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
Barbara B.
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.
Scott, Barb L.’s brother-in-law
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
Matthew F., USAF
Lt. Col Bill G., USMC
Christopher Y., USAF

This Week’s Birthdays

January 4  Brenda Forsberg
January 4  Benjamin Tidmore
January 7  Tom Mayne
January 7  Kim Delfing
January 9  James Bridges

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January 3, 2021  Epiphany Sunday/Second Sunday after Christmas Day

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  The Shepherds Farewell
Hector Berlioz
Marlene Dirksen

Call to Worship
L:  Arise, shine, for your light has come!
P:  The glory of the Lord has risen upon us!
L:  Like sages from afar, come and behold your Christ!
P:  Let us fall on our knees in his honor! Let us lift our voices in praise of his name!

New Testament Reading  Ephesians 1:3-14
Unison Prayer
God of our hopes, Christ of our faith, Spirit in our hearts, we come to worship you with joy and gladness. Your goodness knows no limits of generation or gender, of condition or citizenship. You are kind to all, and we worship you in all sincerity; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn      Christ Is the World's Light  UMH 188
(vv. 1, 2, 4)

Prayers of the People

Prayer List (back of bulletin)

Pastoral Prayer

Prayer of Confession
All glorious God, we have faith in Jesus Christ and love towards your people, yet we are not without blemish in your sight, not full of love, wisdom, and other spiritual blessings you still have available for us. Our love is not as inclusive as yours, and there is much we need to learn. Give us clearer vision of all that we are meant to be, so that by becoming fulfilled, we may increase the glory that is properly revealed in Jesus Christ, your beloved. Amen.

Words of Assurance
L: Friends, hear the Good News! The liberator has come to free us from all proud pretenses.
P: The Christ has come in Jesus of Nazareth to show us the undeserved favor of God.
L: Friends, believe the Good News!
P: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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.

Gospel Reading
John 1:1-18

Hymn      We Three Kings  UMH 254
(vv. 1, 2, 5)

Sermon      “Blinded by the Light”     Rev. Joel Chermonte

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn      Blest Be the Tie That Binds  UMH 557

Benediction
O Christ, we know that the gifts of our hands are no substitute for the loyalty of our lives. Enable us to serve your creation as we have worshiped you, with ourselves as well as our gifts. Amen.

Postlude      Wise Men Seeking Jesus  Franklin Ritter
Marlene Dirksen