

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Burkina Faso, Chad, Mali, Mauritania, Niger
People of Ukraine

For our family and friends:

Cliff Burris	Marc Hall	Ruth West
Beverly Montgomery	Dave Sidney	Holly Laughlin
Marilyn Hartman	Myrl McKellar	Lillian Smith
Cynthia Lawrence	Par Keys	Holly Ganthner's brother
Terry Smith (Sterling Hartman's step-son)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)		Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)
Andrea Wichman (Andy Carver's daughter)		Diana Longoria (Sergio's mother)
Julie Hohle's sister Kristy and grandson Sammy	Marsha Suber's cousin Pam	
Corrie and Clunie Van Rensburg's daughter Connie		
Carolyn Smith's brother-in-law Steve and mother Betty		
Karen Packard's sister Cindy and her sister Connie's granddaughter Neva		
Debbie Ozolins and Peggy MacWilliams (Sue Sidney's cousins)		

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 28th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday

Genesis 8:1-19
Romans 6:1-11

Tuesday

Genesis 9:1-17
Hebrews 11:32-40

Wednesday

Isaiah 54:1-10
Matthew 24:23-35

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday

Isaiah 4:2-6
Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Friday

Isaiah 30:19-26
Acts 13:16-25

Saturday

Isaiah 40:1-11
John 1:19-28

Sunday, December 4th
Second Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Jodi Blount

*GREETING

I will hear what the Lord God has to say.

A Voice that speaks for peace.

Peace for all people and for God's friends,

And to those who turn to God in their hearts.

Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Glory to God in the highest.

And peace to God's people on earth.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

UMH 196

*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE

We shall light this Advent candle, praying that our preparation for Christmas may help us to look outward in love, and to look forward in hope.

Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

In Isaiah, chapter 2, the prophet declares that in days to come God will judge between the nations and arbitrate for many peoples.

(The candle is lit)

We light this candle because we refuse to let go of Isaiah's hope that swords can be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks, and that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

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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

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

United Women in Faith — 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

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

Prayer shawl ministry — Tuesday, 11am in the Sanctuary

Weekly women's coffee — Friday, 10:30am 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 27th

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for adults:
Followers of the Word are studying *Gospel of Mark* (MMB Conference Room)
Seekers are studying the history of Christianity (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for children in MMB Classroom 3
9:45am Confirmation Class for Youth in the Youth Room
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon Thanks for Giving Potluck Luncheon in the Sanctuary (bring a dish to share)

MONDAY, November 28th

- 6:30pm Church Council meets in the Conference Room and by Zoom
7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, November 29th

- 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, December 2nd

- 10:30am Women meet for coffee in the Sanctuary

SATURDAY, December 3rd

- 10:00am Tea and Treats fundraiser for BE LIGHT YOUTH England Trip

Looking FORWARD !!

- December 11 Church Conference by Zoom, 5pm
December 24 Christmas Eve Worship Services at 5pm (family-friendly) and 7pm (traditional)
December 25 Christmas Day Worship Service at 10am
January 1 New Years Day Worship Service at 10am

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. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

HYMN "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (stanzas 1 and 2) UMH 211

CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SPECIAL MUSIC "My Tribute" *Karen Goodman*

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 Romans 13:11-14 (p. 68 in the pew Bible NT)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People's response:* **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

*ADVENT DOXOLOGY

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

Prayer shawls for Kate Castles, Kitty Forcucci, Cassandra Schmitt, and Janice Whitman.

May God's grace be upon these shawls 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" UMH 206

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

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, which is served by means of intinction — a small fragment of bread is placed in the hand to dip in the cup before consuming. Or you may take one of the small communion cups after consuming the bread. If you desire gluten-free bread, please ask for it when you come forward to be served.

Place 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

"People, Look East"

UMH 202

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM