

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.

The Annual Putnam Pet Pals Quarter Auction will be at the Ottawa VFW Post on Fri., 3/31 at 7 pm. We will also have the Red Hot Purse Raffle and a raffle for a patio table and chairs. For more info. visit the Putman Pet Pal Facebook page or contact Lynne Hirzel.

If anyone would like to decorate the sanctuary with Easter flowers, a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board. Deadline to sign up is 4/4. Please specify if in HONOR of or in MEMORY of.

Maundy Thursday, 4/6, we will have a soup and salad supper beginning at 6 pm, followed by a worship service at 7 pm. The Prayer Vigil starts at 9 pm and runs through noon on Good Friday in 1 ½ hr slots. A sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board if you would like to pray during any of those hours either at home or at church.

Good Friday Service will be held on Friday, 4/7 at 7 pm.

Sermon Notes

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J.R.R. TOLKIEN

“All that is gold does not glitter,
not all those who wander are lost; the old
that is strong does not wither, deep roots
are not reached by the frost. From the
ashes a fire shall be woken, a light from
the shadows shall spring; renewed shall
be blade that was broken, the crownless
again shall be king.”

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Ottawa Presbyterian Church
5th Sunday in Lent
March 26, 2023

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Welcome to OPC!

Flowers are provided by the Myers this morning.

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

GATHERING

Welcome

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

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Announcements

Unison Call to Worship

All: Holy God, Creator of Life, you call us out of our dark places, offering us the grace of new life. When we see nothing but hopelessness, you surprise us with the breath of your spirit. Call us out of our complacency and routines, set us free from our self-imposed bonds, and fill us with your spirit of life, compassion, and peace. In the name of Jesus, your anointed one, we pray. Amen.

*Hymn *Spirit of God, Descend... (vs. 1, 4, 5)* #688

*Call to Confession

*Unison Prayer of Confession

All: Lent's days are winding down, Merciful God, and we are no closer to having contrite hearts. Our small complaints still loom large, and we don't hurry to show mercy, or rush to be kind. The old habits of Fat Tuesday are still alluring, and we resist the emptiness of the desert that reveals you – the places where you make yourself known to us, where you wait in the quiet for us to be ready, still feel alien. Yet, Loving God, we come to you, trying to lose our lives for the life you offer, seeking the wisdom of our brother Jesus, hoping to be blown open by the Spirit.

Bring us fully into your Lenten gifts, we pray, and accept the Lenten gifts we offer you. Amen.

Silent Prayer

One: Amen

*Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri #581

1st Scripture reading John 11:1-16

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Choir Anthem *My Shepherd*

THE WORD

Time with the Kids

Prayer for Illumination

2nd Scripture reading John 11:17-45

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Broken Blades"
Pastor Lance Wiesmann

RESPONSE

*Hymn *Now the Green Blade Rises (vs. 1 & 4)* #247

Joys & Concerns

Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer pg.35

Call to Offering

*The Doxology *We Give Thee but Thine Own* #708

*Prayer of Dedication

SENDING

*Hymn *How Firm a Foundation (vs. 1, 4, 5)* #463

*Responsive Charge & Benediction

One: Come out! Jesus commands,

All: And calls us from the tombs of our existence into the brightness of a new day.

One: Come out! Jesus cries,

All: And unbinds us from the chains of our past.

One: Come out! Jesus calls,

All: And entices us into a world filled with grace and possibility.

One: So: Go out!

All: Into a world that needs our life, our breath, our spirit!

One: Go out!

All: Into a world that needs the Spirit of God, carried on our lips and in our loving arms.

One: Go out!

All: Into the world to live as God's resurrected people!

One: Go out: and go on the breath of God's holy wind!

*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

Welcome to the fifth Sunday in Lent 2023!

April Newsletter Articles are due to the office by tomorrow, Monday, March 27th.

Next Sunday is Palm Sunday. There will be a breakfast potluck at 9 am, followed by an egg hunt and then worship at 10 am. No Sunday School. If you would like to help in any way for the breakfast (food, cleanup, etc), a sign-up sheet is posted on the bulletin board.