



# GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

where GOD'S FREE GRACE roots us,  
renews us, and reaches through us.

## THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



## A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

November 24, 2024

## GRACE NOTES – November 24, 2024

**CHRIST THE KING.** Today is ‘Christ the King’ Sunday. This is the last Sunday of the Christian Calendar. The reason we end on this note is to remember that the last word never belongs to us or any earthly powers, but only to King Jesus.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**

**NO CHILDREN’S LITURGY tonight.**

**ADVENT.** December 1 marks the beginning of the Advent season. During Advent, we look back and forward at the same time. We remember the past in which Christ came to us, and we look forward to his second appearing. We use the old Prayer Book language during Advent to highlight the solemn nature of the season.

**ADVENT WREATHS.** Join us after the evening service on Dec. 1st downstairs for a fun event in which each family, couple, or individual designs and crafts their own Advent wreath. The wreath is free and everyone is invited to participate! As an added bonus we will be serving hot cocoa and apple cider too!

**THE END OF THE WORLD:** a (Brief) Series on the End Times. Beginning December 1, we’ll meet for Christian ed. at 4pm for this three-week, Advent-y series.

### CHRISTMAS SERVICES

**Christmas Eve:** Lessons & Carols - 5pm

**Christmas Eve:** Communion - 11pm

**Christmas Day:** Communion – 11am

**Dec 29, Jan 5, Jan 12:** 5pm service only

**CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR.** Are you interested in joining our Christmas Eve lessons and carols choir? If so, please contact Sarah Mitchell (the time of the service is TBD): [delta7\\_24@yahoo.com](mailto:delta7_24@yahoo.com).

**CHRISTMAS EVE BRASS.** Are you interested in playing a brass instrument for our Christmas Eve lessons and carols service? If so, please contact Andrew Mitchell ([mitchellaj@gcc.edu](mailto:mitchellaj@gcc.edu)).

**ZELIENOPE PLANT.** There’s an exploration team of people interested in planting a church in Zelienople; a growing community 25 minutes south of us. Interested in attending and encouraging? They are meeting for preliminary services every 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at the home of Ryan and Marlene Wise: 333 Mercer Rd Harmony PA 16037. Dinner will be served at 6pm followed by worship at 7pm.

**CELL GROUPS** are available for you! Email Pastor David about them today ([dbeck@graceanglicanonline.com](mailto:dbeck@graceanglicanonline.com)).

**CASA!** Our youth ministry occurs on Tuesdays at 7-9pm at the Holy Trinity Lutheran. We can’t wait for your child to reconnect with leaders and have a blast learning and experiencing Jesus.

**NEW-COMERS TABLE** is in the back of the church after the service. Join us back there and get some lovely gifts!

**NURSERY.** During morning & evening services, we offer nursery for our infants to 2yr olds downstairs. Nursery lasts the ENTIRETY of the service.

### **WAYS TO GIVE AT GRACE**

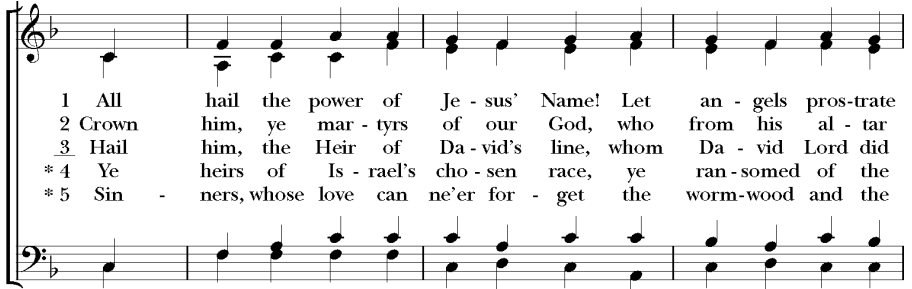
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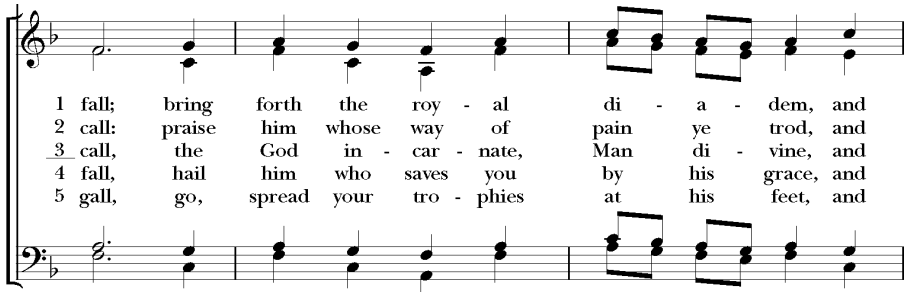
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Processional Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Words: Perronet, 1765 Tune: Coronation



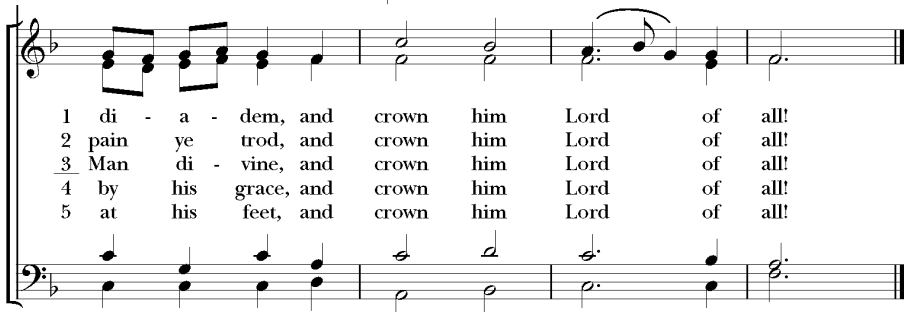
1 All hail the power of Je - sus' Name! Let an - gels pros - trate  
 2 Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of our God, who from his al - tar  
 3 Hail him, the Heir of Da - vid's line, whom Da - vid Lord did  
 \* 4 Ye heirs of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the  
 \* 5 Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the



1 fall; bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and  
 2 call: praise him whose way of pain ye trod, and  
 3 call, the God in - car - nate, Man di - vine, and  
 4 fall, hail him who saves you by his grace, and  
 5 gall, go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and



1 crown him Lord of all! bring forth the roy - al  
 2 crown him Lord of all! praise him whose way of  
 3 crown him Lord of all! the God in - car - nate,  
 4 crown him Lord of all! hail him who saves you  
 5 crown him Lord of all! go, spread your tro - phies



1 di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 2 pain ye trod, and crown him Lord of all!  
 3 Man di - vine, and crown him Lord of all!  
 4 by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 5 at his feet, and crown him Lord of all!

6 Let every kindred, every tribe, to him all majesty ascribe,  
 on this terrestrial ball, and crown him Lord of all!



**Minister.** Worthy is Christ our Lord  
**Answer.** To receive glory and honor and power. Amen.  
**Minister.** Let us pray.

### The Collect for Purity, said by all

ALMIGHTY God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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 Christ our Lord. Amen.

### The Summary of the Law

HEAR what our Lord Jesus Christ says. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it; You shall love your neighbor as your self. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. -MATTHEW 22:37-40.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -  
on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.  
Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

**Minister.** The Lord be with you.

**Answer.** And with your spirit.

**Minister.** Let us pray.

### The Collect for Christ the King Sunday

O ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The New Testament Lesson:** Revelation 1:1-8 (ESV)

**Reader.** A reading from Revelation of Jesus Christ according to John.

**T**he revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John,<sup>2</sup> who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw.<sup>3</sup> Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

<sup>4</sup>John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,<sup>5</sup> and from

Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood<sup>6</sup> and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

<sup>7</sup>Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

<sup>8</sup>“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

**Reader.** The Word of the Lord.

**Answer.** Thanks be to God

**Sequence Hymn:** Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

\*Verses 1-2 are sung before the Gospel lesson; verses 3 after it.

1. Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending,  
Swell the triumph of His train;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
God appears on earth to reign.  
God appears on earth to reign.

2. Every eye shall now behold Him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall their true Messiah see.  
Shall their true Messiah see.

3 Yea, amen, let all adore Thee  
High on Thy eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
Claim the Kingdom for Thine own;  
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!  
Everlasting God, come down!  
Everlasting God, come down!

**The Gospel Lesson:** John 18:33-37 (ESV)

**Reader.** The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Answer.** Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**P**ilate entered his headquarters again and called Jesus and said to him, “Are you the King of the Jews?”<sup>34</sup> Jesus answered, “Do you say this of your own accord, or did others say it to you about me?”<sup>35</sup> Pilate answered, “Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered you over to me. What have you done?”<sup>36</sup> Jesus answered, “My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants

would have been fighting, that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”

<sup>37</sup>Then Pilate said to him, “So you are a king?” Jesus answered, “You say that I am a king. For this purpose I was born and for this purpose I have come into the world—to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth listens to my voice.”

**Reader.** The Gospel of the Lord.

**Answer.** Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**The Sermon**

The Rev'd Ethan Magness, Rector

**The Nicene Creed**

LET us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**W**E believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

WE believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

WE believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## A Litany for Christ the King

We offer up our prayers to our Everlasting Father, through the mediation of Jesus, who is the Heavenly King and the Son of Man, who has shared in the pain of the world and yet has overcome the world:

Almighty God, we raise before you Grace Anglican Church and all churches around the world, over which your Son is King. We pray that you will draw all churches toward that perfect truth and unity under the rule of Christ. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for your world. We look forward to his Second Appearing when the nations of this world may be united under the healthsome rule of Christ the King. We pray for peace, reconciliation and healing in the places of war, hatred, and terrorism. We pray for earthly rulers, that their governance be guided by the example set forth in your Son. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Holy God, we pray for our local communities. We pray for friends and families both here and abroad, and our places of work and study. Help us to serve with integrity and grace so that we might witness for the King who served us all. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for all those who suffer. We pray that they will know your healing presence and strength. Bless, too, all those who care for those who struggle, and cause all pain to cease in the life-giving Kingdom of your Son. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember before you all who have died and who are now at peace with your royal Son. Give us the hope of the future resurrection and the restoration of all things. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, we give thanks for all that you have done in our lives and in our world. As the church calendar year comes to an end, we commend to you all those for whom we have prayed and ask that you continue to make a difference in their lives. We now offer our spoken prayers. ...

Sovereign and Almighty God, to whom all praise is rightly given, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### Invitation to Confession

**A**LL who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and seek to live in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead the new life, following the commandments of God, and walking in his holy ways: draw near with faith and make your humble confession to Almighty God.

**General Confession**, said by all.

**A**LMIGHTY God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker and judge of us all: We acknowledge and lament our many sins and offenses, which we have committed by thought, word, and deed against your divine majesty, provoking most justly your righteous anger against us. We are deeply sorry for these our transgressions; the burden of them is more than we can bear. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; for your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may evermore serve and please you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Absolution**

**A**LMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Comfortable Words**

**H**EAR the comfortable words from the Word of God to all who truly turn to him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.  
-MATTHEW 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. -JOHN 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. -1 TIMOTHY 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. -1 JOHN 2:1-2

**Minister.** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People.** And with your spirit.

**Offering & Doxology** (tune: lasst uns erfreuen)

**The Sacrament of Holy Communion** (the 1662 Order)

**Minister.** The Lord be with you.

**Answer.** And with your spirit.

**Minister.** Lift up your hearts.

**Answer.** We lift them up to the Lord.

**Minister.** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**Answer.** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.



**I**T is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name: **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.**

**The Prayer of Humble Access**, said by all, kneeling.

**W**E do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

*The People continue to kneel. The minister stands and continues.*

**A**LL praise and glory is yours, O God our heavenly Father, for in your tender mercy, you gave your only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption. He made there, by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and he instituted, and in his Holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again. Hear us, merciful Father, and grant that we receiving these gifts from your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Savior Jesus Christ's institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed Body and Blood; For on the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me." Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me." **AMEN.**

**Invitation to Communion.** All baptized, believing Christians of an understanding age who are admitted to the Sacrament within their own church are encouraged to receive it with us. The New Testament instructs those who come to the Lord's Supper to 'discern' the Body (that is, to have an understanding of the Lord's Supper) as well as examine themselves before they commune. Please come down the middle aisle to receive the bread, and then drink from either the common cup, or take and drink from a small cup of communion wine.

**Intercessory prayer** is available in the hall behind the chapel. This takes place during the distribution of Communion. You can come back for prayer for any reason

whatsoever. If you want prayer for healing (physical or otherwise), you can also request anointing with oil (a biblical symbol for healing and restoration).

## **Now Thank we All Our God**

1. Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;  
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way  
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
and keep us still in grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
and free us from all ills, in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given;  
the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven;  
the one eternal God, whom earth and heaven adore;  
for thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

## **Be Thou My Vision**

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping Thy presence my light

2. Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word, I ever with Thee and Thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father, I thy true son. Thou in me dwelling and I with Thee one

3 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only first in my heart, high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of Heaven when victory is won, may I reach heaven's joys bright heaven's sun  
Heart of my heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O ruler of all

## **There is a Higher Throne**

Words and Tune: Krystyn Getty

1. There is a higher throne than all this world has known,  
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue Will one day come.  
Before the Son we'll stand, made faultless through the Lamb;  
Believing hearts find promised grace - Salvation comes.

Chorus: Hear heaven's voices sing; their thund'rous anthem rings  
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies their praises rise.  
All glory, wisdom, pow'r, strength, thanks, and honor are  
To God our King, who reigns on high forevermore.

2. And there we'll find our home, our life before the throne;  
We'll honor Him in perfect song where we belong.  
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye As thirst and hunger die.  
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King - we'll reign with Him.

**The Lord's Prayer,** said by all

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**O**UR 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.

**Post-Communion Prayer,** said by all

**A**LMIGHTY God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out into the world in the power of your Spirit, to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

**Blessing for Christ the King**

**G**OD the Father, who has given to his Son the name above every name, strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord. **Amen.**

GOD the Son, who is our great high priest passed into the heavens, plead for you at the right hand of the Father. **Amen.**

GOD the Holy Spirit, who pours out his abundant gifts upon the Church, make you faithful servants of Christ our King. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign**

Words: Watts, 1719 Tune: Duke Street

1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Doth his successive journeys run;  
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2. To Him shall endless prayer be made.  
And princes throng to crown His head,  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With every morning sacrifice.

3. People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4. Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.

5. Where He displays His healing power  
Death and the curse are known no more;  
In Him the tribes of Adam boast  
More blessings than their father lost.

6. Let every creature rise and bring  
Peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud Amen.

Let us bless the King. **Thanks be to God.**

# GRACE'S STAFF

**RECTOR.** The Rev'd Ethan Magness is lead-minister at Grace, the principal preacher and teacher, plans and coordinates worship, leads the staff and vestry, administrates the parish, offers pastoral care and counsel, marries, buries, etc. (emagness@graceanglicanonline.com)

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**New to Grace?** (Please fill out and place in the offering plate.)

I'm a \_\_\_ resident \_\_\_ college student.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

We'd love to meet you at our Welcome Table after the service!