

Sunday, November 12, 2017

First Baptist Church  
216 4th Street  
Sutherland Springs, Texas 78161

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

Our hearts are heavy with grief following the tragic shooting at your church last Sunday, November 5.

About the same time you were gathered for worship in your church building, we were gathered in ours, singing the hymn, "For All the Saints." We sang:

*You were their rock, their refuge, and their might;  
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;  
Mid gloom and doubt you were their one true light.*

Our prayer, taken from that hymn, is that in these terrible times of grief, the Light of Christ will shine with grace and peace for you.

Sincerely,

The people of Westmoreland Congregational United Church of Christ

*Copy to The Honorable Richard L. Jackson, County Judge, Wilson County, Texas  
Copy to Dr. Jim Richards, Executive Director, Southern Baptists of Texas Convention*