

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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Ottawa Presbyterian Church
December 17, 2023
3rd Sunday of Advent

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Welcome to OPC!

Poinsettias are provided by the congregation.

*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 Candles

Gillian Holzhauser-Graber

*Hymn *Angels from the Realms of Glory* #143

*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

Choir Anthem *We Want to be Ready*

Prayer for Illumination

THE WORD

1st Scripture Reading Matthew 2:1-12

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Waiting to Be Surprised"
Rev. Tom Steensma

RESPONSE

*Hymn *The First Nowell* (vs 1 – 5) #147

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

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Great Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: It is truly right...to the glory of your name:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

One: Christ is the bread of life.

All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

One: Gracious God...now and forever.

All: Amen.

One: We are bold to pray:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven...

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

All: Thanks be to God.

One: The body of Christ, given for you.

All: Amen.

One: The blood of Christ, shed for you.

All: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

One: God...he is Lord now and forever.

All: Amen.

SENDING

*Hymn *We Three Kings of Orient Are* #151

*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

We need 8-9 people for the scripture lessons for the Christmas Eve service. Please let Kate know if you would like to read.

Volunteers are needed for the worship service on January 7 to help with Joys and Concerns, Children talk and anything else? Lifewise will be here that Sunday and help is needed with the various parts of the service. Please let Kate or Andrea know if you're willing to help.

December is OPC month to help at Food Pantry. Monday, December 18 starting at 9 am, volunteers are needed to help sort/pickup/put away food. Tuesday, December 19 from 9 am – 1 pm, volunteers are needed to help customers. Please sign up on sheets on bulletin board if you are able to help.

Choir will have practice on Thursday, December 21, at 7:30 pm.

There will be no Sunday School next Sunday, December 24th. The Christmas Eve Service will be only in the morning beginning at 10 am.

If anyone has any January newsletter articles, please submit them to the office this week.

We will continue to collect food/canned goods for the Ottawa Food Pantry this month. Food items may be placed under the Christmas Giving Tree in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for continuing to support this important mission!

Decorated Christmas Trees will be on display at the Putnam County District Library from December 2 through December 27 during library hours.

The Christmas Poinsettias are provided by the following members in Memory of or in Honor of the following people.

Amy Dunnett Kohler	In Honor of James & Carolyn Dunnett
Barteck Family	Loved Ones
Hirzel Family	Loved Ones
Kaufman Family	Loved Ones
Myers Family	Loved Ones
Riepenhoff Family	Loved Ones

