

**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**

December 6 Jan Reed	December 11 Barb Schurr
December 10 John Solt	

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**December 6, 2020** Second 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** *Of the Father's Love Begotten* arr. Wilbur Held  
Marlene Dirksen

**Introit** *Prepare the Way of the Lord*  
Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Call to Worship with Lighting of Advent Candles** (Psalm 85) Janis Jarvis

L: Let us hear what God will speak, for the Holy One speaks peace to the people, to the faithful, and to all who turn to God in their hearts.

P: **Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet. Righteousness and peace will embrace.**

L: Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness

will look down from the sky.

**P: The Holy One will give what is good, and we will bring our praise and song.**

L: We light the first and second candles of hope and peace.

**Old Testament Reading** Isaiah 40:1-11

**Hymn Response** *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* (v. 2) UMH 211

**Unison Prayer** (Isaiah 40, Psalm 85, 2 Peter 3)

**God of winter and starlight, you have promised us your presence: to live among us, to right all wrongs, to bring good things to all who wait for your new day. In these dark days, we look for signs of your coming: the sounds of children at play, the music that fills our hearts with anticipation, the company of all who serve the last and the least. Make us at home with righteousness, that we may be ready to walk in your holy ways. Amen.**

**Special Music** *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Tune: Picardy  
Flute Solo: Nancy Driftmyer

**Message of Peace** “What Christmas Means to Me This Year”

**Prayers of the People**

**Prayer Concerns** (back of bulletin)

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Prayer of Confession** (Isaiah 40, Psalm 85)

**God of love and kindness, you have promised to renew our lives, to be with us in a new heaven and new earth—a realm where steadfast love and faithfulness embrace forever. We are afraid of your promised coming. We cling to rules we understand: the rules of privilege and power. We are afraid of a world of true justice and peace, afraid that you will change the way things have always been. As we wait for you to live among us, we confess our unwillingness to see that you have always been here.**

**Words of Assurance** (Isaiah 40, Psalm 85)

L: In God’s love and mercy, we are given each new day for the healing of the world. In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.

**P: In the name of Christ, you are forgiven.**

**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** Mark 1:1-8

**Hymn** *All Earth Is Waiting* UMH 210

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Sermon** “Preparing a Way in 2020” Rev. Hoyte Wilhelm

**Sacrament of Holy Communion**

**Hymn** *Blessed Be the God of Israel* UMH 209

Vocalist: Gabriela Martinez; Pianist: Javier Gonzalez

**Benediction** (Isaiah 40, Mark 1)

L: Go out to a world that hungers for righteousness. Prepare the highway for our God: make ready the paths of peace.

**P: Amen.**

**Postlude** *Prepare the Royal Highway* James Mansfield  
Marlene Dirksen