

Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.

The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than on this "online" bulletin.

You may contact **Pastor Lance Wiesmann** or the church office concerning any needs for prayer. You may also email prayer requests.

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Prayer Concerns will remain for two weeks unless otherwise requested.

Sermon Notes

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Welcome to OPC!

Poinsettias are provided by members of the congregation

GATHERING

Welcome

One: This is the day that the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements

Call to Worship

One: We gather wondering, 'Where will we find the Babe born in Bethlehem?'

All: We will find the Babe in the laughter of children, in the wisdom of grandparents.

One: We gather asking, 'where will we find the Child of Christmas?'

All: We will find the Child where the needy are gifted with hope, where the oppressed are set free.

One: We gather wanting to know, 'where will we find the Christ who has come for us?'

All: We will find our Hope where fear is overwhelmed by grace, where hatred is overwhelmed by love, where all people are overwhelmed by joy.

Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* #151

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

All: Gracious God, we would like to be among those who saw the coming of the Christ Child, those who dropped all that they were doing and traveled to worship the coming of God's love into this world. We would like to be those who cared for God in infant vulnerability; who tickled and cuddled and comforted

the growing child, that he might know love and safety. And yet, merciful God, we must recognize all the times we are more like Herod. Whenever we, in our actions or in our inactions, find our own need for control more compelling than the needs of others for health and safety. Whenever we cling to the security of our privilege, rather than standing up for the rights of the oppressed. Whenever we are complicit in the harming of innocents for the sake of profit, or power, or because we fear to know, and to change, the injustices of this world. Loving God, we confess our sins against you and one another, and pray that you will fill us with your light, that we may live our lives as true disciples in your name, without counting the cost. In the name of Christ, the one who showed us the way, we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer

One: Amen

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: God's light is present in this world. Present in the Christ child, born to lead us out of darkness. Present in the star, in all that guides us to love.

All: God's light is in the world, and the darkness did not overcome it. God's grace is in the world, and our mis-steps will not overcome it. We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Gloria Patri

1st Scripture reading Psalm 148

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

THE WORD

Time with the Kids

Prayer for Illumination

2nd Scripture reading Matthew 2:1-13

One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Search Diligently"

Pastor Lance Wiesmann

RESPONSE

Hymn *Love Has Come* #110

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

The Doxology *Glory to God* #583

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Hymn *Joy to the World* #134

Charge & Benediction

The Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Please share the peace with one another.

Announcements

Happy New Year!!

A gentle reminder: We will not have Sunday School today.

2023 Liturgist, Coffee, Nursery and Flower Signup sheets are now on the bulletin board for anyone that would like to volunteer to help with these things.

The Annual Congregational Meeting/Potluck will be held on Sunday, January 29th. Please have your reports to me by Wednesday, January 18th 😊

An updated church directory will go out in January. Please get any changes/updates to the church office ASAP.



Christmas Poinsettias are provided by the following members in memory of the following people.

Gillian Holzhauser-Graber

Rev. Dr. Emil & Charlotte Holzhauser
Dr. Virgil Graber

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