

Good Soil Lutheran Ministries

Growing Together in Christ to Love and Serve



Reign of Christ Sunday
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Welcome

We welcome all who are seeking God's love and grace. We welcome all because God welcomes all, regardless of race or culture, sexual orientation, gender identity, or relationship status. We welcome all without regard to addictions, physical or mental health, imprisonment, socio-economic circumstances, or anything that too often divides us. Our unity is in Christ.

For Parents with Children

Good Soil loves kids and the "holy noise" they bring! Your children are warmly welcome in worship. Sing, pray, and respond; your children will learn by worshiping with you. There's also a "pryground" area in the back of the sanctuary and a nursery/cry room behind that on the back left side. We pray that worshiping together as a family is a meaningful experience!

For Those Needing Hearing Assistance

Ask an usher about hearing assistance devices to enhance your worship experience.

Holy Communion

Christ is truly present with us in worship and through this meal. All are welcome to participate in Holy Communion here at Good Soil. Children may commune with elements or receive a blessing depending on parent/guardian preference. Gluten-free wafers and grape juice are available upon request.

Bulletin Key

Bold Font – Spoken by the Congregation
Regular Font – Spoken by the Pastor or Worship Assistant
† – Please stand as you are able, in body or spirit.

Reign of Christ Sunday

Jesus is given the title of the Anointed One (Messiah), even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness—he is the true king who will set all things right. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. On this last Sunday in the church year, we walk through the seasons of the liturgical calendar together, experiencing yet again the hope that comes from Christ our King.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Welcome

The Call to Worship for this service is based on Psalm 90 and Psalm 93.

† Call to Worship

Lord, you have been our dwelling-place in all generations.

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

Before the mountains were brought forth or you formed the world,
From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

You are king, robed in majesty and armed with love. Ever since the world began, your throne has been established;

From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

† Gathering Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns- ELW 855 (v. 1 & 3)

1 Crown him with many crowns,
 the Lamb upon his throne;
 hark, how the heav'nly 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 love--
 behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds, yet visible above,
 in beauty glorified.
 No angels in the sky

can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes
at mysteries so bright.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5

*The assembly and
presiding minister
greet one another.
(scripture reference:
2 Corinthians)*

† Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Children's Sermon

*Children grade 4 and younger are invited to step out with our
Sunday School teachers for a "Learn and Grow in Faith" class during
the sermon. They will return during the Passing of the Peace.*

The Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Advent

A reading from Isaiah 40:1, 3-5

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. A voice calls out: 'In the desert prepare the way for the Lord make straight in the wilderness a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all humankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Advent

Advent Hymn: Prepare the Royal Highway ELW 264 vs 1&4

1 Prepare the royal highway;
the King of kings is near!
Let ev'ry hill and valley
a level road appear!
Then greet the King of glory,
foretold in sacred story:

Refrain: Hosanna to the Lord,
for he fulfills God's word!

4 His is no earthly kingdom;
it comes from heav'n above.
His rule is peace and freedom
and justice, truth, and love.
So let your praise be sounding
for kindness so abounding: *Refrain*

Text: Frans Mikael Franzén, 1772-1847; tr. *Lutheran Book of Worship*
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Christmas

A reading from Luke 2:1-7

In those days Caesar Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world...and everyone went to his own town to register. So Joseph also went up from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. He went there to register with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, and she gave birth to her first born, a son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Christmas

Christmas Hymn: Joy to the World ELW 267 vs 1&4

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
let ev'ry heart prepare him room
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n and nature sing,
and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

4 He rules the world with truth and grace
and makes the nations prove
the glories of his righteousness

and wonders of his love,
and wonders of his love,
and wonders, wonders of his love.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674-1748

Epiphany and Time after Epiphany

A reading from Matthew 2:1-2, 9-11

After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We see his star in the east and have come to worship him.”

They went on their way and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother, Mary, and they bowed down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Epiphany and Time After Epiphany

Epiphany Hymn: We Three Kings WOV 646 vs 1&5

1 We three kings of Orient are;
 bearing gifts we traverse afar,
 field and fountain, moor and mountain,
 following yonder star.

Refrain: Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
 star with royal beauty bright;
 westward leading, still proceeding,
 guide us to thy perfect light!

5 Glorious now behold him arise,
 King and God and Sacrifice;
 heav’n sings alleluia:
 alleluia the earth replies. *Refrain*

Text: John Henry Hopkins Jr., 1820-1891, alt.

Lent

A reading from Psalm 51:1-3, 10-12

Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and put a new and right spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
and do not take your holy spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and sustain in me a willing spirit.

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Lent

Lenten Hymn: O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days ELW 319 1 & 3

- 1 O Lord, throughout these forty days
you prayed and kept the fast;
inspire repentance for our sin,
and free us from our past.
- 3 Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed
and fixed your mind above;
so teach us to deny ourselves
that we may know God's love.

Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930
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Holy Week

A reading from Mark 8:31-32, 34-35

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo
great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and

the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly.

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Holy Week

Holy Week Hymn: Ah, Holy Jesus ELW 349 vs 1 & 2

- 1 Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted.
- 2 Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Text: Johann Heermann, 1585-1647; tr. Robert Bridges, 1844-1930, alt.

Easter

A reading from Luke 24:1-5

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared, and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen!"

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Easter

Easter Hymn: Jesus Christ Is Risen Today ELW 365 vs 1 & 2

- 1 Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

Text: Latin carol, 14th cent., sts. 1-3; tr. J. Walsh, *Lyra Davidica*, 1708

Pentecost

A reading from John 20:19-22

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish authorities, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord. Again, Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit."

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Pentecost

Pentecost Hymn: Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling ELW 582 vs 2, 3

- 2 Holy Spirit, ever living
as the church's very life;
Holy Spirit, ever striving
through us in a ceaseless strife;
Holy Spirit, ever forming
in the church the mind of Christ:
you we praise with endless worship
for your gifts and fruits unpriced.
- 3 Holy Spirit, ever working
through the church's ministry;
quick'ning, strength'ning, and absolving,

setting captive sinners free;
Holy Spirit, ever binding
age to age and soul to soul
in communion never ending,
you we worship and extol.

Text: Timothy Rees, 1874-1939, alt.

Time After Pentecost

A reading from Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Word of God. Word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

A few words about Time After Pentecost

**Time After Pentecost Hymn: Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing
ELW 807 v. 1 & 3**

- 1 Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
While the hope of endless glory
fills my heart with joy and love,
teach me ever to adore thee;
may I still thy goodness prove.

- 3 Oh, to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now like a fetter
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;
prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Text: Robert Robinson, 1735-1790, alt.

*As the church,
we pray for
those in our
community and
around the
world. The
prayers are also
responsive,
emphasizing our
own
participation.*

*Each petition
addresses a
different topic,
often in the same
pattern:*

*+ The Church
+ Creation
+ Nations and
leaders
+ Those in need
+ This faith
community
+ The great
cloud of
witnesses/those
now resting with
God*

*A practice of the
ancient church,
where we*

† Prayers of the Church

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Revive our congregations, synods, and national church body to reflect the love, justice, and kinship of your kingdom. Raise up diverse leaders who teach and serve your people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Nourish parched lands and bring relief to flooded places. Protect wildlife habitats and endangered species, that the chorus of creation's praise resounds with joy. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Grant wisdom to the leaders who govern, legislate, and deliberate on our behalf. Advance your nonviolent reign of justice-seeking love through their work, especially in Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India, Syria, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo. Empower all people and nations to pursue peace. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Draw near to those who are detained, on trial, or incarcerated. Transform systems of retribution into systems of reconciliation and restoration. Today we especially pray for Helen, Fred, Mildred, Gail, Carl, Pam, Mary Lou, Brenna, Bruce, Frank, Jonathan, Sara, Donna, Madeline, Kate, Ann, Susan, Shawn, Archer, Sally, Ruth, Rich, Mindy, Kristina, Jeanette, Scott, Khams and his community in Manipur... and all those we name aloud or in our hearts. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**


Remind us of your enduring love in all seasons. Guide the planning efforts of worship leaders and volunteers who usher our congregation into a meaningful Advent. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

In your eternal presence the saints sing of your majesty. Join our voices with theirs in praise to the one who loves us and frees us from sin. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

† Passing of the Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

<p><i>recognize Christ's peace in one another and share it together.</i></p>	<p><i>The people greet one another saying, "Peace" or "Peace be with you" sharing the peace of Christ with one another in a no-touch or low-touch way, such as a wave, peace sign, or elbow bump.</i></p>
<p><i>God entrusts us with everything we have. Our offering is one way we give thanks to God and support the ministry of the church.</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>The Meal</u> <i>God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.</i></p> <p>Offering</p> <p>God's ministry through Good Soil makes a difference, & your offering makes that possible. Help Good Soil keep making an impact by giving today using the QR code or at https://pushpay.com/g/goodsoillutheran <i>Aim your phone camera at the QR code, but don't take a picture. A link will appear to click on that will take you to Good Soil's support page.</i></p> 
<p><i>The offering is brought forward to the altar to signify our gratitude for God's blessings.</i></p>	<p>† Offering Hymn: Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise (ELW 207)</p> <p>Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let ev'ryone who seeks the Lord rejoice and bear the name of Christ. Send us with your promises and lead your people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.</p> <p><small>Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980 Text © 1978, 1995 Augsburg Fortress.</small></p>
	<p>† Offering Prayer</p> <p>Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name. Amen.</p>
	<p>† Great Thanksgiving</p> <p>The Lord be with you. And also with you.</p> <p>Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.</p> <p>Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.</p>
	<p>† Preface</p>

† Sanctus

San - to, san - to, san - to, *es* el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; *san - to, es* el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

San - to, san - to, san - to, *san - to, es* el Se - ñor,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord . . . God,

Dios del u - ni - ver - so; *san - to, es* el Se - ñor.
God of might and pow - er; ho - ly is the Lord.

Ho - san - na en el cie - lo, ho - san - na en la
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na here on

tie - rra. Ben - di - to el que *vie - ne en* el
earth. Blest is he who comes in the

nom - bre del Se - ñor. Ho - san - na en el
name . . . of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the

cie - lo, ho - san - na en la tie - rra. Ben -
high - est, ho - san - na here on earth.

di - to el que vie - ne en el nom - bre del Se - ñor.
Blest is he who comes in the name . . . of the Lord.

† Words of Institution

<p><i>The Lord's Prayer is Jesus' response to his disciples when they asked him to teach them how to pray.</i></p>	<p>† Lord's Prayer</p> <p>Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus first taught us: 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.</p>
	<p>† Invitation to the Table</p> <p>Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.</p>
	<p>Communion</p> <p><i>Christ is with us in this meal. All who are hungry for the presence of Jesus are welcome to commune here at Good Soil.</i></p> <p><i>Children are welcome to come to the Lord's table for communion or for a blessing, depending on parent/guardian's preference.</i></p> <p><i>When you receive the elements, you are invited to respond with "Amen" or "Thanks be to God."</i></p> <p><i>Please wait for the usher to release your row before proceeding down the center aisle to the front in a single-file line. We will be observing standing processional communion, rather than kneeling at the rail.</i></p> <p><i>Gluten-free bread is available on request. The wine (red) is in the outer rings of the tray, the grape juice (white) is in the center. Communion cups can be returned at the end tables on your way back to your seat.</i></p>
	<p>Communion Hymn: Beautiful Savior- ELW 838</p> <p>1 Beautiful Savior, King of creation, Son of God and Son of Man! Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee, light of my soul, my joy, my crown.</p>

2 Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.

3 Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.

4 Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

Text: Eliza S. Alderson, 1818-1889, alt.

Communion Hymn: Rejoice for Christ is King- ELW 430

1 Rejoice, for Christ is king!
Your Lord and king adore;
rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore:

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Our Savior Jesus reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above: *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n: *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit
and bow to his command
and fall beneath his feet: *Refrain*

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

† Post-Communion Table Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

† Reign of Christ

A reading from Revelation 1:4b-6

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is
to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from
Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first born from the dead,
and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has
freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a
kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father, to him be glory
and power forever and ever! Amen.

A few words about Reign of Christ

The Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

† Blessing

The Ancient One, enthroned,
the Crucified One, now risen,
the Indwelling One, poured out,
✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

*Through the
sending hymn
we are sent out
into the world to
follow Jesus.*

† Sending Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns- ELW 855 v 4 & 5

4 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 years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail
throughout eternity.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800-1894, sts. 1-3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823-1903, st. 4

The dismissal sends us out as Christ's Body: nourished, fed, and ready to serve. Worship has ended, & our service begins!

† Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Today's Worship Servants:

Ushers: Chris & Larry Jacobson	Livestream: Sean Lanter
Readers: David & Anne Paine, Trey Harrison, Taylor Nichols, Bill Fink, David Connor, Jennifer Krankowski, Kaitlyn Regan	Acolytes: Edward & Alexandra Inman
Counters: David Paine & Michael Wancata	Altar Care: Darlene Wahl
Online Usher: Karen Sperli	Communion Bread: Jessica Berkshire
Cantor: David Paine	



Announcements from Good Soil for Sunday, Nov 24th, 2024

Especially in our prayers: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton, Bishop Barbins of the NEO Synod, Helen Andrews, Fred Ayers, Mildred Baehr, Gail Boggs, Carl Bruns, Pam Bruns, Mary Lou Busby, Brenna Connor, Bruce Crosby, Frank Dunaway, Jonathan Gray, Sara Gresh, Donna Handy, Madeline Kelly, Kate Labuda, Ann Layman, Susan Omerod, Shawn O'Neil, Archer Oster, Family & Friends of Cheryl Pate, Sally Pate, Ruth Patrick, Rich Petrusky, Mindy S., Kristina Seeley, Jeanette Weidlich, Scott Wylie, Khams Zotal & his people in Manipur, the people of Ukraine, Russia, Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Haiti, India, Syria, Sudan, and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

The flowers adorning the altar today are given to the glory of God by Ellen Young.



Help make 2025 ministry dreams a reality! Submit your Intent Card for 2025- Join the 42 households who have submitted their intents for our Generosity Emphasis, "Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise"! Scan the QR code to the left to access the digital intent form.

Please welcome Good Soil's new Church Administrator Sean Kennedy! Sean began serving this past week in the church office. He can be reached at admin@goodsoillutheran.org or 440-331-1773. Keep reading to learn a little more about him:

Sean Kennedy holds degrees in history from Ohio Wesleyan University and John Carroll University. He works on digital media with several institutions and was a manager of a high-end art gallery in West Cleveland. He often conducts historical research for projects on his own time. Sean lives with his wife, Aliyah, & their two children. They enjoy traveling & fossil hunting among their many activities together & spend much of their time involved in church life.

Meals on Wheels is looking for drivers! West Shore Rocky River-Lakewood Meals on Wheels needs drivers to deliver meals, especially M-W-F. Contact Kathy Blackwell @ 440-333-6298 or rrlwcoordinator@westshoremow.org for more info.

Coffee Hour Fellowship- We need volunteer hosts to set-up, brew, & clean-up the coffee/tea service &/or bring snacks/baked goods. The Coffee Hour volunteer sign-up is on the bulletin board by the lounge. Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions.

Introducing PushPay- Good Soil has transitioned to a new contribution & accounting software called PushPay, replacing Vanco. If you had an account through Vanco, you've received an email to set up an account on PushPay & migrate your recurring offering if you have one. Scan the QR code to the right or in the *Offering* section of the bulletin to visit our new PushPay giving page!



Flower Sign-Up- Interested in signing up to adorn Christ's altar with flowers for worship? You can sign up with the flower list on the bulletin board in the hallway or online using this QR code. Please note: The physical flower list on the bulletin board has first priority. Best efforts will be made to ensure the digital calendar reflects the physical one, but if you happen to digitally sign-up for a date that is already taken on the physical sheet, you will be contacted to reschedule. Each vase costs \$20. You may also bring your own flowers instead of buying them through Good Soil, but please do still sign up.



SUNDAY SCHOOL- We've returned to weekly Sunday faith formation for kids as we share Learn & Grow and Experience & Grow opportunities during Sunday services. Additionally, kids will participate in special activities during planned monthly congregational events after worship. (Event updates will be announced, ongoing.) Contact JoAnne Wancata (cell: 440-655-3674) with questions OR to join the weekly rotation of Learn & Grow teachers/helpers.

Learn & Grow time during the worship service: Coloring, crafts, Bible stories, sharing, light snack, etc., in the classrooms on the first floor during the sermon & reflection time for adults in the sanctuary. For children in Preschool/Kindergarten through 4th grade.

Experience & Grow time participating in the worship service: Participating in the worship experience, including sermon & reflection time. Access to special materials on the "Experience & Grow" stand in the Prayground. For Grade 5 through Confirmation.

Christmas and the Children's Pageant are Coming! Good Soil's Children's Christmas Pageant is set for December 22nd during the weekly service. Please contact Director Pam Lanter by FRIDAY 11/22 to let her know if your child(ren) will or will not participate and whether they can have a speaking part. Please also let her know if your tweens/teens would like to assist as narrators, stagehands, costumers, etc. Rehearsals are tentatively scheduled as follows -- don't worry if kids can't make all sessions.

- Sunday 12/8 (Fellowship Hall) and 12/15 (Sanctuary) following worship (approximately 11:00 a.m. to Noon)
- Saturday 12/21 (approximate 9 or 9:30 a.m. start TBD)

Socks “Plus” Giving Tree for Trials for Hope! Please join in decorating our Advent Giving Tree with gifts of comfort and joy for those served by Trials for Hope.

Sunday 12/8 thru Sunday 12/29 in the upstairs coffee kitchen across from the Lounge.
SUGGESTED GIFTS: Warm Socks - USB Charging Blocks - Multi-charging Power Cords - Hats- Gloves-Individual Packets of Starkist Tuna Creations and/or Spam Single Classics.
Ongoing items requested by Trials for Hope (e.g., Diapers size 6, canned meats, personal hygiene products, etc.) can be placed in the box beneath the tree.)

Newsletter- Want to keep up with news at Good Soil or share the e-news with friends? Sign up or share our newsletter using the QR code or URL to the right:

<https://tinyurl.com/bddjk7yp>



Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time
Sun, Nov 24	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Reign of Christ Sunday	9:30 am
Thurs, Nov 28	<i>Thanksgiving Day: Church Office Closed</i>	
Fri, Nov 29	<i>Day after Thanksgiving: Church Office Closed</i>	
Sun, Dec 1	In-Person & Livestream Worship: First Sunday of Advent	9:30 am
Sat, Dec 7	Ladies’ Breakfast @ Gene’s Place to Dine	9:00 am
Sun Dec 8	In-Person & Livestream Worship: Welcome of New Members	9:30 am
Sun, Dec 8	Congregational Meeting	10:30 am