

# Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

*A Spiritual Oasis  
Committed to Christ  
Committed to Peace  
Committed to Service*

## Prayer Concerns

### For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Brunei, Malaysia, Singapore

### For our family and friends:

Charles Bland	David Beck	Marie Porterfield
Horace Pennington	Shirley Torres	Charley Gray
Alice Wiles	Helen Trahan	Chuck Trahan
Paul Venincasa	Cliff Burris	Ruth West
Dave Sidney	Don and Carol Steussy's son Matt	
Tracy Patrick (Sue Chesnut's step-daughter)	Sharon Platt (Paul Gay's sister)	
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)	Ron Daniels (Ginger Goodin's father)	
Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)	Melba Howard (Steve's mother)	
Valerie Fine (Chuck Trahan's sister)	Mike Trahan (Chuck's son)	
Nace Baggerman (GiGi Heermans' father)	Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)	
Brynn Matos (Allen and Betsy Mauldin's 2-year-old granddaughter)		

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 25th

**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, December 1st  
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

*Jodi Blount*

\*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

*"What Gift Can We Bring"*

UMH 87

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

SPECIAL MUSIC

*"Like a Child"*

*Sanctuary Choir*

**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**

PSALM 93

UMH 813

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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, children, and youth

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

United Women in Faith — quarterly Saturday, 9:30am

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 — 1st Tuesday, 11am; 3rd Tues, 5:30pm in the Sanctuary

Sanctuary preparation — Thursday, 10:00am in the Sanctuary

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

(Fall thru Spring; contact Yaheli Benitez [director@childshaven.net](mailto:director@childshaven.net) for more info)

The United Methodist Church is a several-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](http://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](mailto:Peter@cpfumc.org)  
Rev. Suzette Thorpe Johnson, Pastor [Suzette@cpfumc.org](mailto:Suzette@cpfumc.org)  
Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director  
Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

# This week at Cedar Park First UMC

## SUNDAY, November 24th — Commitment Sunday

BRING YOUR PLEDGE CARDS FORWARD DURING HOLY COMMUNION

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- 9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
  - Followers of the Word* are studying the Gospel of Luke (MMB Conference Room)
  - Seekers* are studying “How Jesus Became God” (MMB Back Room)
- 9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
- 10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
- Noon BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship in the Youth Room
- Noon Choir practices in the Sanctuary

## MONDAY, November 25th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

## TUESDAY, November 26th

- 9:30am Service of Morning Prayer in the Sanctuary
- 10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom

## WEDNESDAY, November 27th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

### **Help Hill Country Community Ministries provide Holiday Meals!!**

HCCM is busy gathering up holiday dinner items to ensure their clients can enjoy a festive Thanksgiving or Christmas dinner this season.

CPFUMC is hoping to collect **100 cans each** of Cranberry Sauce and Sweet Potatoes.

### **United Women in Faith are collecting gift cards as Christmas gifts for Yesterday's Gone and for Head Start teachers**

Place gift cards of \$10, \$15, or \$20 from HEB, Walmart or Target in the UWF jar 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. We hope you enjoy worshipping with us, and we thank you for the gift of your presence.

\*GOSPEL LESSON John 18:33-37 (p. 106 in the pew Bible NT)

*Reader:* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

\*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (The Apostles' Creed)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

**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

*"For the Beauty of the Earth"*

UMH 92

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

GIVING MOMENT

*Steve Howard*

\*THE PEACE

\*DOXOLOGY

*"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

UMH 94

***THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION***

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

UMH 23-24

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**

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 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

*"Sent Forth by God's Blessing"*

UMH 664

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

*As we depart, please join hands with your neighbor to sing a community song of peace.*