

Prayer Concerns

First Responders	Brian R.
Victims of natural disasters	Susan W.
Those suffering from mental illness	Bill & Vince, lifted by Reba Y. Jim, friend of Marilyn & Bill R.
Those affected by gun violence	Connie C.
Those who are homeless	Adrienne, lifted by Tom M.
Stephen Ministers and Care Receivers	Selene, lifted by Carole A. Viola C.
Paul, nephew of John & Char V.	Donna, sister of Carol N.
Mary, Sue S.'s mother	Donna, friend of Judy K.
Kifah, friend of David L.	Andy, Faye W.'s son
Jeff, friend of Judy K.	Israel, Sarah J.'s student
Jeff & Sharon B., lifted by Janis J.	Bev, lifted by Josh O.
Bob, Carole B.'s son	Zack, son of Jennifer G.
Josh O.	Steve, Mary Ellen M.'s son
Donald R.	Kevin, friend of Barb & Ron C.
Mary Lou L.	Dusty, nephew of Reba Y.
Danielle, lifted by Alice & Andy	Darlene, friend of Barb A.
Sheryl, lifted by Sally S.	Sterling B.
Scott, Barb L.'s brother-in-law	Dawn, friend of Susan W.
Keith A.	Carol B., lifted by Ray & Jane
Gwen H.	Matthew F., USAF
Frank M.	Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Danielle, Gwen's granddaughter	Christopher Y., USAF

This Week's Birthdays and Anniversaries

November 29	Ray Burnett	December 3	Barb Schultz
November 29	Madison Stroup	December 5	Kelly Maculewicz
December 2	Sally Stacho		
November 29	Sandi & Frank O'Dell	November 29	Chris & Mike Byrns

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November 29, 2020 First Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Broughton/Callahan
Marlene Dirksen

Introit *Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord* Hopson
Gabriela Martinez, Javier Gonzalez, Matias Gonzalez

Call to Worship with Lighting of First Advent Candle Joel Chermonte
(Ps. 80, 1 Cor. 1, Mk. 13)

L: Holy God, awaken your might; come and save us.

P: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!

L: The saving grace of Christ fills us with thanksgiving.

P: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!

L: We watch for the coming of Christ.

P: Make your face shine upon us, that we may be saved!

L: We light the first candle of Hope!

Hymn Response *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 1) UMH 211

New Testament Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Unison Prayer (Isaiah 64, Psalm 80, Mark 13)

O Holy God, maker of every thought and thing, open our hearts this day, that we may know your presence in this time and place. Restore us now, so we may see the special gift and calling that you have for each of us. Masterful potter of life, mold us into the vessels you would have us be. Help us be ready for your promised return, when you will be among us and within us with new, creative, healing energy. Amen.

Special Music *Breath of Heaven* Grant/Eaton
James and Anita Bridges

Message of Hope “What Christmas Means to Me This Year”
Alice Walsh

Prayers of the People

Prayer List (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession (Isaiah 64)

Patient, everlasting source of life, we know that you are present with those who gladly do what’s right; we know that you remember those who remember you; we know that your judgment is just. We hunger for the assurance of your love, but in our hearts we feel unclean. We fear that the acts we think so righteous are more like filthy bits of cloth, unfit to dress a wound or to clothe the naked. Do not be angry beyond measure, O holy and loving champion of the forgotten. Do not remember our sins

forever, but embrace us with your love, for we are all your people, even though we so often forget.

Words of Assurance (Isaiah 64)

Fear not, for our creator is the loving maker of every thought and thing. We are the clay; each one of us is being formed by God’s all-loving hand, crafted for a purpose and cherished as a vessel made for love. In the name of Jesus, who is the Christ, you are forgiven.

In the name of Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.

The Lord’s Prayer

The Offering with Prayer

Please continue to be faithful with your financial gifts by sending your stewardship contribution to the church office to the attention of the Financial Secretary, Ed Brewster.

Gospel Lesson Mark 13:24-37

Hymn *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* UMH 196
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Sermon “Stay Alert with Hope!” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn *People, Look East* UMH 202
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Benediction (Mark 13)

L: As we go out to meet a hungry world, know that God will give us what we need.

P: We go forth to make ready as we wait.

L: The Holy One, whose love turns fear aside, will show us what to do.

P: Keep watch! The risen Christ is on the way! Amen.

Postlude *The Advent of Our God Is Nigh* arr. R. Warner
Marlene Dirksen