



— FIRST SUNDAY OF —
ADVENT

Wittenberg Lutheran Church
Batesburg-Leesville, South Carolina

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020
11:00 a.m.

WITTENBERG LUTHERAN CHURCH

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WELCOME TO WITTENBERG

Thank you for worshipping with us today. If you must leave the sanctuary during the service please do so in a manner that honors the solemnity of worship. Restrooms are adjacent to the Fellowship Hall; exit the Sanctuary through the door to the left of the pulpit and follow signs.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29:

Greeters.....Ricky & Donice Frick
Altar Guild.....Ann Nichols, Marti Burns, Pam Humphries
Ushers.....Todd Frick, Billy Rauton
Lay Reader.....Todd Davis
Altar Flowers.....By: Connie & Michael Kramer
Ministers.....All the People of Wittenberg

<u>FINANCIAL REPORT</u>	<u>LAST WEEK</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Regular Offering.....	5,107.....	252,323
Food Pantry Offering.....	330.....	27,723
Total Offering to Budgeted Operations.....	5,437.....	280,046
Expenses Budgeted Weekly.....	6,479.....	304,513
Over/(Under).....	(1,042).....	(24,467)
Vision 20+20 Offering.....	250.....	16,954
Other Designated Off/Inc	550.....	37,997

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, November 29:

Early Service.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Worship/Communion11:00 a.m.
Drive Through Communion.....12:00-12:30 p.m.

Monday, November 30:

Coffee and Conversation via Zoom.....11:00 a.m.

Tuesday, December 1:

Lunchtime Book Study via Zoom.....1:00 p.m.
Taco Theology via Zoom..... 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 2:

*Bulletin Deadline

Friday, December 4:

Food PantryMike & Virginia Nichols.....9:00 a.m.

Saturday, December 5:

Food Pantry.....Debbie Black & Volunteer Needed.....9:00 a.m.

Next Sunday, December 6:

Early Service.....8:30 a.m.
Sunday School10:00 a.m.
Worship/Communion11:00 a.m.
Drive Through Communion.....12:00-12:30 p.m.

Today's altar flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of:

LOVED ONES

By: Connie & Michael Kramer

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2020:

SCS.....26
Early Service.....12
11 a.m. Worship.....30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Council 2021: The ballot for Congregation Council in 2021 will include Will Black, Gregory Dority, Pam Humphries, Mary Ann Shealy, Cambey Reep, Ashley Bouknight, and Chancie Frick. They have all agreed to the nomination. Due to the unusual circumstances of 2020, we will be asking for any additional nominations "from the floor" ahead of time this year. Nominations will be accepted until November 23rd at 9am and may be made by emailing wittenberg@sc.twcbc.com.

2020 Congregation Meeting: The 2020 Congregation Meeting will be held at 9:30am and at the 11am service on Sunday, December 13. Ballots may also be completed via drive through from 10:00 to 10:30 at the roundabout on the cemetery side of the building. If necessary, Council election runoff voting will be held during meetings on Sunday, December 20th at 9:30 am and 11:00 am.

Soup Kitchen: The Soup Kitchen is now offering bags lunches starting in November. Donations are always welcome: individual bagged chips, fruit cups, applesauce, cookies, crackers, rice, noodles and canned veggies. The Soup Kitchen will take place on November 28th and December 19th (3rd Saturday). Please contact Jennifer Spradley for donations/volunteer times or leave donations in the kitchen at any time marked soup kitchen.

Flower Calendar: The Flower Calendar for 2021 is now up in the Narthex. Sign-ups are first come, first served. If you have a special date that you would like, be sure to sign up as soon as possible! The cost will be \$60 this year. You can also give Becky a call in the office to sign up! (803)532-4636. **Please remember to state who you would like to honor or remember when you sign up on the flower calendar.**

Sunday School Announcement: In-Person Sunday School for all ages (minus the nursery and Middle Adults) will take place on each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Senior Adults will meet in the Conference Room. The Lectionary Class will meet in their room upstairs. Young Adults will meet in the Commons Area (near the Fellowship Hall). Kids will meet in Room 8 upstairs. Confirmation and High School will meet in the basement. Middle Adults will continue to host Sunday School by Zoom at **9:30 a.m.** All adult age groups are welcome to join this class! To join, you can click this link <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85028853230> or dial 301-715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 850 2885 3230.

Food Pantry: Friday December 4: Mike & Virginia Nichols; Saturday December 5: Debbie Black & **Volunteer Needed.** *If you sign up for Food Pantry and cannot be there for the day you signed up, please let the church office or Marti Burns (803-960-8594) know so that arrangements can be made to fill your slot.*

***see back for more announcements**

LET US PRAY

MEMBERS.....

Tissy Price	Billy Long	Benjy Watson	Freida Banks
John & Merlyn Watkins	Sybil Ergle	Larry Lorick	John Banks
Gerald & Letha Long	Anne Shealy	Mona Henderson	James Banks
Madison Grace Maroney	Cricket Leaphart	Betsy McEwen	Pam Humphries
Sandy & Diane Spradley	Pam Humphries	Lisa Cook	Melvin & Earlene Swygert
Wills Swygert			

FAMILY & FRIENDS.....

Teddy Kneece (<i>brother of Brenda Howard</i>)	Walter Chandler (<i>friend of Hazel Cooper</i>)
Brad Cary (<i>brother of Ross Cary</i>)	Bill Amick (<i>family of Barbie Rodgers</i>)
Lynwood Hyler (<i>friend of Robbin Swygert</i>)	Tayler Grace Kinard (<i>cousin of KD</i>)
Chris Gunter (<i>cousin to Robbin Swygert</i>)	Selena Player & family (<i>family of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)
Karen Ferry (<i>aunt of Lynne Rauton</i>)	Daphyne Ridgell (<i>friend of Brent Shealy</i>)
Stan Nichols (<i>son of Ann & Charles</i>)	Kenny & Edie Boozer (<i>friends of Donice Frick</i>)
Shealy McCormack (<i>WLPP student</i>)	Alice Martinez (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)
Reece Spradley (<i>niece of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)	Christy Dawkins (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)
Ronda Miller (<i>friend of Chip & Jennifer Spradley</i>)	Helen Winstead (<i>mother of Sonya Cary</i>)
Lisa Williams (<i>friend of Crissie Kirby</i>)	Helen Humphries (<i>mother of Steven Humphries</i>)
Beverly Smith (<i>sister of Jerry Price</i>)	Carole Hair (<i>relative of Sonya Cary</i>)
Missy Lewis (<i>friend of Brenda Howard</i>)	Hunter Stocks (<i>friend of Billy & Lynne Rauton</i>)
Jerry Prim (<i>brother-in-law of Susie Hendrix</i>)	Barry Webb (<i>uncle of Toshia Banks</i>)
Bill Eubanks (<i>friend of Sonya Cary</i>)	Barbra Cross (<i>grandmother of Toshia Banks</i>)
Harvey & Sally Sauls (<i>friends of Robin Taylor</i>)	Tommy Penick (<i>friend of Sonya Cary</i>)
Keith Berry (<i>friend of Brenda Howard</i>)	Michelle Temples (<i>friend of Cricket Leaphart</i>)
Sally Kinard (<i>cousin of KD</i>)	Bill Oswald (<i>uncle of Ricky Frick</i>)
Regina Turner (<i>cousin of Donice Frick</i>)	Jason & Tammy Howard (<i>family of Brenda and Arthur Howard</i>)
Maudeen Taylor (<i>sister-in-law of Lavonia Frick</i>)	Ann Herrington (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)
Pastor Ed Miller (<i>friend of Donice Frick</i>)	Bryan McLeod (<i>father of Kayce Shealy</i>)
Ronnie Watson (<i>father of Rhett Watson</i>)	Chad Smith (<i>cousin of Lynne Rauton</i>)
Jacob Kneece (<i>nephew of Brenda Howard</i>)	Ronnie Boatwright (<i>uncle of Lynne Rauton</i>)
Earl Oswald (<i>step-father of Diane Spradley</i>)	Dennis Hensley (<i>friend of Rebecca Dasher</i>)
Billy Reeves (<i>nephew of Howdy & Judy Hays</i>)	Mark Juergens (<i>GMS student</i>)
Tobie & Chester Plunkett (<i>in-laws of Debbie Reynolds</i>)	Jack Davis (<i>father of Todd Davis</i>)
Greg Smith (<i>friend of Debbie Reynolds</i>)	

ARMED FORCES.....

Jon Rogers	Karl Smith	Ross Shealy	Capt. Will Cary
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WE REMEMBER.....

Irene Smith (*sister of Earlene Swygert*)
 Calvin Rewis (*father of Toshia Banks*)
 Rachel Crowder (*mother of Virginia Nichols*)
 Boyd Adams (*grandfather of Don Price*)
 Mary Lee Miller (*grandmother of Crissie Kirby*)
 Linda Bedenbaugh (*mother of Dennis Bedenbaugh*)
 Heyward Bouknight (*father of Tripp Bouknight*)
 Robert Amick (*uncle of Donice Frick*)
 Dean Player (*brother-in-law of Elwanda Lorick*)
 Wilbur Humphries (*father of Steven Humphries*)
 Gene Berry (*cousin of Larry Dasher*)
 Billy Ledbetter (*father of Heather Gresham*)
 Jane Hare
 Eva Watson
 Boddie Rinehart
 Wilton Price (*brother of Landis Price*)
 Deborah Coffman (*friend of Toshia Banks*)
 Jim Shealy
 Jeffrey McDonald (*brother of Grant McDonald*)
 Pat Ayers
 Pastor Harold Skinner

Prayer List Policy

Wittenberg Lutheran Church posts prayer requests in the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter. Prayer requests on behalf of the families of deceased individuals appear in publications for six months. All other prayer requests appear in publications for two months unless a longer duration is requested by the person(s) who made the original prayer request.

EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP

Worshippers are invited to recite the boldface responses provided for both the spoken and sung liturgical texts.

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Ringing of the bell.

We stand.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, Son, ✠ and Holy Spirit.

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.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

We kneel or sit.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are in bondage 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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ he gives the power to become the children of God, and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

We stand.

THE APOSTOLIC 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.

THE KYRIE

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above,
and for our salvation,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world,
for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house,
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection awaken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We sit.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING.....*Isaiah 64:1-9*

¹O that you would tear open the heavens ⁷and come down,
so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

²as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!
³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.
⁴From ages past no one has heard,
no ear has perceived,
no eye has seen any God besides you,
who works for those who wait for you.
⁵You meet those who gladly do right,
those who remember you in your ways.
But you were angry, and we sinned;
because you hid yourself we transgressed.
⁶We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
⁷There is no one who calls on your name,
or attempts to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.
⁸Yet, O LORD, you are as a father to us;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD,
and do not remember iniquity forever.
Now consider, we are all your people.

PSALM 80:1-7, 17-19(*We read responsively by whole verse—lector/congregation.*)

¹Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
²**In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**
³Restore us, O God;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

⁴O LORD God of hosts,
how long will your anger fume when your people pray?
⁵You have fed them with the bread of tears;
you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
⁶You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
⁷Restore us, O God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.
¹⁷Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.
¹⁸And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.
¹⁹Restore us, O LORD God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.

SECOND READING:1 Corinthians 1:3-9

³Grace to you and peace from God, our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ.
⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in Christ, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by whom you were called into the communion of the Son of God, Jesus Christ our Lord.

We stand.

The holy gospel according to Saint Mark, the thirteenth chapter.
Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL.....Mark 13:24-37

[Jesus said:] ²⁴“In those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven,

²⁶Then they will see ‘the Son-of-Man coming in clouds’ with great power and glory. ²⁷Then the Son-of-Man will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like someone going on a journey, who leaving home and putting the slaves in charge of their own work, commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the lord of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else coming suddenly, the lord may find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

SERMON

MUSICAL MEDITATION

We stand.

THE APOSTLES’ CREED

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again 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 THE PEOPLE

The minister concludes each petition with: *Lord, in your mercy.*

We respond: **Hear our prayer.**

We stand.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray.

Merciful Father,

We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING AND PREFACE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 11

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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 Father, through our Savior Jesus Christ;
You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer,
through whom you will also make all things new
in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.
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:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of you glory.
In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
And who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, Our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, 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.**

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Christ welcomes you to this meal of the baptized! Ushers will guide you in coming forward for communion. When you come up, please take a communion cup from the table. When your family has all taken a cup, you may move to the side, lift your mask, and receive the body and blood of Christ before putting your mask back in place. Trash cans are provided below the tables. Please maintain physical distancing between households as you come forward. Children and others who do not commune may come forward for a blessing. If you would like communion brought to your seat, please let an usher know.

We stand.

POST-COMMUNION RITE

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

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

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

Amen.

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Bible Readings for November 29-December 5

Week 13: Living with Christ	Sampler	Survey	Challenge
Sunday (11/29)	Psalm 30:4	Romans 6:1-11	Psalms 28, 29, 30; Ecclesiastes 9:1–10:20
Monday (11/30)	Romans 6:23	Romans 7:14-25	Romans 6:1–7:25
Tuesday (12/1)	Romans 8:28	Romans 8:28-39	Romans 8:1–9:5
Wednesday (12/2)	Romans 10:11-13	Romans 10:1-13	Romans 9:6–10:10
Thursday (12/3)	Romans 11:33-36	Romans 12:1-8	Romans 10:11–12:8
Friday (12/4)	Romans 12:14-16	Romans 12:9-21	Romans 12:9–14:23
Saturday (12/5)	Romans 15:4-6, 13	Romans 15:1-13	Romans 15:1–16:27

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONT.

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Coffee and Conversation: Coffee and Conversation takes place on Mondays at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome to join on their computer or smartphone at the link is <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85805518849> . People who prefer to use regular phones can dial 301-715-8592 and log in with Meeting ID: 858 0551 8849. No experience is required. Bring your Bibles!

Taco Theology: Bring some tacos and join Pastor Emily at 7pm on Tuesdays. The Zoom Meeting is at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81147179565>. If you'd prefer to call in, dial (301)715-8592 and enter the meeting ID 811 4717 9565. We will be discussing the weekly Bible Readings available in the November Newsletter or at http://wittenbergleesville.org/yahoo_site_admin/assets/docs/NOVEMBER2020_Newsletter.30371949.pdf. Everyone is welcome!

Lunchtime Book Study: We are reading *Catching Fire, Becoming Flame* by Albert Haase. We will meet on December 1 and 15, all at 1pm on Zoom. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85800530965> on your computer or call in at 253-215-8782 or 301-715-8592. The Meeting ID is 858 0053 0965.

Worship Opportunity Reminder: There are many ways to access worship:

-Live Stream on our YouTube Channel @WittenbergAV – Subscribe to our YouTube channel, access YouTube videos on our website wittenbergleesville.org, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

-Call the conference line at 11 am for a live worship listening experience – 803-680-6857.

- Request a recorded copy of the worship service via DVD disc from the church office.

Remember to follow along with the Sunday bulletin. Hard copies are provided on the church porch and at the Commons area entrance prior to Sunday. A digital copy is emailed out by the church office or click the bulletin link found in the YouTube video details as well as on the church website.



I leave with you;

My *P* **Peace**
I give to you.



John 14:27, NRSV