

PRAYER WORKS: A ministry of prayer and care

Prayer Works is a weekly publication highlighting prayer requests of the Philadelphia congregation. Updates may be made via the Prayer Board in the narthex or by e-mail at philadelphialuth@charter.net Prayers will remain on list four weeks unless updated. Please get permission before sharing someone else's prayer concern (1-9-2022)

HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE

Claude Coffey.....Home
 Jean Keener.....Kingston Residence
 Don & Joyce Kirkpatrick.....Home
 Susan Laney.....At son's home

ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS

Mike F.....Health Issues
 Joan S.....Health Issues
 Kim S.....Joan Sherrill's Daughter-in-Law.....Cancer
 Pamela.....Rodney Setzer's Daughter....Breast Cancer

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Earl Cook.....Church Triumphant 12/21/2021
 Evelyn Phillips's Brother

**FOR THE RECORD
 JANUARY 9, 2022**

Sunday School	14
Worship	35
General Fund Offering	2035.00
Building Fund	50.00
Bound Conscience	25.00
Other Contributions	190.00
Total Contributions	\$2300.00

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 Crucifer..... Kathy Fox
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 Altar Guild..... Ron & Lisa Herman

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN CHURCH
 "CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE"
 JANUARY 16, 2022**

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We welcome you to our service today! May God richly bless you as you worship here. If you are visiting for the first time this morning, we ask that you please sign the guest register found in the front entrance of the church.

Jesus did this,
 the first
 of his signs,
 in Cana
 of Galilee

JOHN 2:11



ENCOUNTER GOD

GATHERING: *The Holy Spirit gathers us in Christ's name!*

**(You are invited to stand, facing the procession of the cross.)*

***GATHERING SONGS: "MAJESTY"**

Majesty, worship His majesty, Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise.

Majesty, kingdom authority flow from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.

So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus. Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the King.

Majesty, worship His majesty, Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all Kings!

Pastor: With one voice let us pray.....

Lord God, source of every blessing, you showed forth your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son, who brought gladness and salvation to his people. Transform us by the Spirit of his love, that we may find our life together in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

**(Denotes when congregation stands.)*
(Bold italicized print denotes when congregation speaks.)

Witness

The prayer team will meet Wednesday, January 19th at 10:30 a.m. in the church library.



The offering envelopes have not arrived as of the date of the bulletin being printed. You may use your 2021 envelopes, an envelope of your own, or there are some on the table in the narthex. You may write your offering number on the plain envelope. If you do not know your number, there is a numbered list and you will receive credit for your offering. Just be sure to write your name on the envelope. **The 2021 offering statements have been printed and are on the table in the narthex.**

If the envelopes arrive after the bulletin is printed and they can be ready for pickup on Sunday, the Friday email will include this information.

If you are planning on submitting an article for the February newsletter, please submit them by Wednesday, January 19th.



Serve

**2 Ask and it shall be given unto you;
Seek and you shall find;
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

**3 We do not live by bread... alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.**

***BLESSING**

God, who leads you in pathways of righteousness,
who rejoices over you,
and who calls you by name,
✠ bless your going out and your coming in,
today and forever.
Amen.

***DISMISSAL-ASSISTING MINISTER**

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Charles & Martha Hallman by Kay Hallman Hatch*

*The sanctuary lamp is given to the glory of God and in honor of
our Philadelphia Lutheran Church Family by
Johnny & Lou Perry*

***MEDITATION AND CONFESSION**

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠one God,
who creates us,
redeems us,
and calls us by name.
Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination.)

Most merciful God,
**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.
We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.
We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.
We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.
Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.
For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.**

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.
Amen.**

Rejoice in this good news:

In ✠Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.
Amen

(The congregation may be seated.)

Believe

ASSISTING MINISTER: PSALM 36: 5-10 (2 X 2; CANTOR 2; CONGREGATION 2)

⁵Your love, O LORD, reaches to the heavens,
and your faithfulness to the clouds.

⁶Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;
you save humankind and animals, O LORD.

⁷**How priceless is your love, O God!**

All people take refuge under the shadow of your wings.

⁸**They feast upon the abundance of your house;**

you give them drink from the river of your delights.

⁹For with you is the well of life,
and in your light we see light.

¹⁰Continue your lovingkindness to those who know you,
and your favor to those who are true of heart.

LAY READER: FIRST READING

ISAIAH 62: 1-5

The people's return to Judah after the exile was marred by economic and political troubles. Nevertheless, the prophet declares, Jerusalem and Judah will be restored. God will rejoice over Jerusalem as a bridegroom rejoices over the bride, and the people are called to the celebration.

A reading from the sixty-second chapter of Isaiah

¹For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.

²The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the LORD will give.

³You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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*"Come and See the Glory of the Lord"

(The pastor sings the first two verses.)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room,
He took the bread and blessed it as he said..
"Here's my body broken for you".

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed. And then he said: "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sins away".

(Congregation joins in singing)

Come and see the glory of the Lord, come before the Lamb

Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him

For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth.

Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia....Lord!

Pastor: Come to God's table. There is a place for you and enough for all.

(Pastor will begin with Parking Lot Worshipers, then Sanctuary Worshipers.....after which we will commune as "one body in Christ.")

LORD'S PRAYER-SING

Our father in heaven, hallowed be your name,

Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread, forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING: (God blesses us and sends us with gifts of grace in mission to the world.)

*SENDING SONG: "SEEK YE FIRST"

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And its righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Al-le-lu, al-le-lu-ia.

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You see us for who we are and you delight in us. Embrace those struggling with self-worth, wrestling with self-identity, or facing significant life transition. Remind us that nothing can separate us from your love. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

You bless us through the spiritual gifts of the saints who have gone before us. We give thanks for the life of Martin Luther King Jr. and all who have modeled the way of courageous faith. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Pastor: Since we have such great hope in your promises, O God, we lift these and all of our prayers to you in confidence and faith; through Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** (We acknowledge one another with a bow or a nod...)
The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL: *(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ).*

OFFERING/NOISY OFFERING (Remain seated)
(Giving to those in need, is a sign of the giving of our whole selves in grateful response for all God's gifts.)

OFFERTORY "WE ARE AN OFFERING" ELW #692

We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices, Lord, use our hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you. We lift our voices, we lift our hands, we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering, we are an offering.

⁴You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the LORD delights in you,
and your land shall be married.

⁵For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

The word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

JOHN 2: 1-11

Turning water to wine at the wedding at Cana is described as the first of Jesus' signs. Through many such epiphanies, Jesus reveals that he bears God's creative power and joyful presence into the world.

The Holy Gospel according to the 2nd chapter of John

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ²Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." ⁶Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. ⁷Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. ⁹When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom ¹⁰and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The assembly is seated.)

Marriage Blessing for Brock and Jessica Woodie

***HYMN OF THE DAY “YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL”**

*You are my strength when I am weak,
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.
Seeking You as a precious jewel,
Lord, to give up, I'd be a fool;
You are my all in all.*

Refrain

*Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name!
Jesus, Lamb of God, worth is Your name!*

*Taking my sin, my cross, my shame,
Rising again I bless Your name;
You are my all in all.
When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all.
([Refrain –Sing twice)*

Pastor: And now as we respond to God’s Word, we confess our faith through the words of the Apostles’ Creed:

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED**

*I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again;*

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*He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Assisting Minister: The Spirit of the Lord is poured out upon us in abundance; so we are bold to pray for the church, the world, and all that God has made.

(A brief silence.....we kneel or sit.)

By your Spirit, activate within your church gifts of faith, healing, and prophecy. Unite those who profess your name across congregations, denominations, and geographic boundaries. Open our hearts to recognize and celebrate surprising miracles. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Your creation reflects your generosity. Bless farmers, migrant farmworkers, orchard-keepers, ranchers, and all who tend the abundance of the land. Protect food and water sources from destruction, that all can eat and drink and be satisfied. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

By your Spirit, grant wisdom, knowledge, and discernment to those who hold leadership positions at any level. Direct policymakers toward compassionate decisions that build up safe and just communities. Lead all authorities in seeking and serving the common good. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

As Jesus provided generously in a moment of need, provide generous gifts of healing for those in need this day. Provide abundantly for all who are hungry or thirsty, all seeking shelter, and all who seek peace. God of grace,
hear our prayer.

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