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

Many thanks to Charlie Doepker for sharing his musical gifts this morning.

Our liturgist today is Andee Parker and our elder on duty is Marge Roberts.

Today we honor, celebrate and dedicate those God has called to help nurture us on Sunday mornings though the ministry of teaching: Victoria Otto – Preschool, Carrie Johnson & Nancy Kaufman – Elementary, Becky Riepenhoff – Youth, Stan Beckman & Paul Baransy – Adults, Leslee Kirkconnell – Adults (weekday). We learn and grow in the faith through worship, teaching, and talking about faith at home. Please keep these teachers in your prayers this year, that their faith may be strengthened through their work and that all of us will grow more into the image of Christ as we learn.

A Bible Study on the book of Romans will begin tomorrow, September 14, from 6:30-8pm. Books are not necessary for the class, however if one is desired, they can be ordered.

Session will meet on Wednesday, September 16th.

Soup & Pie Day: Lunch in the Park on September 17, from 11am-2pm at Putnam County Senior Citizens Center. Vegetable and Ham & Bean Soup, pulled pork sandwich platter and homemade pies.

Communion Workship: Saturday, October 3, in Fellowship Hall, at 10am. ALL FAMILIES with children preschool through youth are welcome. We will play some games, study the Bible, learn about the sacrament, make communion bread and have pizza! A parent must accompany all children, as a way to continue conversations at home (Leslee will have materials). So adequate planning happens, please let the office know how many will attend by Wednesday, September 30. Families should also look for direct communication from Leslee. (Fun 'spoiler' the children/youth in the workshop will on Sunday present the communion bread during worship!)

On October 4, we will collect World Communion Offering. Our gifts will support reconciliation, peacemaking and global education.

Rekindle Retreat at Kirkmont is November 6-8. All youth in 6th -12th grade are invited. Registration is available on the presbytery website - https://maumeevp.org/news-events/. Deadline is October 31. See Ashley Roberts with questions.

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Welcome to OPC!

Flowers this morning are provided by the Baransy's.

*The Congregation stands if able in body or spirit.

Prelude

GATHERING

Welcome

One: As we gather to worship and share table, let us remember our God who calls us together. It is right that you are here today!

All: Amen.

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Call to Worship *(from Psalm 103)*

One: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

All: Bless God's holy name.

One: God forgives. God heals. God transforms with steadfast love.

All: Bless God's holy name. Let us bless and worship the Lord together!

*Hymn *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* #620

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

All: Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationship, and be transformed through your steadfast love. *(Silent prayer)*

*Words of Assurance/Passing the Peace

One: The Peace of Christ be with you all!

All: And also with you.

*Response *Glory Be to the Father* #581

THE WORD

Prayer of Illumination

1st Scripture Reading Psalm 103:1-13

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Time with Kids *Response on screen*

2nd Scripture Reading Matthew 18:21-35

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Forgiveness Fits Faulty Folks" Leslee K.

RESPONSE

*Hymn *Just as I Am* #442

The Lord's Supper

*The 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: Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

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: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: This we ask in the name of Jesus, the Joy of the World, who taught us to pray, saying,

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

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

All: Thanks be to God.

Serving of the People

(Please hold the elements until all are served)

Prayer following Communion

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

*Hymn *Amazing Grace* #649

*Charge & Benediction

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