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
Our condolences to the family of John Weinert following his passing
Viola C.
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.
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.
Keith A.
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
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF
Matthew F., USAF

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Welcome and Passing of the Peace
The presence and peace of God and Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Ministries and Missions Announcements

Prelude  O Jesus So Sweet  arr. R. Werner
Marlene Dirksen

Voice of the Text:
Call to Worship

L:  From the stillness of the blessed night of Jesus’ birth
P:  We come before You, O God, in praise and thanksgiving.
L:  From the astounding news sung to the shepherds
P:  We thank You for the gift of Your Son.
L:  Let our hearts keep the joy and peace of Christmas always.
P:  Let our spirits rejoice in God’s presence with us.
L:  Fill us with Your love, O God.
P:  Pour your peace upon us that we may be bearers of Your Good News.
ALL: Amen!

This Week’s Birthdays and Anniversaries

December 27  Christopher Homola
December 29  Liz Lavelle
December 29  Anita & James Bridges
December 31  Ellie & Jim Yager

December 29  John Wolter
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Worship with us online:
https://youtu.be/BpFYZPs4x3g
Old Testament Reading  Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Unison Prayer
Lord of mercy and joy, you have given to us the blessing of your Son Jesus who will make known your presence, forgiveness, and love to each one of us. Be with us this day and keep our hearts and minds open to receive your love and peace. Enable each of us to be people of joy and hope as we encounter others. We ask this in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Hymn  Love Came Down at Christmas  UMH 242

Prayers of the People
Prayer Concerns (back of bulletin)
Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession
We confess, O God, that we are not ready to move on from the experience of Christmas, even as unusual as it was this year. So much time was spent sending gifts and cards, decorating our homes, and preparing for ways to safely connect with family and friends. But somehow, right after Christmas Day, we feel a letdown. We don’t want the goodness of it to be over. We want to feel the “peace on earth” feeling, but we push it aside when we falter with complaining and blaming others for everything that is going wrong. We ignore the blessing of the gift of Jesus when we refuse to help those in need. Move us, Lord! Get us ready to be people of compassion and hope. Wake us up, Lord! Help us see the beauty and possibilities of peace around us. Fill us up, Lord! Fill us to overflowing with joy. Let our words, thoughts, and actions speak of your love for us. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Words of Assurance
Behold! God has given God’s Son that we might have life—new, vital, and sparkling! Feel the wondrous power and love of God in your heart this day and know that God is with you always.

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.

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.


Hymn  There’s a Song in the Air  UMH 249

Sermon  “Waiting for Jesus and Looking Forward”  Will Jones

Hymn  The Snow Lay on the Ground  TFWS 2093

Benediction
We have been given the Great Light, which has come into the world! This light of peace and hope, joy and love, shines on us, in us, and through us, to all whom we meet! Go now in peace, and let the light of God’s great love go with you! Amen.

Postlude  Cold December Flies Away  arr. W. Held
Marlene Dirksen