

**OUR PRAYER LIST** — Our President, all who defend our nation, Sue Nichols (Pam Humphries' mother), Bobby Sellers (Angie Smith's uncle), Raul Wetternek, Oscar Wetternek (Henrietta Kollitz's friend), Sis Funderburk, Mary Burr, Mike Starling, Harry Board, Jeff Treadaway (Angie Smith's friend), Flo Outen, Connie Covington (Pam Baker & Jan Rogers' mother), Terry Crocker (Dee Dee Crocker's husband), Pam Walter (Angie Smith's cousin), Gina Reid Merriman (Renie Seels' niece), Rowland Faust (Jerry Turner's brother-in-law), Mark and Norma Moore and family (Nancy Wagnon's friend), Jim Murray, Jayne Burr Board, Elsie Payton Family (Judy Dixon's aunt). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS AT FUMC**

**Sunday, November 26, 2017**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00pm UMYF (Trip to Zoar UMC)

**Monday, November 27, 2017**

6:00pm Boy Scout Meeting (Scout Hut)

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017**

10:30am Staff Meeting  
5:30pm Weight Watchers

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**

5:30pm WATF Supper (Fellowship Hall)  
6:30pm UMKF (Kid's Nook)  
6:30pm Adult Bible Study (Fellowship Hall)  
7:30pm Adult Choir Practice (Choir Room)

**Thursday, November 30, 2017**

6:00pm Cub Scouts (Fellowship Hall)

**Sunday, December 3, 2017**

10:00am Sunday School  
11:00am Worship Service  
5:00 pm UMYF

**WATF:** will return in 2018. We will complete "Anxious for Nothing" by Max Lucado at that time. Use your time of devotion to think about the coming of a Savior. He comes as a child, but grows to be our Savior and King. This is a glorious time of year and a busy time of year.

**SHEPHERD'S CHILD IS COMING:** Who wants to participate? Contact the Church Office and let us know. Our planned day is the final day of school prior to the Christmas break. Last year we had a grand response. It is our prayer to help more children this year. It is a good thing to be known as a church that uses its resources for the good of children.

**MERCY IN ME:** We are asking our Chesterfield County churches to designate December 3, 2017, as "Mercy in Me Clinic Sunday" and to take up a special offering for our support. With your help we can continue to meet many of the medical needs of the uninsured in our County.



Roy Smith Humanitarian of the Year was awarded to Roger Wolfe for 2017.  
Above left, Ken, Roger and Shannon (chairperson of Misson's Committee)  
Right Amy Smith (Roy's daughter) with Roger

**FUMC STAFF**

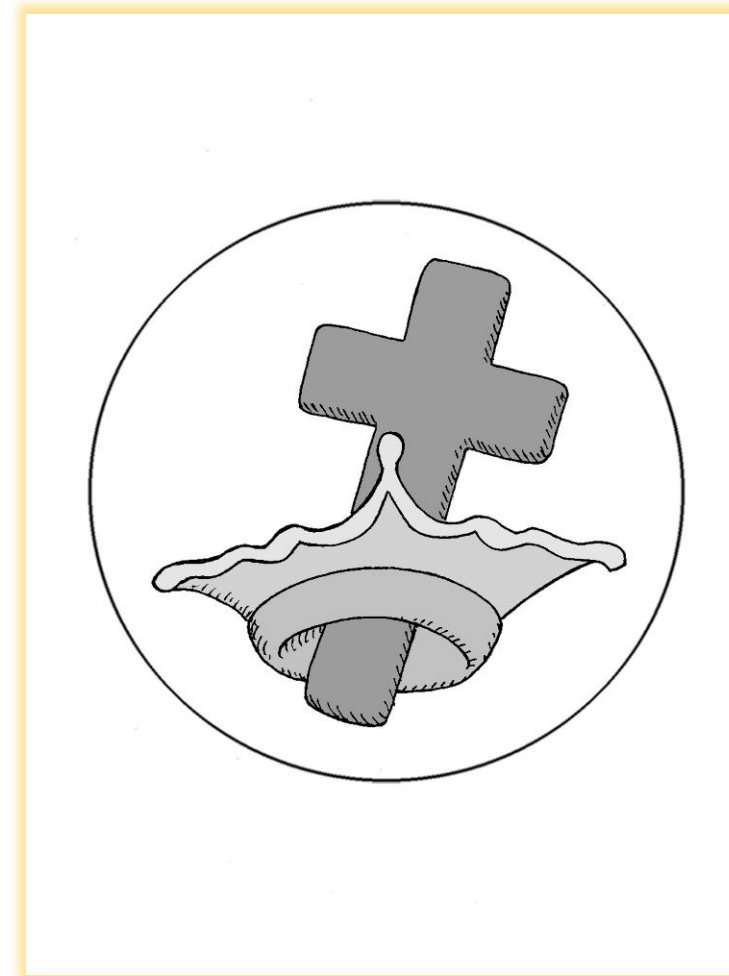
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***THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.***

***A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP***

***NOVEMBER 26, 2017***

***LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST***

***CHRIST IS KING SUNDAY***

***LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE***

## PARSON TO PERSON

Philip Yancey in his book, *The Bible Jesus Read*, shares the following: "A Chinese philosopher insisted on riding his donkey backward so that he would not be distracted by where he was going and could instead reflect on where he had been. The Bible works in somewhat the same way. The Epistles shed light backward on the events of the Gospels, so that we understand them in a new way. Epistles and Gospels both shed light backward on the Old Testament."

It's important to look back in order to see truth that brings to life the light of God that is before our eyes. Looking back helps us with our perspectives of life. Looking back brings truth to center stage, and helps us find strength and perspective for the day-to-day challenges of living.

Our purpose on this Sunday after Thanksgiving is to continue speaking words that shape our perspectives. The difficult times in which we live create questions about security and our future and our well-being. The thought economic realities cause business people to conduct their business in different ways, and it has tempted the church to approach stewardship with new ideas. The writer of Proverbs lived a riches-to-rags story. Perspective played a major role in his life changes. Trust in God is a vital component of faith. It is difficult for faith to thrive when human activity demonstrates a plethora of loyalties. Looking back to the truth of the Old Testament, specifically Proverbs, reminds us about an important perspective on where "trust is placed" and how the perspective points us to the light of Christ that invites us to love God with our all. And it was Jesus who defined all to include our hearts, soul, mind, and strength. The Psalmist declares in our text for today that God is everywhere we go. In fact, he arrives before we do. God is always present.

It is a shame how the world trades in its faith. Today's worship is to declare that Christ is the reigning King of our lives. Yet, when I see how the world works today, it causes me to pause and wonder about the place of faith. It seems to me that people have exchanged major faith teachings like forgives for fear. The world has exchanged being kind for what I can only call a practical barbarism. Feeling for others and serving others seen to be at an all-time low on the world scene. Praying has been replaced by bullying. Need for God has given way to the need for the "more of life" as sabbath is just another day when people do just about anything except find their way to worship. A mean spirit tries its best to replace the Holy Spirit. When this Sunday proclaims the "reign of Christ," it is his reign in every human life. A relationship with Jesus Christ is simply a must. Life is not pass/fail, and there is no curve upon which all are graded. I will again make my profession in worship today that Christ is the King of my life. Jesus is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. And I want Him to be my way.

As the sermon comes from Psalms this morning, let's look backward so we can move forward in greater trust and faith.

*Ken Timmerman*

**ZOAR UNITED METHODIST CHURCH DRIVE THROUGH NATIVITY:** The Live Drive Through Nativity will be Sunday, December 10 from 6:00-8:30pm. Come and enjoy this annual event. If you would like to participate, please call Leah Crawford 843-623-7075 Home, 843-287-0845 Cell, Helen Long 843-623-2954, or Debbie Foote 843-623-6234.

**FREE 8 X 10 POTRAIT AVAILABLE:** If you had your picture taken for the pictorial directory, but did not purchase pictures, your free 8 x 10 is in the church office.

**FOOD PANTRY:** The following are a few of the items we need for our pantry: Canned meats, grits, oatmeal.

**CHRISMTAS/ADVENT DECORTING:** Will be done on Friday, December 1 at 10:00am.

### SERVING TODAY

**Greeter:** Shep Straughn

**Head Usher:** Eric Dusa

**Lobby Door Greeter:** Herber Watts

**Acolyte:** Margaret Jean Harris

**Nursery:** Caroline Berry & Lesley Jean Watson

**Cross Bearer:** Lawton Harris

**Next Week's Lay Reader:** ----

**McArn Item:** Peanut Butter and Jelly

**Flowers Next Sunday:** Poinsettias

**Hostess:** Shep Straughn

**Counters:** Robert Calhoun, Herbert Watts, Brenda Rayfield

**Alternate Counter:** Doug Marsh

**Worship Attendance, November 19** — 176; **Attendance in Sunday School, November 19** — 103

**WATF Bible Study Attendance, November 15** – 35

**Received to Date:** \$350,753.11 (Includes \$16,663.50 from Contingency); **Expenses to Date:** \$353,250.94

**Needed Weekly:** \$6,968.15; **Received week November 19:** \$9,382.50

## A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

**\*\*Please take a moment and silence your cellphone for the duration of the worship service.  
This is a sacred time when God communes with his people.**

**Prelude** *Welcome to every visitor. Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew, putting the sheet in the offering plate.*

### Call to Worship

**\*Hymn No. 733**

**"Marching to Zion"**

MARCHING TO ZION

### \*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**We gather to declare your Lordship, O Christ our King. To you, dear Lord, belong glory and honor and praise. From the moment we awakened this morning, creation has been testifying your faithfulness and goodness. As we stand together with family in this Sanctuary, we know you are present. Teach us the kind of love that invades our spirits and controls our living. Help us to honor you that you may honor us with the richness of life. Cast aside our doubts and fears, and help them to be replaced by confidence and Godliness. Speak to us and show us the way to be. For we pray in your holy and magnificent name. AMEN**

### Life Lessons for Young Learners

**Responsive Psalter Reading No. 822-823**

**Psalms 102**

Sophia Prevatte, Lay Reader

**\*Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

**"The Apostles' Creed"**

Lay Reader

### \*Gloria Patri

**A Presentation from the Child Development Ministry**

Mimi Coffey

### Morning Prayer/ The Lord's Prayer

### Gathering God's Tithes and Our Offerings

**\*Offertory**

**\*Doxology No. 95**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

OLD 100TH

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Hymn No. 2162**

**"Grace Alone"**

GRACE ALONE

**Scripture**

**Psalms 139**

**Sermon**

**"Hide and Seek!"**

Rev. Ken Timmerman

**\*Hymn No. 377**

**"It is Well with My Soul"**

VILLE DU HAVRE

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

**\*Please stand if able.**

*The flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in honor of Martha Griggs by Gini, Scott, Cameron, and Greer Eddins.*

**FLOVELIA "FLO" OUTEN – NOVEMBER 18, 2017**

*Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me shall never die."*