

Prayer Concerns

For the world:

Ecumenical prayer cycle: France, Germany, Monaco

For our family and friends:

Chuck Trahan	Gayle Caraway	Meg McClintock
Alice Wiles	MaryAnn Mosier	Jane Hilton
Horace Pennington	Barbara Bunn	Jim and Ruth West
Jerry Troyer (friend of Sue Chesnut) and Jerry's son Todd Sailor		
Martha Orr's brother David Orr and her son David Read		
Jose Damaso Ramos (Sarah Hernandez' brother)		
Theresa Theriot (Amanda's mother-in-law)	Debbi Ozolins (Sue Sidney's cousin)	
O.T. and Dee Greer (Todd's parents)	Charlie Woehner (Darlene's husband)	
Marsha Suber's great-grandson Brooks	Anita Stratmann's brother Herschel	
Leona Mims (Nell Pennington's sister)	Mary Howard (Pam Clinch's mother)	

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 FEBRUARY 23rd

Reflection on Previous Sunday

Monday

1 Kings 19:1-8
Hebrews 2:10-18

Tuesday

Genesis 4:1-16
Hebrews 4:14—5:10

Wednesday

Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28
Matthew 18:10-14

Preparation for Coming Sunday

Thursday

Isaiah 51:1-3
2 Timothy 1:3-7

Friday

Micah 7:18-20
Romans 3:21-31

Saturday

Isaiah 51:4-8
Luke 7:1-10

Sunday, March 1st

Second Sunday in Lent

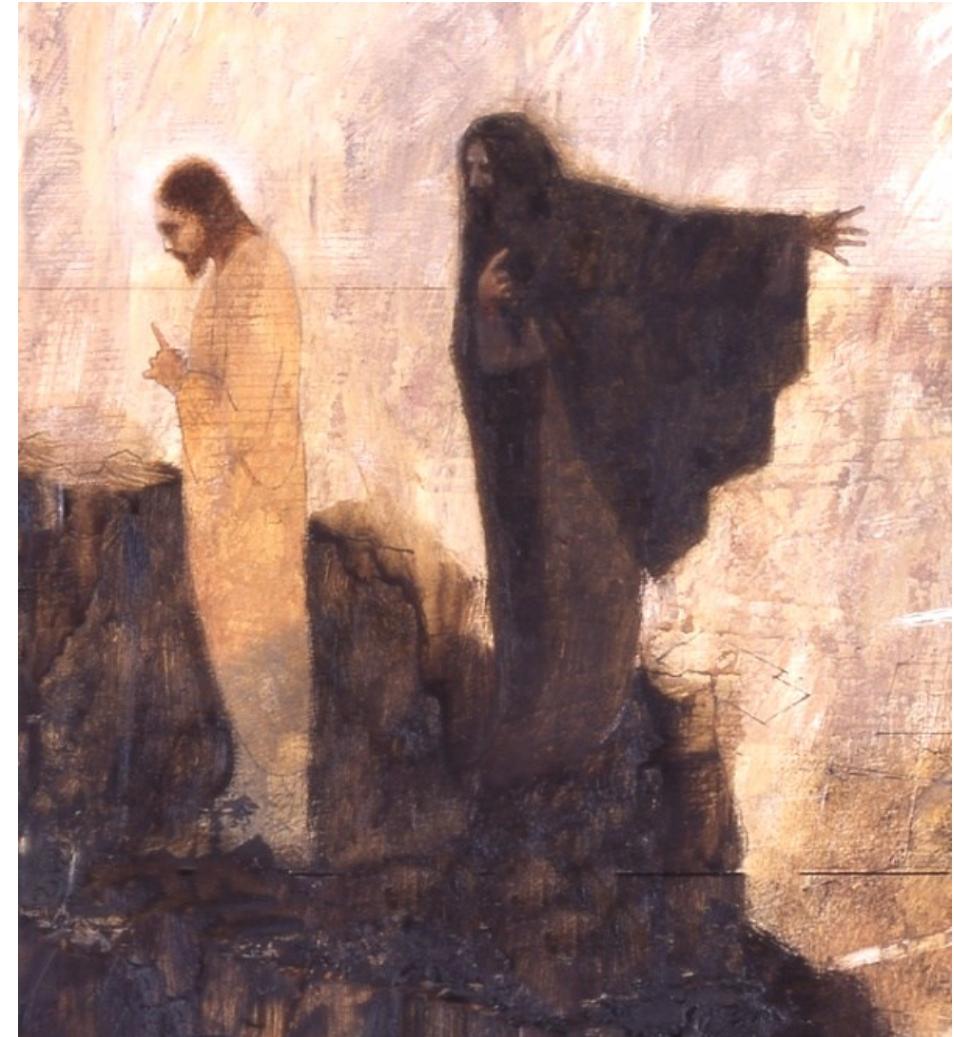
Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

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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

The season of Lent sets us on a journey.
The journey begins in the wilderness.

We follow the way of Jesus,
who faced trials, trouble, temptation, and testing.

Like Jesus, we are not alone.
The Holy Spirit is with us. God's Word is on our lips.

Our call is to trust in God alone,
to do God's will in all things.

For God leads us not only into the wilderness,
but also through the wilderness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"

UMH 269

*OPENING PRAYER

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Suzette Birch

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

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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 on a 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 Birch, Pastor Suzette@cpfumc.org

Dr. Jodi Blount, Music Director

Laurel Fabian, Nursery Coordinator

This week at Cedar Park First UMC

SUNDAY, February 22nd

- 8:30am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
9:45am Sunday school for Adults:
Followers of the Word are studying 1 Corinthians (MMB Conference Room)
Seekers are studying "Jesus and His Jewish Influences" (MMB Back Room)
9:45am Sunday school for Children and Youth (Youth Room)
10:45am WORSHIP with Holy Communion
Noon Choir practice in the Sanctuary
Noon BE LIGHT YOUTH Fellowship in the Youth Room

MONDAY, February 23rd

- 7:30pm Contemplative Prayer in the Sanctuary

TUESDAY, February 24th

- 9:30am NO Service of Morning Prayer
10:00am Bible discussion group meets at Affinity at Cedar Park, 1520 Juliette Way

WEDNESDAY, February 25th

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

THURSDAY, February 26th

- 10:00am Sanctuary Preparation

SATURDAY, February 28th

- 6:00pm Ramadan Iftar Dinner in the Sanctuary

Looking FORWARD !!

- March 5 Read Across America with the children of A Child's Haven (sign up in the Lobby)

IF YOU NOTICE ANYTHING ON OUR CHURCH PROPERTY OR FACILITIES THAT NEEDS REPAIR PLEASE EMAIL OUR TRUSTEES

(Trustees@cpfumc.org)

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 Matthew 4:1-11 (p. 3 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

BAPT BLANKET BLESSING

May God's grace be upon this blanket to warm and comfort, enfold and embrace.

**May it provide a safe haven, a sacred place of security and well-being, sustaining
and embracing in good times as well as difficult ones. May this one who receives**

**this blanket be cradled in hope, kept in joy, graced with peace, and wrapped in
love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

PRAYER SONG

"Thy Holy Wings, O Savior"

UMH 502

CONCERNS AND PRAYERS

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

MISSION MOMENT

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of exodus and wilderness, God of refuge and help, in times of temptation we forget what you have done for us. You give us everything we need, yet we often remain unsatisfied. You trust us to care for creation, yet we often abuse that trust and spoil what we have been given. You show us the way we are to follow, yet we often continue on the path of self-indulgence and self-centeredness. Forgive us, we pray. We ask for your direction, your patience, your love, in the name of Christ, who, in spite of his temptations, was faithful to your saving Word. Amen

DECLARATION OF PARDON

*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

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 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

"Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace"

UMH 668

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*SINGING THE SHALOM

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