

# FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 29, 2023 9:30 a.m. GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN CHURCH

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3909 Forest Drive, Columbia SC 29204 Office Hours: Mon-Thurs 9 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.; Fri 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. WWW.GSLC.COM

**WELCOME!** We are delighted to have you worship with us. If you do not have a church home, we invite you to share ours. Please sign our "Friendship Register" providing the requested information. Be sure to introduce yourself to Pastor Andrew; he would love to meet you.

**A NURSERY FOR CHILDREN** 4 years old and under is provided during worship services. For those remaining in the sanctuary, Quiet Bags filled with activities are hanging on the coat racks in the Narthex. Parents of young children are invited to pick up a bag at the beginning of the service. Ushers can direct you to their location. Children's bulletins containing activities related to the day are also available from the ushers.

### ALL BAPTIZED CHRISTIANS ARE WELCOME TO THE FEAST AT THE LORD'S TABLE.

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you at your seat. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element alone. Glutenfree wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents

A PRAYER BOX is located in the Narthex for any Prayer Requests that you might have.

**PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR** in this bulletin for a listing of events taking place at Good Shepherd this week. There is also a monthly calendar on the web page at www.gslc.com.

**IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO ATTEND WORSHIP,** our services are live-streamed and archived for viewing at other times. See the web page at www.gslc.com for links to these services.

**THE GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY** collects non-perishable food items throughout the month with special emphasis on collection the third Sunday of every month. It is open for distribution Wednesdays from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

**REMEMBER YOUR CHURCH FAMILY,** especially those you have not seen for a while. Send a card, make a phone call, or pay a visit. Let them know we love and care for them and wish them God's blessings.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE** is closed on Saturdays and Sundays. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. In the event of an emergency, call the church office at (803) 787-4413 or Pastor Andrew Isenhower at (803) 409-8270. His email address is pastor@gslc.com.

We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace in faith for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

## + ORDER OF WORSHIP +

+ GATHERING +

As we gather for worship, please be aware of those around you who may be in a time of quiet reflection before the service starts. Please remember to silence any electronic devices.

PRELUDE

**TO BE YOUR PRESENCE** 

HOBBY

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregation stands.

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever. Amen.

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. **Amen.** 

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,

have mercy on us. We confess that we have turned from you and given ourselves into the power of sin. We are truly sorry and humbly repent. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things we have done and things we have failed to do. Turn us again to you, and uphold us by your Spirit, so that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

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.

#### Amen.

The congregation stands and turns to face the cross in procession, Reminding us that Christ leads us into the presence and love of God.

#### **GATHERING HYMN 873**

### Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing; your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your king.

#### Refrain

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Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

- 2 With voice as full and strong as ocean's surging praise, send forth the sturdy hymns of old, the psalms of ancient days. *Refrain*
- 3 With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth pour out the strains of joy and bliss, true rapture, noblest mirth. *Refrain*

#### **REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!**

- 4 Still lift your standard high, still march in firm array, as pilgrims through the darkness wend till dawns the golden day. *Refrain*
- 5 At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest; the pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest. *Refrain*
- 6 Praise God who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore: the Father, Son, and Spirit blest, one God forevermore. *Refrain*

#### GREETING

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

And also with you.

**HYMN OF PRAISE** 



#### **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Holy God, you confound the world's wisdom in giving your kingdom to the lowly and the pure in heart. Give us such a hunger and thirst for justice, and perseverance in striving for peace, that in our words and deeds the world may see the life of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

FIRST READING Congregation sits. A reading from Micah. <sup>1</sup>Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. <sup>2</sup>Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel.

<sup>3</sup>"O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
<sup>4</sup>For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam.
<sup>5</sup>O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD."

<sup>6</sup>"With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old?
<sup>7</sup>Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?"
<sup>8</sup>He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

#### PSALM 15

<sup>1</sup>LORD, who may dwell in your <sup>1</sup> tabernacle? Who may abide upon your <sup>1</sup> holy hill? <sup>2</sup>**Those who lead a blameless life and do** <sup>1</sup> **what is right, who speak the truth** <sup>1</sup> **from their heart;** <sup>3</sup>they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil <sup>1</sup> to their friends; they do not cast discredit up-<sup>1</sup> on a neighbor.

<sup>4</sup>In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who<sup>+</sup> fear the LORD.

They have sworn upon their health and do not take | back their word.

<sup>5</sup>They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes a-<sup>1</sup> gainst the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be <sup>1</sup> overthrown.

#### SECOND READING

#### **1 CORINTHIANS 1:18-31**

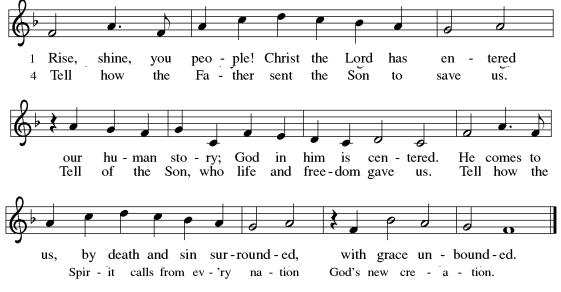
A reading from 1 Corinthians.

<sup>18</sup>The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup>Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup>But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; <sup>28</sup>God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, <sup>29</sup>so that no one might boast in the presence of God. <sup>30</sup>He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, <sup>31</sup>in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Congregation stands.



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#### GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 5:1-12** 

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

#### Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

#### CHILDREN'S SERMON Congregation sits.

#### SERMON

#### HYMN OF THE DAY 719 Congregation stands.

- 1 Where cross the crowded ways of life, where sound the cries of race and clan, above the noise of selfish strife, we hear your voice, O Son of Man.
- 2 In haunts of wretchedness and need, on shadowed thresholds dark with fears, from paths where hide the lures of greed, we catch the vision of your tears.
- 3 From tender childhood's helplessness, from human grief and burdened toil, from famished souls, from sorrow's stress, your heart has never known recoil.

#### **PASTOR ANDREW ISENHOWER**

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#### WHERE CROSS THE CROWDED WAYS OF LIFE

- 4 The cup of water giv'n for you still holds the freshness of your grace; yet long these multitudes to view the strong compassion in your face.
- 5 O Master, from the mountainside make haste to heal these hearts of pain; among these restless throngs abide; oh, tread the city's streets again;
- 6 Till all the world shall learn your love, and follow where your feet have trod; till glorious from your heav'n above shall come the city of our God.

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

God has made us his people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

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 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** Congregation kneels or sits.

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need. *A brief silence*.

Cultivate humility in your church. In gatherings of every size, teach us to boast only in the cross. Shape your church to be people of kindness, generosity, and justice. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

The foundations of the earth bear witness to your faithfulness; the mountains and hills echo with your holiness. When we mistreat your creation, show us the error of our ways. Inspire us with reverent awe to honor all you have made. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

You make foolish the wisdom of the world. Raise up honorable leaders who seek justice, love mercy, and pursue peace. Frustrate plans that are corrupt, wicked, and self-seeking. Prosper the work of peacemakers. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Bless all whom the world rejects. Accompany those who are regarded as foolish, weak, low, and despised; reveal your power and presence at work where it is least expected. Give your life, strength, and wisdom to all in need, especially those whom we name now: (*names are shared aloud and silently from the assembly*). Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

As with your people Israel, remind this congregation of your saving acts. Remind us how your faithfulness brought us through difficulties and sustained us despite our weaknesses. Establish the cross as the center of our life together. Merciful God,

#### receive our prayer.

Praise to you for your blessed saints in every time and place. Trusting you accompanied them in poverty, persecution, and in every trial, we trust you abide with your people always. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.** 

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.

Amen.

Congregation stands.

#### PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. And also with you.

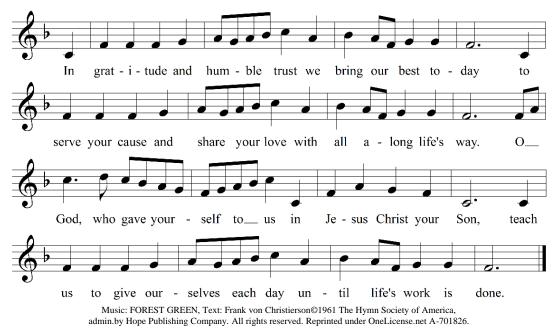
#### + MEAL +

OFFERING Congregation sits. ANTHEM

#### IN THEE IS GLADNESS

SCHALK

**OFFERING SONG** Congregation stands.

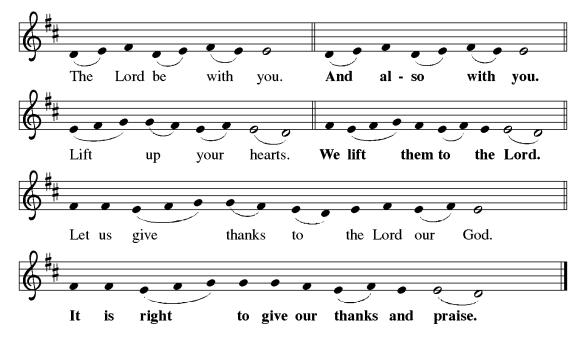


#### **OFFERING PRAYER**

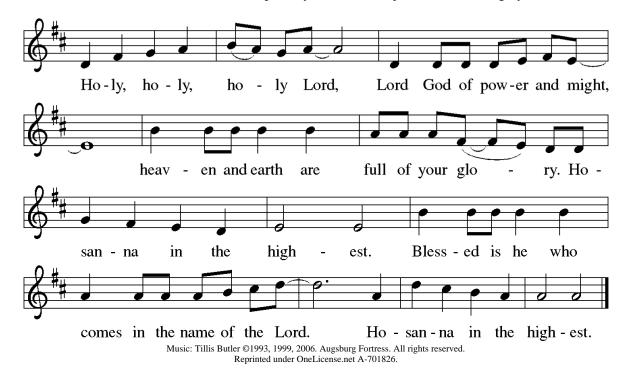
Let us pray.

Liberating God, you break the bonds of injustice and let the oppressed go free. Receive these offerings in thanksgiving for all your works of merciful power, and shape us as people of your justice and freedom. You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior, **Amen.** 

#### **GREAT THANKSGIVING**



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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever. **Amen** 

#### 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 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

Come and taste the joy of God! **Thanks be to God.** 

#### **COMMUNION** Congregation sits.

All baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord's table. Young children who commune should be assisted by their parents. If you are unable to receive either the bread or wine, please be assured that the fullness of our Lord's presence is complete in either element. Gluten-free wafers are available; please let the communion server know of your need. After communing, please return to your seat. If you are unable to come to the altar, please notify an usher so that communion may be brought to you.

#### **MUSIC DURING COMMUNION**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us, mercy on us, mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

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**COMMUNION HYMN** 

**GIVE THANKS** 



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**BLESSING** Congregation stands.

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

#### PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy One, we thank you for the healing that springs forth abundantly from this table. Renew our strength to do justice, love kindness, and journey humbly with you. **Amen.** 

#### + SENDING +

#### BENEDICTION

Almighty God, Father + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.** 

The congregation faces the cross as it leaves the sanctuary, following the cross as we follow Jesus into the world. All remain facing the cross for the dismissal.

#### SENDING HYMN 546

- 1 To be your presence is our mission here, to show compassion's face and list'ning ear, to be your heart of mercy ever near, alleluia!
- 2 To be your presence is our mission bold, to feed the poor and shelter homeless cold, to be your hands of justice, right uphold, alleluia!

- To Be Your Presence
- 3 To be your presence is our mission blest, to speak for all the broken and oppressed, to be your voice of hope, your love expressed, alleluia!
- 4 We are your heart, O Christ, your hands and voice,to serve your people is our call and choice, and in this mission we, the church, rejoice, alleluia!

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#### DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus. **Thanks be to God.** 

POSTLUDE

#### **REJOICE, YE PURE IN HEART!**

BURKHARDT

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#### LET US REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS

Brickmont of John's Creek Assisted Living – Lena Duncan
Lowman Home – Rosemarie Brown, Marianne De Werdt
The Palmettos – Sara Loyd
Rice Estate – Grace Boozer
Wellmore of Lexington – Dot Correll
Wellmore of Daniel Island – Barbara Sutton
Wildewood Downs – Joanna Carpenter, Dot Gibert
At their homes – Gwen Barnes, Helen Derrick, Sylvia Anne Derrick, Larry Evans, Bonnie Hammond, Jeannine Jameson and Gene Upright

#### JANUARY 22, 2023 ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS

9:30 a.m. In-Sanctuary Worship Service: <u>80</u> Sunday School: <u>29</u>

\*Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Collections needed: \$9,733 \*Current Expenses & Benevolences Received: \$5,443

Food Pantry	\$80	Soc Min Monthly Emphasis – Woodyard Fund	\$150		
Capital Improvement	\$425	SCANA Expense Reduction for Property: Utilities	\$441		
Synod World Hunger Relief	\$60	Youth Mission Fund – Contributions	\$25		
Initial Offering (for envelopes)	\$10	Ramp Fund Ministry	\$1,000		
Altar Flowers	\$60	VANCO Processing Fee	\$10		

#### **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS OFFERINGS**

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by Bettie Stroud to the Glory of God and in memory of her daddy.

**THE ALTAR ROSE** is given by Barbara Nagy to the Glory of God and in memory of her son Richard's birthday.

**NOISY OFFERING** – January 29 is our first Noisy Offering of 2023. The children's Sunday School classes will use the funds to support the Conder Elementary School Backpack Program. The BackPack Program provides bags of food to assure students are able to eat on the weekends. The children will be in the narthex before and after the service to collect your coins, bills, and checks. Make checks payable to Good Shepherd and designate for Noisy Offering. Help us fill the buckets for this wonderful cause!

**SOCIAL MINISTRY JANUARY EMPHASIS** – The Woodyard Fund is a joint project of The State newspaper and The Salvation Army. The Woodyard Fund helps residents in crisis in Richland, Lexington, Newberry and Fairfield counties pay utilities bills. Applicants are vetted and must meet certain criteria to receive aid. Checks should be made to Good Shepherd and designated for The Woodyard Fund.

**LENTEN BOOK STUDY** – We are excited to offer a 5-week book study of *Life Together* written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer during the Lenten season. "*Life Together*...reads like one of Paul's letters, giving practical advice on how life together in Christ can be sustained in families and groups. The role of personal prayer, worship in common, everyday work, and Christian service is treated in simple, almost biblical, words" (from the summary on the back cover of *Life Together*). All interested participants should sign up in the Narthex so we can plan accommodating times and meeting locations.

**SIGN UP TO OFFER FLOWERS FOR 2023** — The sign-up chart for offering flowers is on the **BULLETIN BOARD** in the Narthex. Please sign up – with your phone number – for the dates you want to offer flowers in 2023. Altar Flowers are \$70, Altar Rose is \$10, and Narthex Flowers are \$50.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY** bulletins are **due by noon each Wednesday**. Email your announcements to Deborah Mitchell, Parish Administrator, at parishadmin@gslc.com.

#### SERVING IN WORSHIP

USHERS	David Lucas, Karen Lucas, Michael Brown		
LECTOR & COMMUNION A	SST Barbara Rowell		
ACOLYTE	Mike Sanchez		
CRUCIFER	Eden Rowell		
ALTAR GUILD	Janet Lockhart, Anne Rush, Sabra Lindler		
TABULATORS	Jim Tucker, Mary Stallings		
NURSERY	Shayla Williams, Alexis Boyles		
CC PERSON OF MONTH	Mike Weaver		

## **2023 CONGREGATION COUNCIL**

#### **OFFICERS**

Ed Woodward Debi Powell Anna-Marie Plyler Jan Haigler		President Vice-President Secretary Treasurer
<u>MEMBERS</u>	COMMITTEE	TERM ENDS
Carole Sox	Communication	2024
Jason Fowler	Evangelism	2024
David Lucas	Finance	2024

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Ed Woodward	Gifts	2024
Heather Gilbert	Learning	2023
Debi Powell	Parish Life	2023
Mike Weaver	Property	2023
Suzanne Sanders	Social Ministry	2023
Becky Shealy	Worship Life	2024
Amy Kemp	Youth & Children	2023

**\*\*Non-Council Members\*\*** Rod Kent

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#### **OUR MISSION**

We are a community of all ages gathered by God's grace for worship, learning, loving, and service to all.

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