



November 19, 2023

# Go and Serve

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## Our Mission

- **Expect something different today.** When the community pastors decided not to have a community Thanksgiving worship service this year, our Worship and Music Committee suggested incorporating Thanksgiving worship into our Sunday morning worship.. Today’s service will replace our regular worship with responsive readings and prayers that highlight our gratitude to God. The service will conclude with Holy Communion.
- Redeemer’s **Annual Congregational Meeting** will happen following worship today. On the agenda is the approval of the 2024 Spending Plan and election of new Council members. The Spending Plan ’and biographical information on nominees is available in the narthex. When worship concludes, please sit back down. The choirs and pastors will quickly change out of their robes and the meeting will begin.
- Following the Annual Congregational Meeting, we have a **Congregational Dinner** featuring pulled pork, pulled chicken, sauces, mac and cheese, green beans, cole slaw, and rolls. Please bring a dessert to share and come join us.
- You can still turn in your **2024 Estimate of Giving Cards** through the offering plate or to the church office. Please give your response to God’s gifts prayer—full consideration. Cards are available in the narthex.
- **Third Quarter statements** are available in the narthex. Please look at yours now. It is very helpful to correct problem now before the end of the year. Thank you!
- This week, the **Red Card of Caring** is for Joe Wilkes. Sign the card and perhaps add a brief message. This is one way we express love for other members of our church family.
- **"Share the Warm Coat Challenge"** for this year began on Sunday October 1st. In less than one month, we have already delivered 38 Coats and Sweaters. Plus we have received 146 stocking caps. The holidays are around the corner as are the colder temperatures. Let's not forget our neighbors! Our coat challenge continues through Sunday, January 28th. Remember that family and friends are welcome to help meet this need in our community. This is our 19th year of collecting coats. As of January 29, 2023, we have shared 1,477 coats and numerous accessories with our neighbors. Place your items in the wooden box in the hallway just outside of the Narthex. For more information contact Connie Davis or Preston Smith.
- **Pastor Gary Live!** Join us on [Facebook.com/relu.church](https://www.facebook.com/relu.church) each day Monday through Friday at 8:15am for these reflections (posted later on YouTube). This week’s topic: **A Thanksgiving Cornucopia**. We will focus on Thanksgiving and gratitude, and end the week (Thursday and Friday) with some Thanksgiving ABC’s. Pastor Gary Live! Is also on YouTube: <https://relu.link/YouTube>

## Our Prayers

### Members

Addison Gfell  
Dorothy Pappas  
Dianne Shealy  
Betty Olsen  
Doris Addy  
Brian Davis  
Phillip Urso  
Charlotte Brooks  
Don Courtney  
Lyn Metzler  
Trish Matthey  
Ellus Burns

### Homebound

**At Home:**  
Erna Aderholdt (Hospice)  
Grace Shealy

**Laurel Crest:**  
Paul Bodie

**Lowman Home:**  
Jim Kiser

**North Shore Heights senior Living—Tennessee:**  
Mabel Trexler

**The Springs at Simpsonville**  
Joe Wilkes

**Generations of Irmo**  
Dot Corley

**Chatham Ridge Assisted Living** (Chapel Hill, NC)  
Rev. Mel Amundson

### Friends and Family

Randy Silflow, (brother in law of Martie Newmyer)  
Family of Ralph Pickard (friend & neighbor of David and Eveyln Abel)

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**(Con't)** Jacqueline Dunning (Niece of Pat Blackwell) <sup>7/6</sup>  
Sandy Wilkie (Brother in law of Richard Lagroon) <sup>8/2</sup>

- **Children, Youth, and Families!** Mark your calendars. Friends are always welcome! Here are upcoming opportunities for you...

Littles through Kindergarten & Parents - **OK Youth Group**, Sunday, Dec 3, 11:30 am-12:30 pm  
 Age 3 through grade 6 - **Faith Launch Groups**, Sundays, 8:45-9:40 am  
 Grades 1-6 - **Elementary Youth Group**, Sunday, Dec 3, 11:30 am-1:30 pm  
 Grades 6-8 and 9-12 - **SCLCY Winter Retreat**, Feb 9-11, 2024  
 Grades 7-11 - **Confirmation Class**, Sunday, Dec 3, 11:30 am-1:30 pm

- **Blessing Box...** is in need of some attention! For the month of November let's bring in items that start with the letter of your first name! Pics are always fun. Send one to Pastor Amanda if you're willing to have it on social media. Here are some items that are in need for the box... anything with a pop top lid, anything that is ready to eat, bottled water, vienna sausages, canned peaches, applesauce, feminine hygiene products, toothpaste, toothbrushes, gloves.

- The **Thursday Bible Study** has concluded its study of the book of Psalms and is now on break for the holidays until January 4. Join us then for Bible Study.

- **The funeral for Rev. Kathy Harris**, daughter of Redeemer, will be December 2 at 1:00pm at Dillard Funeral Home in Pickens. Details are still being developed for a burial at Bush River Memorial Gardens here in Irmo.

- Would you be interested in **assisting with Worship?** For more information or to sign up contact Pastor Amanda. To sign up online use this link... <https://relu.link/WorshipAssistantsNurseryCameras>.

- We are all concerned about the **fighting and crisis in the Mid-East**. How did we get to this point? Rev. Dr. Bobby Morris who serves Mt. Pilgrim in Prosperity and who teaches Old Testament at the seminary has a video that Helps explain the historical and cultural background of the ongoing conflict. You can find it here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqnHLn\\_FqvY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dqnHLn_FqvY)

- Deacon Sarah Bowers wrote an article for the SC Synod Lutheran Living in South Carolina weekly newsletter **featuring Marie Baughman and Diane Howell**. You can find it here: <https://us6.campaign-archive.com/?u=6c2b4723dc46aba80122e3d5b&id=a8b29182f5>

Mary Luthren (Friend of David and Evelyn Abel) <sup>9/5</sup>  
 Ray Gravett (Friend of David and Evelyn Abel) <sup>9/5</sup>  
 Alan and Karen Addy (brother and sister-in-law of Barbara Parker) <sup>10/10</sup>  
 Sophia Valois (granddaughter of Bob and Nancy Beaver) <sup>10-29</sup>  
 Deb Rice (Mother of Katrina Jorgensen) <sup>10/24</sup>  
 Abby Gants Taylor (Daughter of Deb and Bob Gants) <sup>11/13</sup>

**For the World**

Military families  
 Those suffering homelessness  
 The jobless and underemployed  
 Refugees  
 Those suffering unrest and fighting throughout the world.  
 The people of Ukraine  
 Those affected by mass shootings in the US  
 The people of Palestine and Israel

**Last Week's Attendance**

**Sunday online - 77**  
**Service - 100**

**Our Week Together**

*For community activities happening at our church, please check our online calendar.*

Sunday	8:45am	Sunday School/Faith Launch
	9:30am	Choir Practice
	10:00am	Worship onsite and online
Mon-Fri	8:15am	Pastor Gary Live!
Monday	10:00am	Staff Meeting
Thursday and Friday		Church office closed.

**E-Z Gift**

To connect with our online giving page, scan **this image with your smart**



**Financial Report 2023**

YTD October 2023:	Total Income	\$ 418,359
YTD October 2023:	Total Expenses	\$ 431,674
Budgeted	Weekly Needs	\$ 9,505
Received	Nov 5—Nov 11	\$ 9,630