

Sherwood Episcopal Church

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The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE A Quaker Reader (Movements 4 and 8) Ned Rorem

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey, Rector

THE WORD OF GOD

PROCESSIONAL HYMN All hail the power of Jesus' Name! H450

THE OPENING SENTENCES BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

And blessed be God's 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.**

Gloria Glory to God in the highest S277



1. Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.



2. Lord God, hea-ven-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, you a - lone are the Lord,

7. you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit,

in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

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THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Please be seated.

THE FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Thus says the LORD:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed.

And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,

all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it,
and hold fast my covenant--

these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices
will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.

Thus says the Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel,
I will gather others to them
besides those already gathered.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

Said responsively by whole verse

1 May God be merciful to us and bless us, *
show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

2 Let your ways be known upon earth, *
your saving health among all nations.

3 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

4 Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, *
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

5 Let the peoples praise you, O God; *
let all the peoples praise you.

6 The earth has brought forth her increase; *
may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

7 May God give us his blessing, *
and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

THE SECOND READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation



Cantor: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Verse (Cantor): Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. Alleluia.

Congregation: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

[Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they

heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Nancy Hennessey

Following the sermon, let us pause for a period of silent reflection on God's holy word.

THE NICENE CREED BCP pg. 358 *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 worshipped 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

BCP p. 388 Form IV

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. We remember those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, especially the anniversary of Don and Joyce Mann.

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 remember those on our prayer list especially *Kevin M., the Leezer family, Steve K., Chloe R., Anne, Stephanie, Conner, Janice R., Rich K., Byron, Susan F., Dolly G., Tilda, Orion K., Liam O'D., Lois H., Patrick B., Ann, the Hiser family, John G and Jessica T.*

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.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially our friend and priest, the Rev. William M. Dunning.

And we acknowledge that the flowers on the altar are given by Greg Sesek in loving memory of Dottie Kerr and Megha Sehdev.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Almighty God, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

BCP pg. 360

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.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

What follows is the Holy Communion, the sacred meal of the Christian faith. The Episcopal Church, as do all other denominations rooted in the historic Christian faith, affirms that the sacrament of Baptism is the ancient and normative entry point for receiving the sacrament of Eucharist, yet no one who comes forward to receive the bread and wine at communion is ever turned away from God's table. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, the Episcopal Church welcomes you, and we invite you to explore with us what baptism may mean for you. Want to know more? Please see Mother Nancy following the service.

To receive either bread or wine is considered full communion. You may receive the bread or a gluten-free wafer; please indicate to the minister your need. To receive the wine, please assist the Chalcist by holding the base of the chalice (cup) and guiding it to your lips.

If you are not baptized or would prefer not to receive communion for any personal or religious reason, you are still invited to come forward at the time of communion to receive a blessing from the priest. (Please place your arms across your chest to indicate your desire to receive a blessing.) Above all, remember that all are welcome here at Sherwood!

THE OFFERTORY

The people are seated while an offering is collected to support God's mission here at Sherwood Church and in the world. Your contributions of any size make a difference. [Give online](https://sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) (sherwoodcockeyville.org/give) or if you would prefer, mail your contribution to 5 Sherwood Road, Cockeyville, 21030. Thank you!



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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Please remain seated

*Locus iste a Deo factus est,
inaestimabile sacramentum;
irreprehensibilis est.*

Holy temple of God the Father;
A holy place and set apart by God,
Righteousness within its gates.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B – BCP pg. 367

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

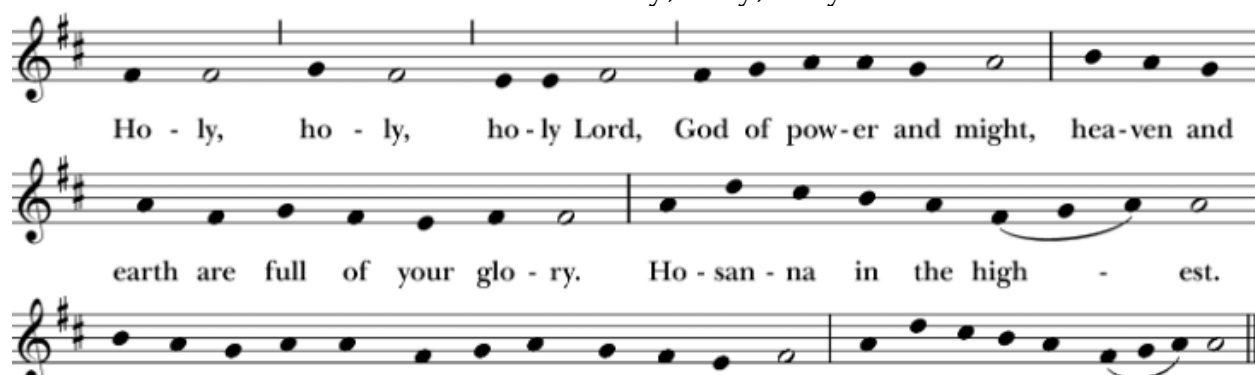
It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth ...

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:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Holy, holy, holy

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

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

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God

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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,
 you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

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

A PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Episcopal Prayer Book for the Armed Forces (1988)

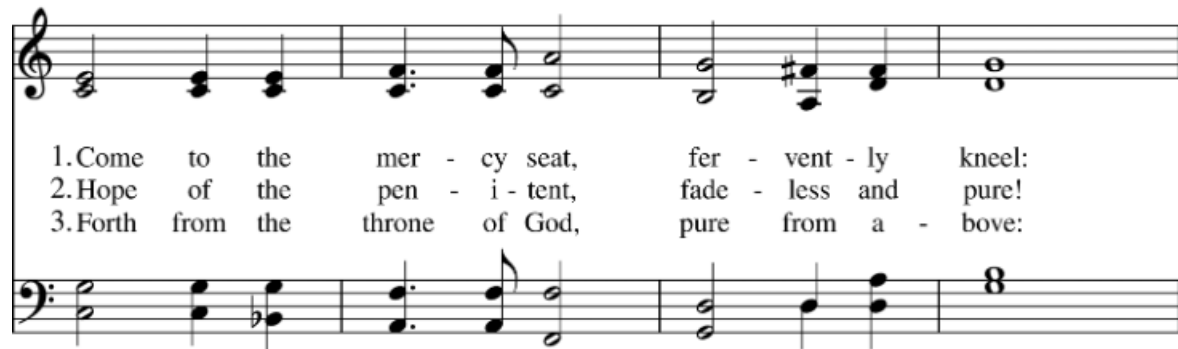
In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive 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.

COMMUNION HYMN

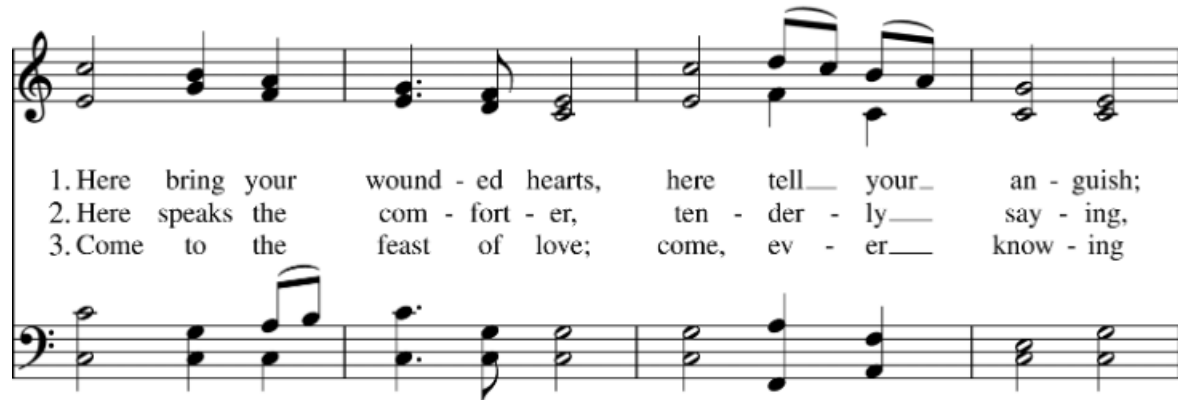
Come ye disconsolate



1. Come, ye dis - con - so - late, wher - e'er ye lan - guish,
 2. Joy of the des - o - late, light of the stray - ing,
 3. Here see the bread of life; see wa - ters flow - ing



1. Come to the mer - cy seat, fer - vent - ly kneel:
 2. Hope of the pen - i - tent, fade - less and pure!
 3. Forth from the throne of God, pure from a - bove:



1. Here bring your wound - ed hearts, here tell your an - guish;
 2. Here speaks the com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,
 3. Come to the feast of love; come, ev - er know - ing



1. Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not heal.
 2. "Earth has no sor - row that heav'n can - not cure."
 3. Earth has no sor - row but heav'n can re - move.

Words: Stanzas 1-2, Thomas Moore (1779-1853); Stanza 3, Thomas Hasting (1784-1872). Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

Come, ye Disconsolate, #147 from *Lift Every Voice and Sing II* – Words: Stanzas 1-2, Thomas Moore (1779-1853); Stanza 3, Thomas Hasting (1784-1872). Music: Samuel Webbe (1740-1816).

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.

RECESSIONAL HYMN Jesus shall reign where'er the sun 544

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.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

POSTLUDE

The hymns and service music may be found in the 1982 Hymnal. Those worshiping online will find them at <https://tinyurl.com/4uxwssu7>

Worship Participants

Celebrant/Preacher: The Rev. Nancy H. Hennessey

Music Director and Organist: Greg Sesek

Cantor: Cassidy Dixon

Lectors: Sheila F., David N.

Crucifer/Acolyte: Samuel G., Greg S.

Ushers: Karyn G., Kevin H.

AV: Stephanie E.
Hospitality: join us for refreshment
Altar Guild: Susan B., Joyce M.

Lay Participants for August 23rd, Sunday After Pentecost

Lectors: Laura A., Carrie F.
Crucifer/Acolyte: Charlie L, Kevin H.
Ushers: Sandy T., Fran G.
AV: John L.
Hospitality: join us for refreshment
Altar Guild: Susan B., Joyce M.

A very special welcome to visitors and newcomers! Thank you for joining us for worship. If you are seeking a church home and are interested in learning more about Sherwood Church, or if you would like to receive weekly emails and announcements from our parish, please contact us at sherwoodparish@gmail.com. Please be sure to check out our Facebook page for updates and remember to subscribe to our YouTube channel.

Please remember those with ongoing needs: Please remember those with ongoing needs: Shannon T., Joyce, Christine, Kendall, Sarah, Gail, Steve W., Michelle, Danny, Debbie R., Marian, John M., Paige, Marissa, Frances T., David D., Hannah, Jessica, Don M., Andrea, Angelina, Bob O., Rosalie J., Don S., Butch H., Nancy C, Lisa T. and the people of Ukraine, Israel, Gaza and all impacted by the war with Iran.

This Week @ Sherwood

Sunday

Sunday Worship, Holy Eucharist Rite II, 10 am
Hospitality Meeting after worship service
Casa de Oración Hossana, 4-6 pm

Monday

Office Closed

Tuesday-Thursday

Amber Poole, Parish Administrator's,
Office Hours, 10 am - 3 pm at Faith Lutheran

Wednesday
Mother Nancy's Office Hours, 10 am – 3 pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Are You Good with Numbers?

We are looking for two parishioners who want to offer their gift of numbers to our Audit Team. This year we will be collaborating with Trinity, Long Green, and Holy Comforter in a Tri-Church Audit team. This will help streamline our audits and support one another in completing our annual audits. Please consider being a part of our team. See Mother Nancy (sherwoodrector@gmail.com) or Senior Warden, Joyce Mann (joymann3@hotmail.com) with questions or interest.

Trivia Night, But in the Afternoon!

Church of the Holy Comforter (Lutherville) is hosting its annual Trivia Afternoon on Saturday, August 29 from 2:00 - 5:00 pm. Let's get a Sherwood Team together and join other churches for an afternoon of fun competition. Email Amber (sherwoodparish@gmail.com) to sign up!

Join the Hospitality Team:

The Hospitality Team is meeting after church today to plan the fall schedule. If you are interested in being a part of the team, join us! Many hands, make for lighter work! Interested? Speak to Judy Lorenz (Judylorenz78@gmail.com).

Maryland State Fair Tickets Available!

Fran Merryman generously has donated to Sherwood four tickets to the Maryland State Fair that will be held at the end of August into September. If you would like a ticket, please speak to Mother Nancy. Fran is a member of Sherwood and currently resides in the Pittsburgh area, but Sherwood is never far from her heart. Thank you, Fran, for your generous gift.

Pledge Envelopes Available:

For those who prefer to give cash, there are blank pledge envelopes in the back of the church and on the side table in the church wing. Please feel free to use them so you can be acknowledged for your generous giving. Thank you!

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