

# Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.

\*Please stand as you are able

## ENTRANCE

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC** Jeanne Banks, Pianist  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS** Rev. Will Waller  
**CHIMING THE HOUR**  
**OPENING VOLUNTARY** *I Need Thee Every Hour*—Smith Lynn Meeks, Organist  
**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

## GREETING

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Steve Angle, Liturgist  
L: Creator God, who claims us as your own, we bring our full selves to worship today. Our happiness and our sorrow,  
**P: Our singing and our crying,**  
L: Our strengths, and our failures  
**P: We carry it all.**  
L: Teach us to trust that your faithfulness endures in all the seasons and circumstances of our lives.  
**P: Help us to know that all that we are is bound to you.**  
L: Teach us to rest on your steadfast love as the source of our gratitude and joy.  
**P: Let us, your sheep, follow you wherever you lead. Amen.**

**\*HYMN OF PRAISE** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1-4) No. 57

**INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN** *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233  
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.  
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

**CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Waller  
*(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 100 (OT pg. 522); James 1:16-18 (NT pg. 215)

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON** *Gratitude: Enter the Gates* Rev. Waller

**OFFERTORY** *God of Our Fathers*—Smith

**\*THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 94  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,  
Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**ANTHEM** *Treasures of the World*—Schrader Chancel Choir

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**CALL TO PRAYER** *All I Need is You* TFWS No. 2080  
All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you.  
You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.

## SILENT PRAYER

## PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE 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. Amen.

## SENDING FORTH

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM** No. 33  
Ariel Rose Marie Minnix, Nakoma Little Wolf Minnix, Gabriel Joseph Matthew Minnix,  
Toby Allen Edward Minnix, Chance Roy Travis Minnix, Cody Taylor Minnix,  
Nickolas "Nick" James Minnix

## WELCOME AND MUSICAL RESPONSE

1. We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.  
Refrain: Ariel and Nakoma, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.
2. We your family love you so, we vow to help your faith to grow.  
Refrain: Gabriel and Toby, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.
3. We are here to say this day, that we will help you on your way.  
Refrain: Chance and Cody, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.
4. We this day do all agree, a child of God you'll always be.  
Refrain: Nickolas, God claims you; God helps you, protects you, and loves you too.

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**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS** No. 38  
Carlton "CJ" Roy Minnix, Jr.  
Crystal Dawn Muse-Minnix  
Zachary "Zach" Tyler Muse

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *He leadeth Me* (vs. 1-3) No. 128

**\*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As We Go*  
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.  
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,  
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

**\*GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

**\*POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

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*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Kevin and Ina Clements  
to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Blanton Cooper.*

**Serving Today:**

Liturgist: Steve Angle  
Greeter: Jane Roseberry  
Acolyte: Caleb Godfrey  
Ushers: Sam Roseberry, Phillip Roseberry  
Children's Church: Jessica Call  
Nursery: Suzanne Ross  
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

**Serving Next Week (November 19):**

Liturgist: Bill Cooper  
Greeter: Glenda Thompson  
Acolyte: Crosby Eitner  
Usher: Bobby Thompson  
Children's Church: Jessica Mitchell  
Nursery: Avery Tosh  
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

**Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (November 19)**

Susan Hatchett

**Will Waller, Pastor**  
**Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister**  
**Jeanne Banks, Pianist**  
**Valerie Latimer, Finance Manager**  
**Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant**  
**Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator**  
**Brad Hodges, Custodian**

### Prayer Concerns:

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; All suffering under the ravages of war; Martha Anderson; Ronnie Breedlove; Abraham Tosh; Willie Denny; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; Jane Inman (Linda Walters); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Tina Funk (Lindsey McDaniel); Carol Vaughn (Lisa Angle); Linda Wimmer (Crystal Minnix); Hannah Bittner (Cassandra Bittner); and Family of David King** who passed away on November 7.

### Forget-Me-Nots:

**Kathleen Higgins, Peggy Santrock, Peggy McAndrew**

### Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, November 13**     **December/January Newsletter Deadline**  
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, November 14**     7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, Nov. 15**     5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday  
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, November 16**     6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- **Saturday, November 18**     9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Free knife sharpening in the Fellowship Hall
- **Next Sunday, Nov. 19**     10:00 a.m., Small Groups  
10:55 a.m., Worship  
Following worship, Thanksgiving Meal  
3:00 p.m., Court of Honor Ceremony for Harmon English
- **Monday, November 20**     6:30 p.m., Cantata Practice
- **Thursday, November 23 and Friday, November 24,** Church Office Closed
- **Monday, November 27**     10:00 a.m., Decorate the church for Advent
- **Tuesday, November 28**     **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**  
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
- **Friday, December 1**     5:30 p.m., "Come Home to a Franklin County Christmas"
- **Sunday, December 3**     6:30 p.m., Children's Christmas Program

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

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All are invited to the annual Thanksgiving Feast after the worship service on Sunday, November 19. There will be turkey and drinks, but we ask that folks bring either a side or dessert to share. There will be plenty for everyone; invite a friend to join in.

A member of the church, Harmon English, will be recognized as the next Eagle Scout here. You're welcome to attend his Court of Honor ceremony and reception at 3:00 p.m. on November 19.

You can make a monetary donation of any amount to the Helping Fund in memory or in honor of a family member or friend for Christmas by November 20. The names will be listed in the bulletin on December 10. Please fill out the enclosed order form and drop it in the offering plate.

On December 3, you will have the opportunity to select an "Advent Friend." If you know of someone who would appreciate the special care of this ministry, please notify the church office by Sunday, November 19. Thank you.

Come and decorate the church for Advent on November 27 at 10:00 a.m. Hang wreaths, string lights, put up greenery, and enjoy the fellowship of the beginning of Advent - the season of awaiting Christ's birth! If it's your first time, no worries! There are people willing to show you what goes where. See you then!

Franklin County Office of Aging is sponsoring the fifth annual Senior Giving Tree. Help make the Christmas season special for a senior citizen. Come by the Essig Center after November 13 and pick a star that has the senior's gift requests on it. Return the unwrapped items to the Essig Center by December 18. Thank you so much.

Hermitage Roanoke will be celebrating their 60th anniversary in 2024 for providing excellent care for the senior citizens in our communities. To mark this milestone, the Hermitage Guild is selling bricks in honor or remembrance to be placed in the new Hermitage Roanoke Reflection Garden. In its center will be a 3-tiered fountain and benches nestled under shade trees near the estate entrance. Consider honoring friends and loved ones by purchasing a brick at \$100 each for the Reflection Garden. Forms are available in the church office or from Judy Anderson.

The UMM will be taking orders for quarts of their world famous chili. Cost is \$10 a quart. Your chili will be ready for pick up on Sunday, December 3 in the Atrium. Fill out the order form in your bulletin and place it in the box in the narthex.

We are collecting canned soup for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!