

Prayer Concerns

Let Us Pray...

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Cameroon, Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea
All those affected by the coronavirus

For our family and friends:

Cliff Burris Sterling and Marilyn Hartman and Sterling's sister-in-law Pattie
Priscilla Gregory Charles Bland Martha Orr
Andy Carver Beverly Montgomery Hardy Porterfield
Myrl McKellar Lillian Smith Marc Hall
Cynthia Lawrence Grover Williams Adalid Verastegui
Brice Bridges (Sally Johnson's great-grandson) Steve Sullivan (friend of the Howards)
Corrie Van Rensburg's sister Poppie Marcia Pridgen (Karen Bowker's sister)
Karen Packard's sisters Cindy and Connie and Connie's granddaughter Neva
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)
Jeff Slater, Penn Westwood (Carol Slater's son and cousins)
Pauline Eng's daughter Laurie

Prayers of sympathy:

Walter Wilson and Charles Bland on the death of Walter's brother Paul

If you wish to add a prayer request to this list, please complete a Prayer Card available in the chair pouch in front of you and place it in the collection basket as you come forward for communion. Please indicate how the person we are to pray for is related to you.

DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 22nd

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Daniel 7:19-27
Revelation 11:1-14

Tuesday
Ezekiel 29:1-12
Revelation 11:15-19

Wednesday
Ezekiel 30:20-26
John 16:25-33

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Nehemiah 9:6-15
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Friday
Nehemiah 9:16-25
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

Saturday
Nehemiah 9:26-31
Luke 21:20-24

Sunday, November 28th
First Sunday of Advent
Jeremiah 33:14-16
Psalm 25:1-10
1 Thessalonians 3:9-13
Luke 21:25-36

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** indicates an invitation to stand as you are able*

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jack Rich

*GREETING

O come, let us sing to the Lord;

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

UMH 66

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Thorpe Johnson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God,

your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love,

that we may be obedient to your will

and live always for your glory;

through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:10-20 (p. 187 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People's response: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

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There are many different opportunities for spiritual enrichment here:

Sunday Worship at 8:30 and 10:45am

Sunday School at 9:45am for adults and children

United Methodist Youth Fellowship (6th-12th grades) — Sunday, noon-1:30pm

United Methodist Women — day and time varies

Young At Heart (older adult fellowship) — day and time varies

Sanctuary Choir — performs Sunday at 10:45am, practices Sunday at noon

Contemplative prayer group — Monday, 7:30pm in the Sanctuary

Tuesday prayer service — Tuesday, 9:30am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

Weekly Bible study — Tuesday, 10am in the Sanctuary and via Zoom

Prayer shawl ministry — Tuesday, 11am in the Sanctuary

Weekly women's coffee — Friday, 10am in the Sanctuary

A Child's Haven (preschool) — Monday through Thursday, 9am-1pm

(Fall thru Spring; contact Reanna Eddy director@childshaven.net for more info)

The United Methodist Church is a 12-million-strong global church that opens hearts, opens doors, and opens minds through active engagement with our world.

John Wesley and the early Methodists placed primary emphasis on Christian living, on putting faith and love into action. This emphasis on what Wesley referred to as "practical divinity" has continued to be a hallmark of United Methodism today.

We invite you to learn more about our rich theological heritage by visiting the website for The United Methodist Church (UMC.org).

If you would like to learn more about Cedar Park First UMC or have questions about joining the church, e-mail one of our pastors or check "Desire a Call" on the attendance registration pad when you sign in today.

Rev. Peter Castles, Pastor Peter@cpfumc.org
Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, November 21st — Commitment Sunday

BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARDS FORWARD AT COMMUNION

AND ENJOY THANKS FOR GIVING REFRESHMENTS AFTER WORSHIP

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for adults:
Followers of the Word are studying *Hebrews* (MMB Conference Room and Zoom)
Seekers are studying *Religions of the Axial Period* (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3 and by Zoom
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room

MONDAY, November 22nd

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, November 23rd

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
11:00am Prayer Shawl ministry meets in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

FRIDAY, November 26th

- 10:00am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary

SUNDAY, December 5th

- 4:00pm Church Conference on Zoom (email Peter for the link)



Sunday Noon meals needed for BE LIGHT Youth!!

If you can provide a meal for 10
(including one vegetarian option)
please see the sign-up sheet
on the table in the Lobby.

Visitors and Newcomers:

We invite you to participate to the extent you feel comfortable. *UMH* indicates a song from *The United Methodist Hymnal* (found under the chair in front of you). *TFWS* indicates *The Faith We Sing*, the soft-bound hymnal out on top of the chairs. Words will also be shown on the screen at the front. Childcare is provided for infants and preschoolers in the Nursery next to the Lobby. Ask an usher for directions. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

*A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise for all that you have done for us.

(All offer thanks in silence)

For the splendor of the whole creation, for the beauty of this world,
for the wonder of life, and for the mystery of love,

We thank you, Lord.

For the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side,

We thank you, Lord.

For setting us at tasks which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments which satisfy and delight us,

We thank you, Lord.

For those disappointments and failures that lead us to acknowledge
our dependence on you alone,

We thank you, Lord.

Above all for your Son Jesus Christ,
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying through which he overcame death,
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom,

We thank you, Lord.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know him and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things.

Amen

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS AND BABY BLANKET

**May God's grace be upon these shawls and this blanket to warm and comfort,
enfold and embrace. May they provide a safe haven, a sacred place of security
and well-being, sustaining and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones.
May those who receive these shawls be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with
peace, and wrapped in love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

UMH 92

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

People's response: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

GIVING MOMENT

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing . . .

. . . And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . .

. . . And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here . . .

. . . Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen, Amen, Amen

UMH 23-24

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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. Amen**

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Because the table at which we gather belongs to the Lord, it is open to all who respond to Christ's love, regardless of age or church membership. All, including children, are invited to receive both bread and cup. If you desire gluten-free bread, please ask for it when you come forward to be served.

Place your pledge cards, along with your regular or special offering in the offering basket as you come forward for communion.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit,**

to give ourselves for others,

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN

"Maker, in Whom We Live"

UMH 88

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM