

## Prayer Concerns

### For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Egypt, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Palestine

### 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 6th

#### Reflection on Previous Sunday

##### Monday

Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

##### Tuesday

Daniel 2:1-19  
Ephesians 4:17—5:1

##### Wednesday

Daniel 2:24-49  
Ephesians 5:15-20

#### Preparation for Coming Sunday

##### Thursday

Ecclesiastes 1:1-11  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

##### Friday

Ecclesiastes 2:1-11  
1 Corinthians 2:1-10

##### Saturday

Ecclesiastes 3:1-15  
1 Corinthians 2:11-16

##### Sunday, January 12th

##### Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 43:1-7  
Psalm 29  
Acts 8:14-17  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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## Cedar Park First United Methodist Church

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Committed to Christ  
Committed to Peace  
Committed to Service*



Epiphany of the Lord  
January 5, 2025

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

**GATHERING**

WELCOME

*Suzette Thorpe Johnson*

PRELUDE/BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

*Jodi Blount*

\*GREETING

We meet to worship God  
**and to remember, tell, and show God's love.**

Like a bright star in the night sky,  
**the life of Christ lights up the whole world.**

The star of hope shines on,  
**and no darkness will overcome it.**

The light of Christ shows us who we are and what we can be,  
where we have been and where we should go.  
**Let us walk in the light and give thanks to God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE

*"Angels from the Realm of Glory"*

UMH 220

\*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Glorious God, in Jesus your grace appears, bringing salvation to all. Help us to ponder your words of love by the light of your Spirit, that we may proclaim glad tidings of peace and welcome Christ in our world. Amen**

SCRIPTURE LESSON Ephesians 1:3-14 (p. 180 in the pew Bible NT)

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

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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, January 5th

- 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 6th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, January 7th

- 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 meeting in the Sanctuary (come crochet or knit with us!)

### THURSDAY, January 9th

- 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.

### 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**

PRAYER SONG

*"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"*

UMH 206

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

A COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION

**I am no longer my own, but thine.  
Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee,  
exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
Let me be full, let me be empty.  
Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
I freely and heartily yield all things  
to thy pleasure and disposal.  
And now, O glorious and blessed God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it.  
And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
let it be ratified in heaven. Amen**

MISSION MOMENT

\*THE PEACE

\*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.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel, born is the King of Israel.**

***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**

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

*"Once in Royal David's City"*

UMH 250

\*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

\*SINGING THE SHALOM

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