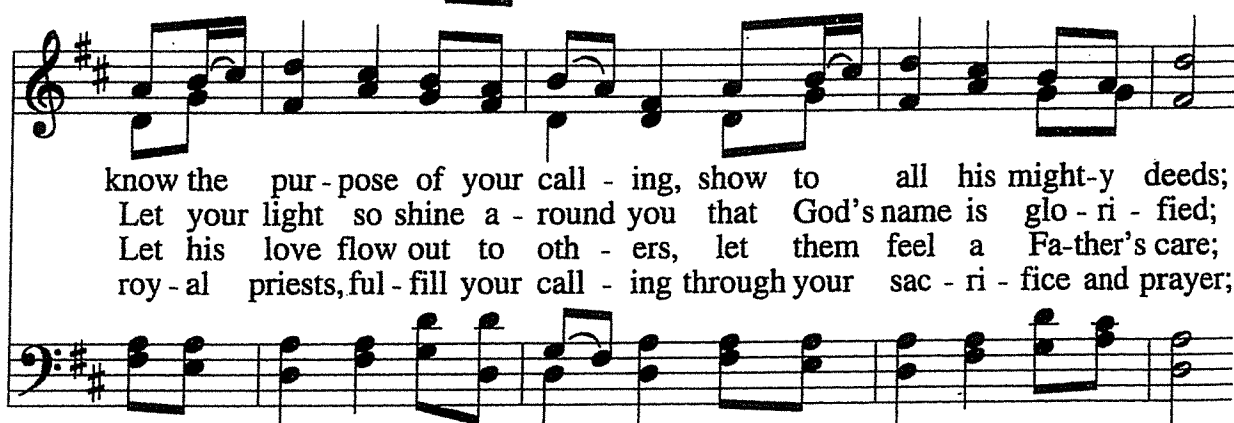
## 541 Church of God, Elect and Glorious



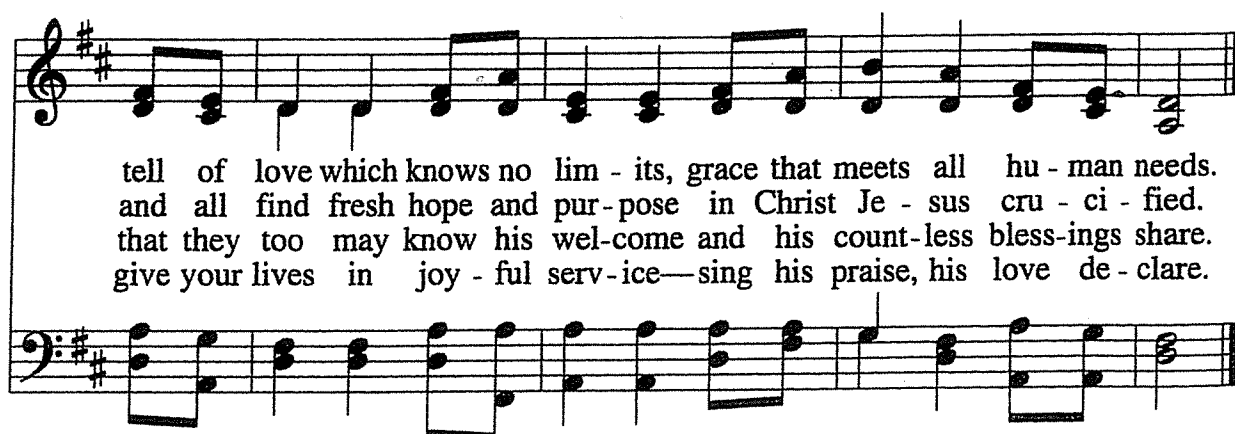
1 Church of God, e - lect and glo - rious, ho - ly na - tion, cho - sen race;  
 2 God has called you out of dark - ness in - to his most mar - velous light;  
 3 Once you were an al - ien peo - ple, stran - gers to God's heart of love;  
 4 Church of God, e - lect and ho - ly, be the peo - ple he in - tends;



called as God's own spe - cial peo - ple, roy - al priests and heirs of grace:  
 brought his truth to life with - in you, turned your blind - ness in - to sight.  
 but he brought you home in mer - cy, cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove.  
 strong in faith and swift to an - swer each com - mand your Mas - ter sends:



know the pur - pose of your call - ing, show to all his might - y deeds;  
 Let your light so shine a - round you that God's name is glo - ri - fied;  
 Let his love flow out to oth - ers, let them feel a Fa - ther's care;  
 roy - al priests, ful - fill your call - ing through your sac - ri - fice and prayer;



tell of love which knows no lim - its, grace that meets all hu - man needs.  
 and all find fresh hope and pur - pose in Christ Je - sus cru - ci - fied.  
 that they too may know his wel - come and his count - less bless - ings share.  
 give your lives in joy - ful serv - ice—sing his praise, his love de - clare.

1 Once in roy - al Da - vid's cit - y stood a low - ly cat - tle  
 2 He came down to earth from heav - en who is God and Lord of  
 3 Je - sus is our child - hood's pat - tern, day by day like us he  
 4 And our eyes at last shall see him, through his own re - deem - ing

shed, where a moth - er laid her ba - by in a  
 all, and his shel - ter was a sta - ble, and his  
 grew; he was lit - tle, weak, and help - less, tears and  
 love; for that child, so dear and gen - tle, is our

man - ger for his bed: Ma - ry was that moth - er  
 cra - dle was a stall: with the poor and meek and  
 smiles like us he knew: and he feels for all our  
 Lord in heaven a - bove: and he leads his chil - dren

mild, Je - sus Christ her lit - tle child.  
 low - ly lived on earth, our Sav - ior ho - ly.  
 sad - ness, and he shares in all our glad - ness.  
 on to the place where he has gone.



## Liturgist – Ron Minkus

### **STAFF**

Pastor	Rev. Dr. D. Matthew Stith
Music Director	Mark Neff
Choir Director	Mayim Stith
Nursery Director	Karen Simon
Secretary	Mary Beth Katonik
Custodian	Tim Guffey

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### **TRUSTEES**

Finance / Jackie Karnes	Support / Bill Harchelroad
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### **DEACONS**

<u>Class of 2021</u>	<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Alyssa Coleman	Marilyn Christenson	Lori Fritz
Barb Gaylord	Tanya Jackson	Linda Leggett
Julius Simon	Joyce Sandor	Eileen Russell
Shara Zoeller	Karen Welsh	Janice Sherman
Moderator of Deacons / Linda Leggett		

### **OCTOBER 2021**

Fund	Monthly Income	Monthly Expenses	Fund Balance Available for Use
General Funds	\$12,049.57	\$8,771.69	\$418.41
Dedicated Funds	\$660.00	\$850.00	\$29,710.24

*For the Son of Man  
came not to be served,  
but to serve...*

-Matthew 20:28



**November 28, 2021**

**Intercessory Prayer Group** - gathers in the C.E. building on Tuesday at 10:00 AM; open to all. We are praying for weekly prayer requests along with other concerns as led by God's Spirit.

**Prayer Requests:** Email dreamstogo2@gmail.com or fill in a prayer request form and place it in the offering plate. **Prayer requests for the following were received this past week; please include them in your prayers:**

**Althea, Benedict family, Lori & Kevin Fritz, Karson, Kevin, Don May family, Nancy Neff, Jake Novak, Tammy, Glenn Wagner, George Welsh, Carly Wilhelm, William, Yolanda**

**On-Going Requests:** Alimjan, Kim Bleichner, Barb Cant, Elfriede Christ, Michelle & Carly Craig, Flocker family, Tyler Gilpin, Larry Kalcevic, Mary Kass, Shawn King, Berl Lewis, Weston McConnell, Leah Meyer, Nan Neff, Mark Neuherz, Mary Riggelman, Tom Russell, Madelyn Ryan, Trystyn Skrinjorich, Helen Wagner, Linda Way, Rita Werner, Sally Wilhelm, Crystal Williams & family, Sue Yacura, our Home Church, Round Hill Leaders, our Pastor & Support Staff, Growth of the congregation of Round Hill Church, Children & Teens at Round Hill, New Life Options, Young Life, President Biden & Governing Leaders

**Military:** Aaron Baumann, Ben Christenson, Philip Damer, Jeremy Ferrence, Blake Flocker, Corey Hobaugh, Matthew Hobaugh, Geoff Horvath, Jason Lere, CC Dixon-McGrew, Madison McGrew, Michael Pasini, Noah Reed, Aerion Salas, Joram Stith, Carter Williams, Grayson Wonsettler, Samuel Wonsettler, and all those serving in the Armed Services

**College Students:** Kate Baron, Michael Danto III, Hailey Russell, Joram Stith, Morgan Winwood, Autumn Wright

**Prayers for POA Churches:** Graystone Presbyterian (Rev. Sparr)

**Prayers for EPC Missionaries:** Jeff, Lynne & family (SE Asia)

*Always pray and never give up. – Luke 18:1*

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS – NOVEMBER 28, 2021**

### **JOY FELLOWSHIP**

Invites all ladies to join them for their Christmas Gathering on Thursday, December 9<sup>th</sup>, at the R-Place Restaurant in Elizabeth. Contact Gayle Larcinese or Eileen Russell for details and to reserve a spot.

### **ROUND HILL CHURCH 2022 CALENDARS**

Are yours for the taking! Pick up a 2022 calendar located in the narthex.

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!**



The family of Jake Novak, a young man recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma and for whom we've been praying, has pressing financial needs. Lori Fritz is asking for donations to help them; call her at 412-225-6158 for information on how to donate.

*Thank you!*

### **FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**



The Food Pantry is requesting baking supplies for the month of **December**. Please place these items either in the basket in the vestibule or drop them off in front of the Food Pantry door in the CE building. Thank you for helping those in need!



### **GREETING CARD MINISTRY**

This new ministry makes its debut on Thursday, December 2, at 10:00 a.m., in the home of Bonnie Craig (415 Cedar Dr., Elizabeth). Come join in the fun and fellowship as we create greeting cards from scratch as well as from cards that we'd like to recycle; bring them with you to the craft room in Bonnie's house, where the necessary supplies are located. The best part of this ministry is that we will be praying for those who will be receiving them.

Call Bonnie with any questions (412-400-9284).



### **SAVE YOUR CALENDARS!**

Marilyn Christenson is collecting 2022 calendars for the Food Pantry customers. Bring those extra calendars that you get in the mail and place them on the chair in the narthex.



### **CHRISTMAS COOKIE PARADE**

Walk along tables and choose from a variety of homemade cookies; cost is \$8.00 per pound. Lebanon Presbyterian Church, 2800 Old Elizabeth Road, in West Mifflin on Saturday, December 4<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



### **SPEAKING OF COOKIES...**

Lifespan Meals on Wheels is holding their 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Holiday Sweet Treats Cookie Campaign. 450 dozen cookies are needed in order to distribute ½ dozen cookies to brighten our seniors during this holiday season. Simply donate 2-3 dozen homemade cookies by Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. They may be dropped off at Lifespan's main office, 314 8<sup>th</sup> Ave., Homestead 15120, Monday thru Friday 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or they will pick them up from your house! Call 412-464-1300 and ask for Judy to make arrangements for a cookie pickup by one of their staff. Visit their website at: [www.lifespanpa.org](http://www.lifespanpa.org).

### **CHOIR, ANYONE?**



The choir has room for you! If God has given you the gift of singing, please come and share it with us! Choir practice is now held on Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. See Mayim Stith or email her ([mayimrstith@gmail.com](mailto:mayimrstith@gmail.com)) if you are interested or have any questions.



### **SPEAKING OF THE CHOIR...**

RHPC'S Christmas Cantata will be held on Wednesday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Mark your calendars – hope to see you there!


# — GIVE — **BLOOD** & GIVE BACK

**Round Hill Church  
Community Drive**

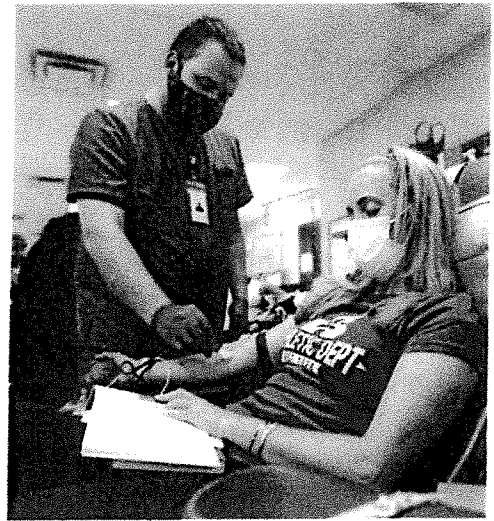


When you donate blood at the Round Hill Church Blood Drive, you save lives and help the South Hills Interfaith Movement (SHIM), because a contribution of \$15 will be made on your behalf through the **Give Blood & Give Back** initiative.

Give Blood & Give Back is made possible with support from the Blood Science Foundation and select contributors, including Jefferson Regional Foundation.

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NOON TO 6 P.M.**

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- If you have not donated with Vitalant or Central Blood Bank before, choose "New Donor"
- At the "Schedule your Appointment Today" screen, scroll down using the far right scroll bar and enter group code G0120030 to schedule your donation
- If you cannot schedule online, please call 412.209.7000

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