

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: Myanmar, Thailand
Devastating floods in south and southeast Asia

For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Cliff Burris	Alice Wiles
Gayle Caraway	MaryAnn Mosier	Jane Hilton
Dave Sidney	Barbara Bunn	Jim and Ruth West
Jose Damaso Ramos (Sarah Hernandez' brother)		
Martha Orr's brother David Orr and her son David Read		
Claire Nicholson (Hyacinth Fenty's sister-in-law in Trinidad)		
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)	Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut)	
Pattie Fennell's granddaughter Erica	Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel	
Marsha Suber's great-grandson Brooks	Jorge Soto's granddaughter Alina	
Charlie Woehnker (Darlene's husband)	Gerry Higgins (Brenda's husband)	
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)	Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)	
Sara Baram (Nancy Holmes' granddaughter)	Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)	
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 DECEMBER 8th

Reflection on
Previous Sunday

Monday
Isaiah 24:1-16a
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Tuesday
Isaiah 41:14-20
Romans 15:14-21

Wednesday
Genesis 15:1-18
Matthew 12:33-37

Preparation for
Coming Sunday

Thursday
Ruth 1:6-18
2 Peter 3:1-10

Friday
Ruth 4:13-17
2 Peter 3:11-18

Saturday
1 Samuel 2:1-8
Luke 3:1-18

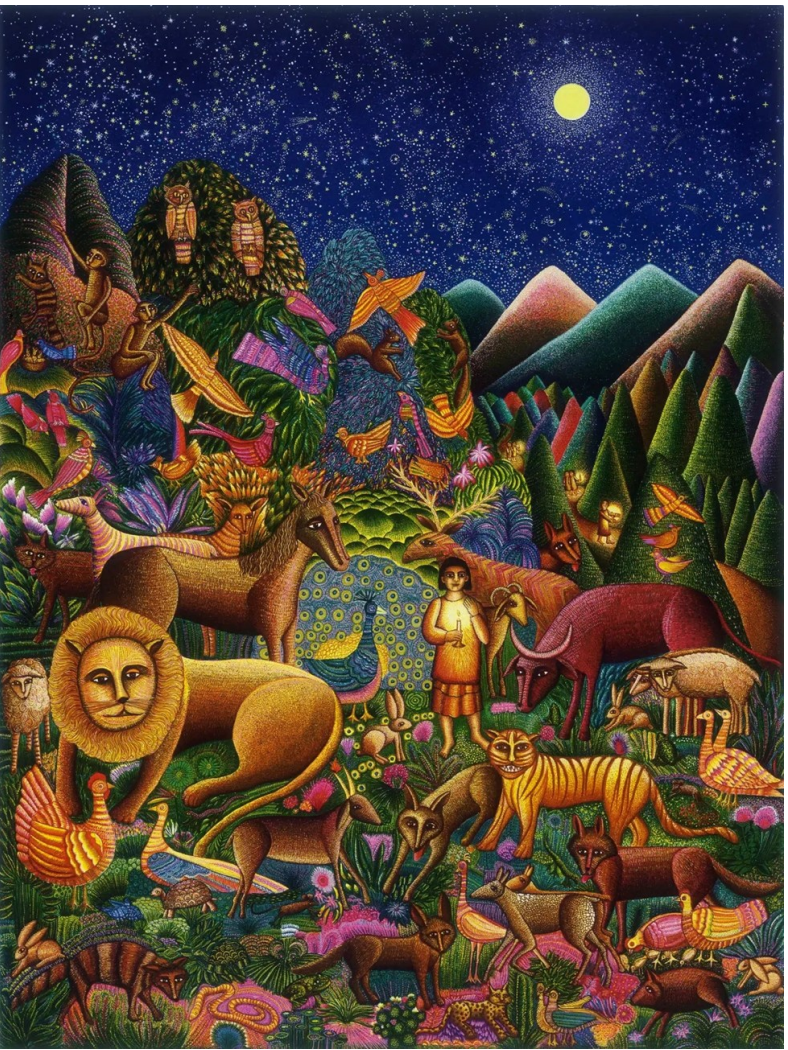
Sunday, December 14th
Third Sunday of Advent
Isaiah 35:1-10
Luke 1:46b-55
James 5:7-10
Matthew 11:2-11

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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
We gather in preparation;
For good news is about to be proclaimed.

We gather in expectation;
For joy is about to explode in our midst.

We gather in celebration;
For we are those people who have said:
Yes to the manger, Yes to love enfleshed, Yes to the wholeness of God!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus" UMH 196

*OPENING PRAYER

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
In Isaiah 11:9, the prophet declares, "They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of God, as the waters cover the sea." We light this candle as a sign of hope that truth will prevail, and justice be done, for all people.

(The candle is lit)

As we pray and work for truth, compassion, and justice, near and far—
Risen Christ, Light of the world, shine in our lives and shine among us now.

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

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

CHORAL OFFERING "Bethlehem" Sanctuary Choir

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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, December 7th — Second Sunday of Advent

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
Followers of the Word are studying Philipians (MMB Conf Room)
Seekers are studying “Jesus and His Jewish Influences” (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for Children (MMB Classroom 3) and Youth (Youth Room)
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon Choir practice in the Sanctuary

MONDAY, December 8th

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, December 9th

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

THURSDAY, December 11th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SUNDAY, December 14th

SANCTUARY CHOIR CHRISTMAS CANTATA AT BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES



*A Child's Haven
Santa Shop
for Mom and Pop*
Help is needed putting names
on gifts and putting gifts in bags
December 8 and 9, 9:30-11:30am

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.

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 11:1-9 (p. 602 in the pew Bible OT)

Reader: The Word of the Lord. *People's response:* **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

*RESPONSE TO THE WORD (The Nicene Creed)

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation,
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.**

MISSION MOMENT

*THE PEACE

*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.**

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

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 "Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" UMH 213

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

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