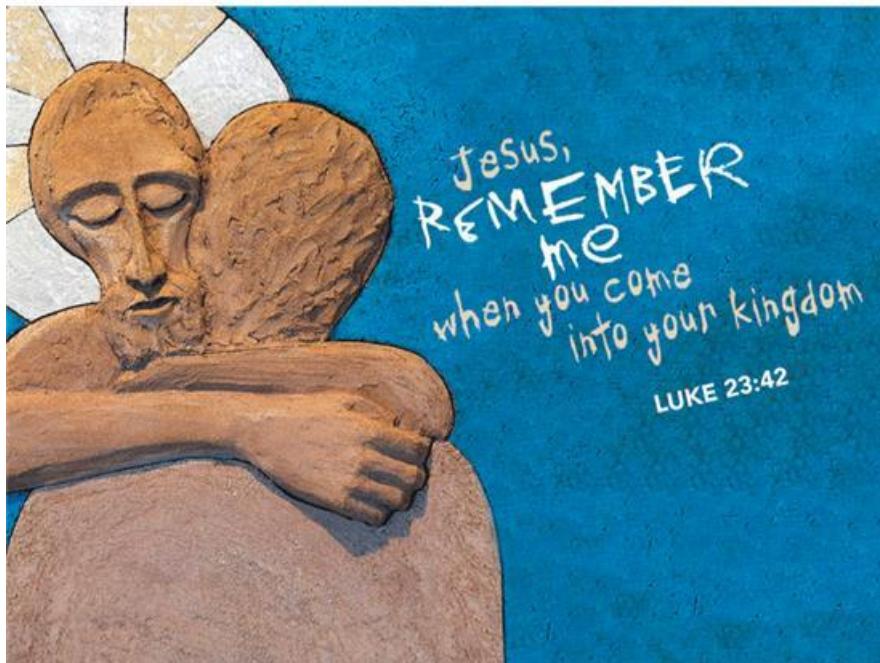


A Mighty Fortress Lutheran Church

Christ the King Sunday

November 20th, 2022



Today we close our liturgical year with a celebration of Christ as our king. During worship, we'll encounter Christ reigning from his cross with mercy for us all. We are glad you are here today!

To the parents of young children:

God put the wiggle in children, don't feel like you have to suppress it in God's house - all are welcome! If you need to bring your child out of the service, the nursery is open for you with a TV in it streaming worship.

*Indicates please stand as you are able

Prelude

*Be Still and Know
Jesus, Remember Me*

ACS #1083

ELW #616

Welcome

*Gathering Hymn

Crown Him with Many Crowns

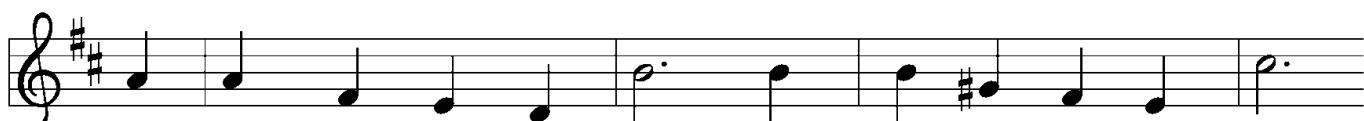
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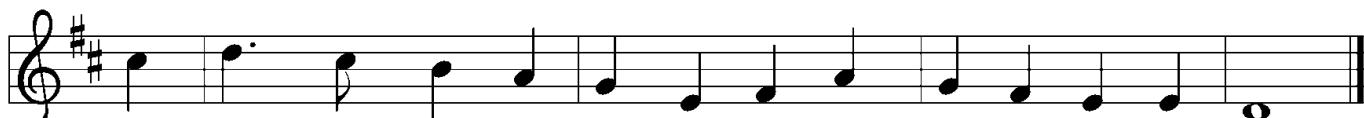
1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the vir - gin's Son, the God in - car - nate born,
3 Crown him the Lord of love— be - hold his hands and side,
4 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave
5 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time,



hark, how the heav'n-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own.
whose arm those crim-son tro - phies won which now his brow a - dorn;
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save.
cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fab - ly sub - lime.



A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
fruit of the mys - tic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
No an - gels in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,
All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;



and hail him as thy match-less king through all e - ter - ni - ty.
the root whence mer - cy ev - er flows, the babe of Beth - le - hem.
but down - ward bend their burn - ing eyes at mys - ter - ies so bright.
who died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
thy praise and glo - ry shall not fail through-out e - ter - ni - ty.

*Confession

Pastor: In the name of the Father, and of the ⁺ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Pastor: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.
Most merciful God,

All: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ⁺ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

All: Amen.

*Greeting

Pastor: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All: And also with you.

*Kyrie

Setting 8

Refrain

All: Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, on our world and on our way.

Ky-ri-e e - lei - son, ev'-ry day.

Leader:

1 For peace in the world, for the health of the church, for the
2 That we may live out your im-passioned re-sponse to the
3 For peace in our hearts, . . . for peace in our homes, . . for
4 For your Spir-it to guide; that you cen-ter our lives in the

u - ni - ty of all; for
 hun - gry and the poor; that
 friends and fam - i - ly; for
 wa - ter and the word; that you

this ho - ly house, for all who wor-ship and praise,
we may live out . . . truth and jus - tice and grace,
life and for love, . . . for our work and our play,
nour-ish our souls . . . with your bod - y and blood,

let us pray to the Lord, All: let us pray to the Lord.

*This is the Feast

Setting 8

The musical score consists of three staves of music in common time, treble clef, and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff begins with a 'Refrain' section. The lyrics are:

This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

The second staff continues the refrain and adds a verse:

1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be
peo - ple of God. Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his. This is the feast of

The third staff concludes the verse and ends with a final refrain:

vic - t'ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al -
le - lu - ia. 2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,
glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
Final refrain:
This is the feast of vic - t'ry for our God, for the
Lamb who was slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Prayer of the Day

Leader: Let us pray. O God, our true life,

All: to serve you is freedom, and to know you is unending joy. We worship you, we glorify you, we give thanks to you for your great glory. Abide with us, reign in us, and make this world into a fit habitation for your divine majesty, through Jesus Christ, our Savior

and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Children's Message

Hymn

We Are Marching

ELW #866

First Reading - Jeremiah 23:1-6

A reading from Jeremiah.

¹Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. ²Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. ³Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. ⁴I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

⁵The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ⁶In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading - Colossians 1:11-20

A reading from Colossians.

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and

invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him.¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together.¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,²⁰and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Leader: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation

Setting 8

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in G clef, each with a different melody. The lyrics are integrated into the music:

- Staff 1: Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
- Staff 2: words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
- Staff 3: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
- Staff 4: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Gospel Lesson - Luke 23:33-43

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the 23rd chapter.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴¶Then Jesus said, “Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There

was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, “Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!” ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.” ⁴²Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” ⁴³He replied, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Pastor: The gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Molly Kuekes

*Hymn of the Day

Beautiful Savior

ELW #838



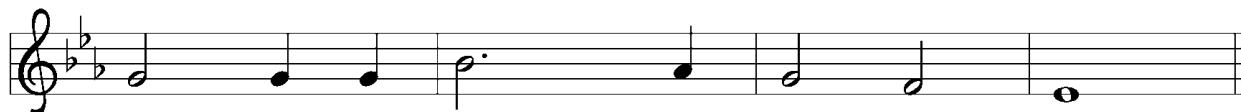
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
robbed in flow'rs bloom - ing Man!
bright the spar - kling stars on spring;
Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er
Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
than all the an - gels in the sky.
now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

*Apostles' Creed

Leader: Gathered into one body, we profess our faith using the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Prayers of Intercession

Leader: United with your saints across time and place, we pray for our shared world.

After each prayer petition:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

All: receive our prayer.

*Sharing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you always.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

*Offering Prayer

Leader: Let us pray. Blessed are you, Maker of all things.

**All: As you have entrusted us with all that you have created,
now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to
those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.**

*The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Preface

Pastor: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

*Holy Holy Holy

Setting 8

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Words of Institution

Pastor: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

*The Lord's Prayer

Pastor: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

All: 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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*Invitation to Communion

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.

All: Amen.

Distribution of Holy Communion and Offering

All are welcome at the Lord's Table, so please join us. You are invited forward to kneel or stand at the altar rail to receive communion. If you prefer to commune using the individually packaged elements, there are some on the altar rail. If you are giving an offering, you may leave it in the offering plate near the front on your way to the altar.

The Pastor will distribute the bread, let her know if you need a gluten-free wafer. The worship assistant will distribute the wine. Let them know if you prefer juice.

Lamb of God

Setting 8

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

Communion Music

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW #485

Leader or All

1 "The bread that . . . I will give
2 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion,
3 "Un - less . . . you eat
4 "I am the . . .
5 Yes, Lord, . . . I be - lieve

You who
is my
of the
that . . .

come to me shall not the hun - ger, and who be -
flesh for the life of the world, . . . and if you
flesh of the Son of Man . . . and . . .
I . . . am the life. . . . If you be -
you . . . are the Christ, . . . the . . .

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to
eat . . . of this bread, and you shall live for -
drink . . . of his blood, and drink . . . of his
lieve . . . in . . . me, e - ven . . . though you
Son . . . of . . . God, who . . . have . . .

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."
ev - er, . . . you shall live for - ev - er"
blood, . . . you shall not have life with - in you."
die, . . . you shall live for - ev - er"
come in - to . . . the . . . world. . . .

Refrain
All

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day."

*Post Communion Blessing

Pastor: May the body and blood of Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.

All: Amen.

*Post Communion Canticle

Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

ELW #857

The musical notation consists of six staves of music in G major, common time. The lyrics are placed under the corresponding musical notes. The lyrics are:

Lord, I lift your name on high;
Lord, I love to sing your
prais - es.
I'm so glad you're in my life,
I'm so glad you came to save us.
You came from heav-en to earth
to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;
from the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high.

*Prayer After Communion

Leader: Let us pray. God of the abundant table,

All: you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey. Give us your grace on the road that we might serve our neighbors with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*Blessing

Pastor: The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, **☩** bless you now and forever.

All: Amen.

*Sending Hymn

Soon and Very Soon

ELW #439



1 Soon and ver - y soon
2 No more cry - in' there,
3 No more dy - in' there,
4 Soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King,



soon and ver - y soon
no more cry - in' there,
no more dy - in' there,
soon and ver - y soon

we are goin' to see the King.



Hal-le - lu - jah, hal-le - lu - jah, we're goin' to see the King!



Coda after stanza 4

Hal - le - lu - - - - - - - -

jah, hal - le - lu - - - - - - - -



jah, hal - le - lu - - - - - - - - jah.

*Sending

Leader: Go in peace. Be a blessing in the world.
All: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lead Me, Guide Me

ELW #768

December newsletter articles are due to Danielle this coming Wednesday, November 23rd. Thank you!

THIS coming Saturday, November 26th we will have our annual Hanging of the Greens at 9:00am! All are invited to come help decorate the church for Advent and Christmas. Many hands make light work, so we hope to see you there.

Also this coming Saturday, November 26th at 10:00am we will be having another Altar Guild workshop on preparing the sanctuary for Advent. Reach out to Jan Huskey if you have any questions.

In order to maintain a constant stable inventory of the items placed in the ZOOM bags for people experiencing homelessness, we are getting low in the following and would appreciate any donations:

- Small packs of nuts
- Small packs of cookies
- Granola/Protein Bars
- Small packs of chips
- Small bottles of water

AMF **partners** with **Thrift United Methodist Church** in helping to support their **Food Pantry**. Your help is needed for this to be successful. You can **DONATE** to the food pantry in two different ways:

1. Purchase stable food items such as cans of vegetables, peanut butter, cereals, soups, etc. Leave these items in the grocery cart located in the narthex. They are taken weekly to the food pantry at Thrift Methodist Church.
2. Write a check to AMF but in the For Line indicate Food Pantry; or give cash, place in envelope and indicate Food Pantry. Place in offering plate.

Coffee Fellowship

Note of Change:

For your convenience and trying to save on coffee, we are asking you to use the pods and brew a single cup. Enjoy your special flavor of coffee, Tea, or Hot Chocolate. We will have the pots available on special occasions.

It's time to order poinsettias for Christmas Eve! Order forms are on the front table in the narthex. Poinsettias are \$16 this year, and the final day to place an order is Sunday, December 11th.

Women of the ELCA

Our December meeting/Christmas Party will be at Sharon Johnson's house on Saturday, December 3 at 1:00 pm at 4237 Freedom Drive, Charlotte. We will meet at the church about 12:30 and carpool, as Sharon doesn't have a lot of parking space at her house. This is for all the women of the church, not just for those who regularly come to the meetings---because you are all Women of the ELCA. This will be a great

chance for fellowship with friends, singing Christmas carols and games. You are welcome to bring a small gift to exchange (less than \$5.00 value). You can also bring a gas card for the Refugee Resettlement Project or money to be applied towards buying books for the Baptismal Bookshelf. Lunch will be potluck, so you can bring an appetizer, salad or dessert if you'd like.

Pastor Molly will be leading a Bible study during the 4 Wednesdays of Advent. There will be two ways to join - 10:00am in person in the Fellowship Hall, and 7:00pm through Zoom (link sent out on Wednesday mornings). For this study, we'll be using the Animate:Faith series. There will be a short video each session featuring a leading voice from the Christian faith. We'll use the video to spark questions and discussion. We will explore central topics of Christianity, such as *who is God* and *what is salvation*. Stay tuned for more details!



Our Angel Tree will be up next Sunday! This year, we'll be collecting gift cards to be given to the Lutheran Services Carolinas refugee resettlement office in Asheville. LCS will then distribute the gift cards to refugee families that they work with in the area.

We're specifically asking for **Walmart and Shell gift cards** (as that is what is readily available in Asheville) - any amount is greatly appreciated! Please place your gift cards in the offering plate on Sunday mornings. During the week, you can place the gift cards

in our locked postal mailbox in the parking lot. We need all gift cards by Sunday, December 18th to be sent to Asheville by Christmas.

Bishop Smith has challenge NC congregations to be involved in refugee resettlement. The synod's goal is 70% of the synod's 190 congregations (133 congregations) will actively engage in resettlement through December 2023. We are doing our part through this Angel Tree. Thank you for your support!

Prayer List

please contact our administrative assistant, Danielle (announcementforamf@gmail.com), if you want to add a name to the prayer list

Members: Elaine Beal, Greg Damron, Chris Dukes, Ranee Hedrick, Robin Hussey, Pastor John Merck and Nancy Merck, Barbara McGee, Betty Mick, Robin Moore, Betty Sigmon, April and Dustin Woolford, Patti Skinner, Willie Graham, & Amy Johnson

Loved Ones: Rondal Bass (uncle of David Bass), Aiden Chirico (Edna Chirico's grandson), Sherry Harrell (former member), Linda Holden (friend of Edna Chirico), Cadie (Jan Huskey's granddaughter), Elmer Sundlie (Karen Sundlie's father), Ronnie Thomas (father-in-law of Alyssa McGee Thomas), Juniper (Paul Lover's granddaughter), & Kimberly LaMore (daughter of Barbara and Jim McGee's close friend), Henry Coffey (Whitney Cartier's friend), Jarrett Duvall (friend of Edna Chirico), Xuan (Thih's wife), Students and Staff at Paw Creek Elementary School, & Navariz Family (Jan Huskey's family)

Worship Leadership

Pastor - Rev. Molly Kuekes, pastormolly@amflc.org

Organist/Music Director - Penny Damron

Pianist/Choir Director - Patti Skinner

Guitarist - Charles Burton, Paul Lover, & Timothy Gentsch

Worship Assistant - Kathy Dukes

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Ushers - Junior Bryant & Jim McGee

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