

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Iran, Iraq, Syria

For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington	Carol Steussy	Martha Orr
Paul Venincasa	Charley Gray	Alice Wiles
Marie Porterfield	Chuck Trahan	Shirley Torres
Cliff Burris	Ruth West	Dave Sidney
David Read (Martha Orr's son)		Jamie Kemper (Sandy Prior's son)
Sharon Platt (Paul Gay's sister)		Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)
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)		
Brynn Matos (Allen and Betsy Mauldin's 2-year-old granddaughter)		

Prayers of protection:

Rodger and Marge Ericson's daughter and son-in-law moving to Mozambique as NGOs

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 JANUARY 13th

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Judges 4:1-16
Ephesians 6:10-17

Tuesday
Judges 5:12-21
1 John 5:13-21

Wednesday
Numbers 27:1-11
Luke 11:33-36

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Jeremiah 3:1-5
Acts 8:18-24

Friday
Jeremiah 3:19-25
1 Corinthians 7:1-7

Saturday
Jeremiah 4:1-4
Luke 11:14-23

Sunday, January 19th
Isaiah 62:1-5
Psalm 36:5-10
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

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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

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due God's name,
Worship the Lord in holy splendor.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
The God of glory thunders, the Lord, over mighty waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful,
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
Let us praise the name of the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Baptized in Water"

TFWS 2248

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Thorpe Johnson

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen**

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:15-17, 21-22 (p. 56 in the pew Bible NT)

Reader: The Gospel 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, children, and youth

BE LIGHT Youth Fellowship (6th-12th 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 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).

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, January 12th

- 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

MONDAY, January 13th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, January 14th

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

WEDNESDAY, January 15th

- 10:30am Membership Care & Hospitality Team meets in the MMB Conference Room

THURSDAY, January 16th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

We are always collecting items for Hill Country Community Ministries (HCCM)

A Collection Bin is in the Lobby. Here's a list of items that are needed:

Canned items: stew, tuna, chicken, chili, soup, spaghetti's, tomatoes, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, corn, peas, mixed vegetables, fruit cocktail, pineapple, apple sauce, peaches, peanut butter, jelly, orange juice, apple juice

Dry items: dried beans (1 or 2 lb. pkgs), spaghetti/pasta (1 or 2 lb. pkgs), cold cereal, hot cereal

Personal care items: bar soap, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet tissue, toothpaste

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.

CONGREGATIONAL REAFFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

*RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole Church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin? **I do.**

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves? **I do.**

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the Church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races? **I do.**

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy Church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world? **I will.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments. Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

*THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER AND REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

PRAYER SONG

"Water, River, Spirit, Grace"

TFWS 2253

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

*THE PEACE

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

UMH 94

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

TFWS 2257-b,c,d

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! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! 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.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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

"I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry"

TFWS 2051

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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