

Prayer List

We protect the confidential nature of our prayer requests.

The complete list of requested prayers is provided during worship rather than in this "online" bulletin.

You may contact the church office concerning any needs for prayer, or you may also email prayer requests to prayercircle@ottawapresby.org.

Announcements Cont.

We will be holding a Congregational Conversation with PIZZA on September 28, immediately following worship. This conversation is an opportunity for us to hear your thoughts on the possibility of a future shared ministry. We'll discuss important topics such as: ** Are you open to having a shared pastor with another church?*

** Are you willing to have a later morning or evening worship service to accommodate travel time for a shared pastor?*

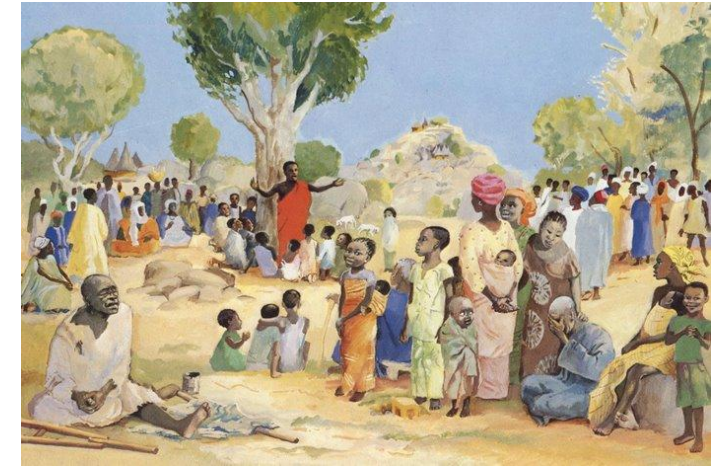
** Would you be willing to try a worship service every other week with a Zoom service on alternate weeks?*

** Would you be open to recording the message at one church, and playing it at the second church in the future?* Your input is valuable as we consider these important decisions for our church's future. We hope that you will be able to attend!

Building Entry: If anyone still has old fashion keys the doors are going to be updated with new locks and those old keys will not work. Session needs to have a Fob/door entry policy: i.e. -list for fobs, who to contact if you lose the fob, what if your fob doesn't work, etc. We plan to discuss this at the Congregational conversation on September 28

following church. Session would like the congregation's input.

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Welcome to OPC!

Flowers are provided by the Beckmans this morning.

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

We welcome Leslee Kirkconnell this morning!

GATHERING

Welcome

One: Let every tongue confess the good news:

All: Jesus Christ is Lord; glory to God!

Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 18:1-3

One: We love you, O Lord, our strength.

All: The Lord is our rock, our fortress, and our deliverer.

One: The Lord is our God, our rock in whom we take refuge.

All: The Lord is our shield, and the horn of our salvation, our stronghold.

One: We call upon the Lord.

All: The Lord who is worthy to be praised. Let us worship God together!

*Hymn *Praise My Soul, the God of Heaven* #619

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: O God, we are ambivalent in our commitment to your kingdom. We continue to define ourselves by what we have rather than what we give. We long to put our lives in your hands but are afraid to give up the illusion of control. Have mercy on us, O God. Commit us to a joy that comes not from holding life tightly, but from opening our hearts and hands to serve you.

*Silent Prayer: Amen

*Words of Assurance

*Glory to God #582 & On screen

THE WORD

Old Testament Reading Psalm 113

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Time with Kids Leslee Kirkconnell

New Testament Reading Luke 16:1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Smart for What is Right"
Leslee Kirkconnell

RESPONSE

Affirmation of Faith: The Apostle's Creed(unison)*
On screen

*Hymn #299
You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Prayers of Joy & Concern

All: To God be all the praise and glory!

Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Lord's Prayer

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

Call to Offering

*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 #716

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending

*Benediction & Charge

The Peace

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

All: And also with you.

One: Let us share signs of peace.

Announcements

The month of October needs liturgists. A liturgist script is provided, (emailed in advance and a hardcopy is put on the pulpit stand) and it's only the beginning of the service. Everything is written out and labeled, and it's an easy thing to do. Any age that can read confidently can volunteer.

Session will meet on September 24 at 7pm.

Have any favorite hymns? Next Sunday, September 28, we will have a Hymn Sing Sunday! If you have any favorites that you would like to sing that day, please let either Beth or Lynne know. Depending on how many requests we have, we may be only able to sing one or two verses from each hymn, so if you have a favorite verse that you'd like to sing, make note of that. Please get hymns to them TODAY.

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