

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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**Last Sunday after Pentecost
November 21, 2021**

**10 am
Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

Watch live on our Facebook page and our website at 10 am, and on our YouTube channel after the service.



THE WORD OF GOD

Prelude Prelude on *General Seminary* (King of glory, King of peace)

Welcome and Announcements The Reverend Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

HYMN – 494 (v. 1, 3, 5) *Crown him with many crowns*

1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

3 Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

5 Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

Please stand as you are able.

THE OPENING SENTENCES

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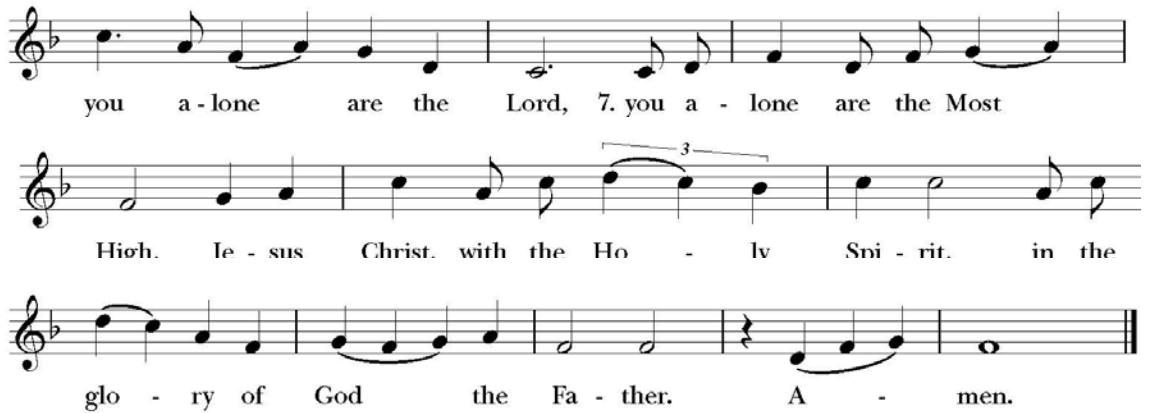
Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

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.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14

As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened. As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. Hi dominion

is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 93

Read responsively by whole verse

1 The LORD is King;

he has put on splendid apparel; *

the LORD has put on his apparel

and girded himself with strength.

2 He has made the whole world so sure *

that it cannot be moved;

3 Ever since the world began, your throne has been established; *

you are from everlasting.

4 The waters have lifted up, O LORD,

the waters have lifted up their voice; *

the waters have lifted up their pounding waves.

5 Mightier than the sound of many waters,

mightier than the breakers of the sea, *

mightier is the LORD who dwells on high.

6 Your testimonies are very sure, *

and holiness adorns your house, O LORD,

for ever and for evermore.

Please stand as you are able.

GOSPEL AFFIRMATION



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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

Seminarian Karen Mercer
St. Mary's Ecumenical Institute

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Said by all, standing as you are able.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
 he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We especially pray for those impacted by COVID-19 as well those on our parish prayer list: Virginia, Timothy, Margaret S. & family, Louis, Shannon T., Marisa, Bill P., Casey, Betsey, Kiernan & Colleen, Lou D., Wayne L., Nancy C., Sheila, Hoa, Diane B., Kaylay, Lorraine, Kathy, Patricia, and Butch.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We thank you for the blessings of this life, including those celebrating birthdays, especially George and Derek, as well as anniversaries especially Mary & Scott.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Silence

Concluding Collect:

Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that 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.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The people will greet one another with a sign of God's peace. Don't forget to show the sign of peace to our friends who are worshiping with us virtually.

Please be seated.

We continue to do God's work and your contributions of any size make a huge difference. Give online (sherwoodcokeysville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cokeysville, 21030. Thank you!

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Please remain seated in your pew and Mother Nancy will come to you during the Eucharist. If you would prefer a blessing in lieu of Communion, please cross your arms on your chest.

OFFERTORY

The Holy City - Stephen Adams

Last night I lay a-sleeping, there came a dream so fair:
I stood in old Jerusalem, beside the temple there;
I heard the children singing, and ever as they sang,
Methought the voice of angels, from heaven in answer rang.

[Chorus] Jerusalem! Jerusalem!
Lift up your gates and sing,
Hosanna in the highest,
Hosanna to your King!

And then methought my dream was changed, the streets no longer rang,
Hushed were the glad Hosannas the little children sang;
The sun grew dark with mystery, the morn was cold and chill,
As the shadow of a cross arose upon a lonely hill. [Chorus]

And once again the scene was changed, new earth there seemed to be,
I saw the Holy City beside the tideless sea;
The light of God was on its streets, the gates were open wide,
And all who would might enter, and no one was denied.
No need of moon or stars by night, or sun to shine by day,
It was the new Jerusalem that would not pass away. [Chorus]

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.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and earth are full of your
glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high est._____

The Celebrant gives thanks to God for the reconciling work of Christ's passion and resurrection and prayers over the bread and wine.

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

The Celebrant continues

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the bread.

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic prayer and at the conclusion says

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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The Celebrant says

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

People and Celebrant

**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.**

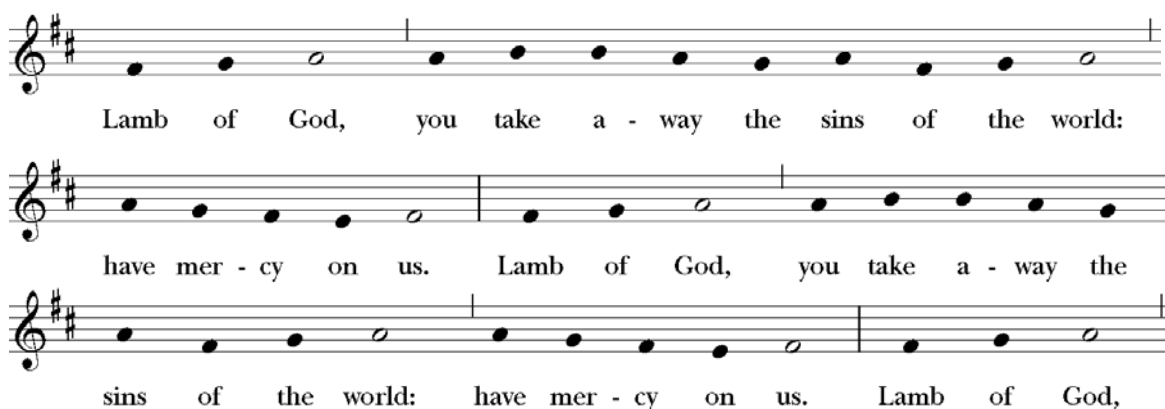
THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

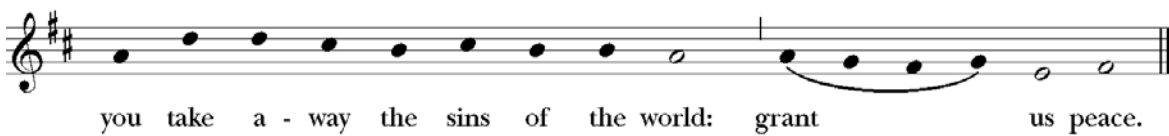
**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

AGNUS DEI - S161



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,



For those who are not able to be present for communion, please pray the Spiritual Communion Prayer while Mother Nancy distributes communion to those present.

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

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Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant pronounces a blessing over the people, and the people respond, **Amen.***

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 praises 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 prisoners leap to lose their chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen.

THE DISMISSAL

As we go forth into the world, refreshed and renewed, we reaffirm our commitment to our mission as a congregation:

God commands us to enthusiastically cast open our doors to embrace all, impacting lives through bold service, no exceptions.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Postlude

Now thank we all our God - Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Worship Participants

Celebrant: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Preacher: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Music Director: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lector: Bronwyn Mitchell-Strong

Acolyte: Mason Strong

Ushers: Bill & Karyn Galetto

Broadcast Engineer: Robin Rouleau

Hospitality: Kathleen Stewart

Lay Participants for Sunday, November 28

Lector: Loretta Cunninghame

Acolyte: Seminarian Karen Mercer

Usher: Kevin Hennessey

Broadcast Engineer: Stephanie Everts

Hospitality: Susan Boucher

Please keep those with ongoing needs in your prayers: Sally, Debbie, Shannon, Norma, Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Marge, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Joe G., Jeanetta, Christina, Khalil, Danny, Joe C., Marisa, Bill P., Dante, David D., Sandy & Jack, Alice, Debbie R., and Marian.

The flowers on the altar are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Patricia Mayes and in memory of Madeline Potter by Anne & Ralph Wismer.

Thank you for joining us for worship. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and also remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel. If you are interested in receiving our e-newsletter, please contact Carey Mednick at sherwoodparish@gmail.com.

This Week @ Sherwood

Monday

Mother Nancy's day off
Office closed

Tuesday

Office hours 10 am–3 pm

Thursday

Happy Thanksgiving!

Did You Know ...

While most of our traditions have ancient roots, Christ the King is comparatively new? It was instituted by Pope Pius XI in 1925 to counter what he regarded as the destructive forces of the modern world: secularism in the west and the rise of communism in Russia and fascism in Italy and Spain, harbingers of the Nazism soon to seize Germany. The gospel readings from our three-year lectionary present Christ as the Son of Man coming in glory, confronting the rulers of this world, and reigning from the cross. This day reminds us that while governments and philosophies come and go, Christ reigns as king forever.

Liturgical Changes Beginning in Advent:

Beginning Advent I (November 28) we will begin to distribute communion from the altar rail. We feel it is a good time to once again come to the table to receive the body of Christ.

Singers Needed:

Dear friends: This has been a year unlike any other. The impact of COVID-19 continues to elude some of our hopes for different aspects of our lives. A few days ago, I listened to a recording from King's College, Cambridge and lamented the fact that we cannot have church and music as we might have in other years. This is particularly poignant during Christmas, a season of well-loved hymns and carols. It then occurred to me that although this is true, we have more

opportunities than we did last year when we could not gather in person. This year, we have an opportunity to try something different, utilizing the resources we have.

The Bishop has ok'd masked singing for fully vaccinated persons. I would like to invite anyone who will join us to form a choir during Advent and Christmas. Let's raise our voices as best we can, singing familiar favorites. If you can join us, come at 9:30 am. We will rehearse the hymns and give some tips on how to best sing wearing a mask. This includes the four Sundays in Advent, beginning November 28, Christmas Eve, and a Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 26. We can scatter around the congregation to ensure COVID-19 safety. If you have any questions, please [email me](mailto:gregsesek@gmail.com). gregsesek@gmail.com--
Greg Seseck, Music Director

CMS Outreach Update:

As part of our imperative, Sherwood continues to deepen our relationship with Cockeysville Middle School. The 2021 school year at CMS has had its share of challenges. The school is short on staff, students are still getting acclimated to full-time in-person learning, and resources are stretched.

Despite these obstacles, the 6th graders at CMS have demonstrated many positive behaviors. The CMS staff would like to recognize these hardworking students with a holiday movie and snacks. Sherwood has been asked to help sponsor this event on December 22 by providing a small snack bag and drink for each student. (There are about 300 students in the 6th grade.)

If you are interested in making a financial donation to assist in the purchase of items for this event, please make your check out to Sherwood Episcopal Church and note CMS. Cash donations may be placed in an envelope in the collection plate with CMS noted on the outside of the envelope, or you may drop them in the parish office mailbox. You may also make your donation online at <https://sherwoodcookeysville.org/give/> (Enter the amount next to Pledge and then type CMS in the note field/box on the right.) We would also like to have an event to put together the bags for the students. Stay tuned for more information.

If you have questions, please [contact Joyce Mann, Outreach Coordinator.](mailto:joymann3@hotmail.com)
(joymann3@hotmail.com)

Volunteers Needed--and Christmas Cookies on 12/19!

All dates for December are open for hospitality volunteers with an invitation to bake a dozen of your favorite Christmas cookies to share on the 19th. Please [email Karyn Galetto galettobk@verizon.net](mailto:karyn.galetto@verizon.net) or call 410-557-9013 to sign up. Thank you!

Who is Joseph?

Faithfull: Christmas Through the Eyes of Joseph, by Adam Hamilton is a four-week book study that we will offer via Zoom and in person (if there is interest). We often overlook the all-important story of Joseph, the earthly father of Jesus. We will explore Joseph's place within the Nativity story and learn about his courageous actions that were crucial to the birth of Jesus and God's salvation plan for humanity. There is a small book that accompanies the study.

Days/times of the study will be determined by those who sign up. Invite a friend to join you! Interested? [Contact Carey Mednick](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com) and indicate if you want to participate in the Zoom or in-person class. sherwoodparish@gmail.com or 410-666-2180 Buy the book here:

https://www.amazon.com/s?k=Faithfull%3A+Christmas+Through+the+Eyes+of+Joseph&ref=nb_sb_noss_2

Youth Bible Study Begins December 8:

Our Youth Advent Bible Study will be on Jesus' Early Life via Zoom for five consecutive Sundays at 12 noon. There's still time to sign up and friends are welcome! [Contact Carey Mednick. sherwoodparish@gmail.com](mailto:sherwoodparish@gmail.com) or 410-666-2180

Pledge Deadline Fast Approaching!

Save time, an envelope, and a stamp and make your pledge online.

<https://sherwoodcockeysville.org/give/2022-stewardship-we-need-your-help/>

We plan the year's budget based upon the amount of pledges, so it is critical that all are made no later than November 30, 2021. **Thank you!**

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