

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: Czech Republic, Poland, Slovakia

For our family and friends:

Horace Pennington	Cliff Burriss	Chuck Trahan
Paul Venincasa	Alice Wiles	Ruth West
Dave Sidney	Shirley Torres	Matt Packard (Karen's son)
Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)		James Pennington (Horace's brother)
David Read (Martha Orr's son)		Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut)
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)

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 MARCH 31st

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday
Leviticus 23:26-41
Revelation 19:1-8

Tuesday
Leviticus 25:1-19
Revelation 19:9-10

Wednesday
2 Kings 4:1-7
Luke 9:10-17

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday
Isaiah 43:1-7
Philippians 2:19-24

Friday
Isaiah 43:8-15
Philippians 2:25—3:1

Saturday
Exodus 12:21-27
John 11:45-57

Sunday, April 6th
Fifth Sunday in Lent
Isaiah 43:16-21
Psalm 126
Philippians 3:4b-14
John 12:1-8



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 2025 — 10:45 a.m.

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

GATHERING

WELCOME

Peter Castles

PRELUDE

"Musette in D" by J. S. Bach

Ainsley Atkinson

*GREETING

Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous;
Shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

For the Lord is a hiding place in time of trouble.
God's deliverance surrounds us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

UMH 400

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today in the way of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen**

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 32 (p. 479 in the pew Bible OT)

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 (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, March 30th — Potato Jar Sunday

HAVE YOUR COINS READY FOR THE POTATO JAR!!

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
Followers of the Word are studying "The Great Commission" (MMB Conf 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 Potluck luncheon in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, March 31st

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, April 1st

- 9:30am NO Service of Morning Prayer
10:00am Bible discussion group meets in the Sanctuary and by Zoom
11:00am NO Prayer Shawl ministry meeting

THURSDAY, April 3rd

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SUNDAY, April 6th — BE LIGHT YOUTH Sunday

YOUTH LEAD WORSHIP AT BOTH SERVICES

Sign up in the Lobby to provide a meal for our Youth in April or May!!



Candy needed for Easter eggs

Easter Sunday is April 20. We're planning to have an Easter egg hunt that day, so we need your help. Please bring individually wrapped candies and place them in the Easter basket in the Lobby. We will fill the eggs with your candies and invite A Child's Haven and neighborhood children for the egg hunt. Please help us bring lots of joy to the faces of our children this Easter.

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.

SPECIAL MUSIC "Romanze" by Ludwig van Beethoven *Ainsley Atkinson*

*GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32 (p. 71 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**

CHORAL OFFERING "King of Tears" *Sanctuary Choir*

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

*THE PEACE

*LENTEN DOXOLOGY

**Praise God throughout these forty days.
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise.
And praise the Spirit who imparts
God's love in Christ into our hearts. Amen**

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

"Spirit Song"

UMH 347

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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