

HymnsGathering—*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart*

ELW 873

Hymn of the Day—*Oh, Praise the Gracious Power*

ELW 651

Sending—*Rise Up, O Saints of God!*

ELW 669

First Reading: Micah 6:1-8¹ Hear what the LORD says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. ² Hear, you mountains, the case of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth, for the LORD has a case against his people, and he will contend with Israel. ³

“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you?

Answer me! ⁴ 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. ⁵ 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.”

⁶ “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? 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?”

⁸ 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?

Psalm: Psalm 15

¹ LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?

² **Those who lead a blameless life and do what is right, who speak the truth from their heart;**

³ they do not slander with the tongue, they do no evil to their friends; they do not cast discredit upon a neighbor.

⁴ **In their sight the wicked are rejected, but they honor those who fear the LORD. They have sworn upon their health and do not take back their word.**

⁵ They do not give their money in hope of gain, nor do they take bribes against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be overthrown.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31

¹⁸ 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. ¹⁹ For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scholar? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of the proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews ask for signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God’s foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God’s weakness is stronger than human strength.

²⁶ 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. ²⁷ 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; ²⁸ God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to abolish things that are, ²⁹ so that no one might boast in the presence of God. ³⁰ In contrast, God is why you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, ³¹ in order that, as it is written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

SERVERS		<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
<i>Greeters</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Gail Marcum</i>
<i>Lector</i>	....	<i>Ruth Nicholson</i>	<i>Steve Nivens</i>
<i>Worship</i>	....	<i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Beverly Nivens</i>
		<u>FEBRUARY</u>	<u>MARCH</u>
<i>Ushers</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i> <i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i> <i>Mark Satterwhite</i>
<i>Tellers</i>	....	<i>Pam Hanfland &</i> <i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Beth Cleland &</i> <i>Sandra Hughes</i>
<i>Offering Pickup</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum</i>	<i>Wayne Lybrand</i>
<i>Property</i>	....	<i>Steve Nivens</i>	<i>Bill Aull</i>
<i>Altar Guild</i>	....	<i>Gail Marcum &</i> <i>Marie Lybrand</i>	<i>David & Linda Griffith</i>

OFFERING	Last Two Sundays	Total for January
General	\$1,025.00	\$6,405.00
Online General	\$ 358.76	\$1,632.49
Total	\$1,383.76	\$8,037.49
Building Maint. & Prop. Imp.	\$ 100.00	\$ 975.00
Online BMPI	\$ 143.51	\$ 471.54
Total	\$ 243.51	\$1,446.54

Blessing Box Update. Starting the New Year, our cupboard is bare. We need your help in restocking it. If you are able to do so, items needed are: small pop top cans of fruit, Vienna sausages, tuna, Dinty Moore meats, Spaghetti O's and others that are similar with meats. Thanks for our continued support of our WELCA community project.

Razberries will gather at Murray's Neighborhood Grill, 2433 Charleston Highway, Cayce, SC 29033, on Saturday, February 7th at 6 p.m. Please RSVP by noon on Wednesday, February 4th to Sandra and Howard Hughes at 803-622-6191.

Rebekah/Cameron Circle will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 1 at 10:30 am in the Fellowship Hall.

SOUPer Bowl Time Is Almost Here! As we prepare for this year's Souper Bowl of Caring, we'll be cooking **three** soups—and we'd love your input! Please vote for **your top 3 favorites** from the following options: Clam Chowder, Chicken Noodle, Zuppa Toscana (Tuscan Soup), and Beef Veggie. **Voting slips are located outside the Narthex.** Please place your completed ballot in the basket in the Narthex. Voting will remain open until preparation time, no later than Wed, Jan 28.

Those on our **Prayer list** below have special prayer needs at this time. We keep the entire congregation in our prayers at all times, but sometimes special prayers are needed. If your name is on the list or you have added someone's name and they no longer need to be on the list, please contact the church office so the name can be removed. Names on the prayer list are left on for two months, but may be extended upon request.

*Gary Black
Greg Chapman
Jeannie Chapman
Katie Doble
Dolores Hopkins
Don Horton
Anne Moyer*

*Steve Rucker
Herman & Elizabeth Shealy
Marie Shealy (National Health Care)
Jane & DeLeon Wallace*

<i>Sunday (Feb 1)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Executive Committee Mtg.
Monday	10:30 am	Rebekah/Cameron Circle
Wednesday	10: 30 am	Bible Study
<i>Sunday (Feb 8)</i>	9:15 am	Adult Sunday School
	10:00 am	Choir Practice
	10:15 am	Youth Sunday School
	10:30 am	Holy Communion
	11:45 am	Council Meeting
	11:45 am	Souper Bowl Sales
	12:45 pm	Set-up for Rostered Leaders Event