Prayer Concerns

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

This Week’s Birthdays

December 22  Mikenzie Dennis
December 23  Wayne Pullman
December 24  Jean Scothon

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December 20, 2020  Fourth Sunday of Advent

Welcome and Passing of the Peace
The light and hope of Christ live in each of us. The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  The Tender Mother  J.S. Bach
Marlene Dirksen

Introit  Be Joyful in the Lord  H. Hopson
Bells: Gabriela Martinez, Javier Gonzalez, Matias Gonzalez

Call to Worship with Lighting of Advent Candles  John Vas
L:  Host of Hosts, from sunrise to sunrise, and generation to generation, we are your people.
P:  You have been with us wherever we have gone. You will be with us wherever we may go.
L:  You planted us in a land flowing with milk and honey, then you planted our salvation in Mary’s womb.
P: Jesus, who is the Christ, is planted firmly in each one of us.
L: Our souls magnify the Holy One.
P: Our spirits rejoice in God, our Savior.
L: We light the candles of hope, peace, joy, and love.

Hymn Response   
*O Come, Come, Emmanuel* (vs. 4)   
UMH 211
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

Old Testament Reading   
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26

Unison Prayer   
(2 Samuel 7, Luke 1:26-38)
Beloved, Holy Lover, we welcome you to our house, the sacred space we have built to gather together as your people. Here we come to offer you our thanksgiving and praise in response to the abundance of your creation. Here we come to share with you our prayers of confession and petition, for they lie heavy on our hearts. Even knowing that you are here and everywhere, we come longing to hear you say, “I am with you always.” Amen.

Hymn   
*To a Maid Engaged to Joseph*   
UMH 215
(vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Message of Love   
“To a Maid Engaged to Joseph” (vv. 1, 2, 4, 5)

Special Music   
*A Son Is Given*   
John Purifoy
Soloist: Deb Chermonte

Prayers of the People
*Prayer Concerns* (back of bulletin)
*Pastoral Prayer*
*Prayer of Confession* (Luke 1:47-55)
L: Compassionate, Forgiving God, we trespass on your mercy and take your favor for granted.
P: We think only of ourselves.
L: We forget the lessons of those who came before us, and ignore our responsibility to those who will follow us.
P: We grow proud and seek power.
L: We do not see the destruction of our actions and how this distances us from you.
P: We do not recognize our hunger for what it is, or where it leads us.
L: We grow faint.
P: Bring us home to you, Merciful Beloved.
L: We do not see the destruction of our actions and how this distances us from you.

Words of Assurance   
(Luke 1:47-55)
The Holy One forgives and bestows favor on each of us, even and especially when we are lowly in spirit. We are blessed from generation to generation by the Mighty One, whose strength and mercy are forever.

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 Reading   
Luke 1:26-38

Hymn   
*Hark! the Herald Angels Sing*   
UMH 240

Sermon   
“Nothing Will Be Impossible with God”   
Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

Hymn   
*Like a Child*   
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Benediction   
L: Be strengthened according to the proclamation of Jesus Christ.
P: Go, do all that you have in mind, for the Holy One is with you.
All: Nothing is impossible with God.

Postlude   
*Angels from the Realms of Glory*   
arr. H. Smart