

## 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 the church office concerning any needs for prayer. You may also email prayer requests.

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### Announcements Cont.

December is OPC month to help at Food Pantry. The Mondays of December 11 & 18 starting at 9 am, volunteers are needed to help sort/pickup/put away food. The Tuesdays of December 12 & 19 from 9 am – 1 pm, volunteers are needed to help customers. Please signup on sheets on bulletin board if you are able to help.

Putnam Pet Pals will again this year be having a poinsettia sale fundraiser. The plants are one for \$15 or two for \$25, and can be purchased from Lynne Hirzel. The available colors are red, white, and pink. The plants will be delivered to the church in early December, unless the purchaser would like to pick up the plant him/herself from Indian Trails Garden Center in Columbus Grove. We truly appreciate any support in this fundraiser!

## Notes

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Ottawa Presbyterian Church  
December 3, 2023  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

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## Welcome to OPC!

\*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.  
*We welcome Rev. Tom Steensma this morning!*

### GATHERING

#### Welcome

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy. For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great sovereign over all the earth.

All: He subdues peoples under us, and nations under our feet. He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

#### Call to Worship

One: Sing praises to our God, sing praises. Sing praises to our sovereign, sing praises.

All: For God is king over all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

One: God is sovereign over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

All: Let us worship God.

#### Announcements

Lighting of the Advent Candle *The Gerding Family*

\*Hymn *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* #132

#### \*Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

All: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, and we have rebelled against your love. We have not loved our neighbors, and we have been slow to hear the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful

obedience we pray; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

#### *Silent Prayer*

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

\*Gloria Patri #581

#### Prayer for Illumination

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading Psalm 80:1-9

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem *A Little Child Will Come to Lead Us*

### THE WORD

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading Luke 2:1-7

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Travelling Incognito"  
Rev. Tom Steensma

### RESPONSE

\*Hymn *All Hail to God's Anointed* #149

#### Joys & Concerns

#### Morning Prayer/Lord's Prayer

#### Call to Offering

#### \*The Offering

\*The Doxology #606  
*Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*

#### \*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

Pizza, Christmas caroling, decorating the tree and fellowship/lots of fun will be held today, starting at 4 pm, here at the church.

If you would like to decorate the sanctuary with a poinsettia, please signup on the sheet posted on bulletin board by tomorrow, Monday, December 4<sup>th</sup>. Specify if it is in Memory or in Honor of someone. Please have your poinsettia to the church by Friday, December 8 by noon.

Choir will have practice on Thursday, December 7, at 7:30 pm.

Senior Citizens Christmas bags are due back on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup>.

Session will meet next Sunday, December 10, at Katrina's home.

A signup sheet is now posted for Advent readers. A family/person is needed for the Sunday morning service on 12/24.