

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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Announcements Cont.

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held after worship (& a potluck lunch) today. Please plan to stay.

February newsletter articles are due tomorrow, January 30, to the office.

Confirmation classes will be beginning soon for four of our kids. If you are interested in being a "faith mentor," please see Pastor Lance at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

Each year our local congregation must pay an "apportionment" to the PCUSA. This "per capita" is an amount based on the number of active members in our congregation. For the year 2023, the per capita for each active member is \$38.60. The amount per individual doesn't seem like much, but when it's multiplied by the number of members on the church's active membership list, the number grows quickly. These amounts are used to pay the expenses of the various governing bodies of our denomination. We appreciate your help in defraying this yearly cost.

2023 OPC Directories are now available on the table in the entryway.

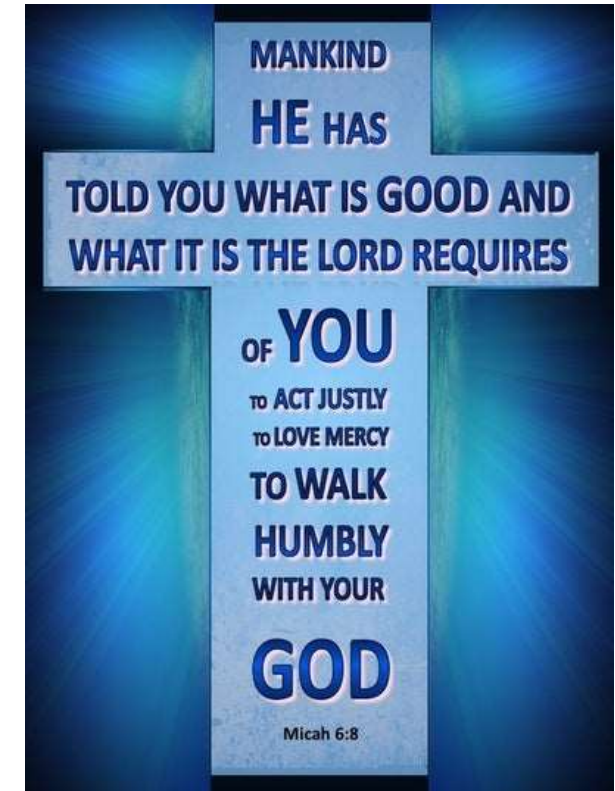
Sermon Notes

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Welcome to OPC!

Flowers this morning are provided by the Beckmans.

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: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gathers the poor of the earth.

All: Glorious is our God, who wipes away the tears of sorrow.

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives inheritance to the meek.

All: Glorious is our God, who satisfies the hunger of the just.

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who gives mercy to the merciful.

All: Glorious is our God, who gives vision to the pure in heart.

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who adopts the peacemakers.

All: Glorious is our God, who lifts high the persecuted.

One: Wonderful is the God of Christ, who finds the lost.

All: Glorious is our God, who awakens the dead.

Hymn *Jesus Be With Us* Insert

Call to Confession

Responsive Prayer of Confession

One: Blessed are we when we let go of possessions for the kingdom of God unfolds in open places.

All: Woe to us when we gather into barns for soon this life will be over.

One: Blessed are we who know the ache of hunger for the empty places in body and soul are the fertile soil for new growth.

All: Woe to us who fill our lives to capacity for we fail to recognize what is missing.

One: Blessed are we who know sorrow for the ache of love lost is witness to the seed planted.

All: Woe to us who have yet to know the pain of grief for the fullness of love is woven with sorrow.

One: Blessed are we who know scorn for the rejection of humans keeps us mindful of that beyond.

All: Woe to us who depend on the approval of others for to dance with Spirit appears foolish.

One: Blessed are we who live in the harmony of life in the Spirit.

All: For we will recognize abundance. Amen.

Silent Prayer

One: Amen

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

One: Our God's love for each of us in unknowable and unsearchable. It manifests in ways that are beyond comprehension.

All: God's love blesses us in miraculous ways every day of our lives. We are loved, we are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.

Gloria Patri

1st Scripture reading Micah 6:1-8

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 5:1-12

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Blessed" Pastor Lance Wiesmann

RESPONSE

Hymn *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* #187

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer

Call to Offering

The Doxology #606

Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

Hymn *Blest Are They* #172

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

The OPW (Ottawa Presbyterian Women) will meet on Saturday, Feb. 4, at 9:30 a.m. at church. Coffee and coffee cake will be provided. Come and help us plan for the year ahead!