# 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, or you may also email prayer requests to <a href="mailto:prayercircle@ottawapresby.org">prayercircle@ottawapresby.org</a> or <a href="mailto:amyremaklus@yahoo.com">amyremaklus@yahoo.com</a>.

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And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man. Lake 251-52

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#### Welcome to OPC!

Poinsettias are provided by the congregation. \*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**

Call to Worship

One: Hannah came before God, the bearer of all life, to pray for her son Samuel, and Mary came before God to pray for her son Jesus.

All: We come before God to pray for all God's children everywhere, of all ages, races, genders, walks of life, nationalities, cultures, and religions,

One: for those who long for the boundless love of God,

All: for those who hope for the coming of God's peace.

One: The Lord God created all things beautiful and good and loves all children everywhere more than we can ever know.

All: Let us worship our God and sing our glad songs of praise!

\*Hymn From All That Dwell Below the Skies #327

\*Invitation to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

All: God of the ages, you know the sins of our deepest hearts – the ways we turn from you, the ways we harm others in your name, and the ways we dishonor your graceful name. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we, like the priest Eli, fail to hear

the warnings of your prophets. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we act like Eli's sons, abhorring your creation. We know there are certainly times in our lives when we deserve punishment, and you instead provide, as you always have, your love, kindness, and grace. Forgive us, O God, for the times when we take for granted your forgiving heart.

\*Silent Prayer: Amen

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Glory to God #582 Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

## THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

1<sup>st</sup> Scripture Reading 1 Samuel 2:18-26 (NIV)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Time with Kids Rev. Amy

2<sup>nd</sup> Scripture Reading Luke 2:41-52 (NIV) One: The Word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Great Expectations" Rev. Amy

## **RESPONSE**

\*Hymn Child (People) of Blessing #486 Replace the word child with people. People of blessing, people of promise...

Prayers of Joy & Concern

All: To God be all the praise and glory! Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastoral Prayer for the New Year

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory for ever and ever.

Call to Offering on screen

\*The Doxology #606 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures here below. Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

## **SENDING**

\*Closing Hymn #849 Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

\*Benediction & Charge

\*Sharing the Peace

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

All: And also with you.

One: Please share signs of peace.

#### **Announcements**

January 2025 newsletter articles will be due to the office by January 2, 9am.

New Year Prayer will be December 31, at 10pm. on Zoom, and New Year's Day at 12am., 10am, and 8pm on Zoom. (See the Announcements Recap on bulletin board for Zoom information.)

Session retreat will be next Sunday, January 5, following worship.

January 12 youth meeting following worship. For all youth and their parents, lunch will be provided.

Our next congregational meeting and conversation will be held January 26, following worship. Please get all the annual report information to the office by Friday, January 17<sup>th</sup>.

A new directory will be forthcoming in January/February. Please get new corrections to the office in January.

We are in search of a new Nursery worker. The Job description is posted on the bulletin board. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact Victoria Otto at 419-230-7292 or Rev. Amy at 419-890-9145.

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

Hirzel Family Loved Ones

Johnson Family Loved Ones

Kaufman Family Loved Ones

Myers Family Loved Ones

Riepenhoff Family Loved Ones

Gillian H. Husband & Parents