



Truly I will tell you,
whatever you did for
ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE
brothers and sisters of mine,
YOU DID FOR ME.

MATTHEW 25:40



ST. PETER'S CHURCH, WEST PENN

"...where worship and service don't stop with the final hymn."

Rev. Virginia M. Heimer, Pastor
Carol Steigerwalt, Director of Music

January 24, 2021 ~ Third Sunday after Epiphany
Virtual Worship Service ~ 9:00 AM

We Gather to Seek God's Presence

Prayer of Preparation

Christ, our King, you gave your life in making a covenant with us that we should be your people and you our King. Help us to serve you with nothing less than our lives. Amen.

Greeting/Announcements/Joys, Concerns & Prayer Updates

Prelude

"Upon This Rock"

~William and Gloria Gaither

Opening Prayer

We Acknowledge Our Brokenness and Seek God's Forgiveness

Call to Confession

(silence for reflection)

Prayer of Confession *(in unison)*

God of the universe, we confess that we forget your concern for everyone and everything because we are so attentive to ourselves, our own families, our own congregation, our own denomination, and our own country. Forgive our narrowness that ignores the magnitude of your reconciling work in Jesus Christ, work that goes out beyond our reaches; work that supports the whole human family. We pray in the name of Christ, our King. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Song of Praise

Children's Sermon

We Listen for God's Word to Us

The Reading of Scripture

The Gospel

Matthew 25: 31-46

(The Gospel is printed on the last page of the bulletin.)

The Sermon

Rev. Bruce Potteiger

We Take Time to Reflect

Special Music

"If I Can Help Somebody"

by A. Bazel Androzzo

~Offered by Carol Steigerwalt

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer *(in unison)*

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.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Postlude

"Jesus Calls Us" ~Cecil F. Alexander and William H. Jude

Benediction

Choral Benediction



We welcome Pastor Bruce Potteiger to share the good news about *Food for the Poor*. Pastor Bruce has served our Lord in 40 years of parish ministry in the ELCA. His ministry was spent in Northeast Pennsylvania. He has been on over 30 mission trips with his parish churches, rebuilding homes throughout the United States, and has most recently visited Haiti and Nicaragua with *Food for the Poor*.

Over the past 38 years *Food for the Poor*, a Christian based nonprofit organization, has worked in 17 countries in the Caribbean Islands and Latin America, working with local pastors to serve the poor and spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Over 94% of all gifts including donated goods, go directly to help the poor, providing not only food but also emergency relief, clean water, medicines, educational material, building homes, micro-enterprise projects, prison ministry, support of orphans and the aged. We welcome Pastor Bruce and encourage your support in the ministry of *Food for the Poor*.

**ALL IN-PERSON CHURCH SERVICES, ACTIVITIES AND EVENTS HAVE
BEEN CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THE CHURCH BOARD WILL MEET TODAY AND WILL MAKE A
DETERMINATION AS TO WHEN, AND IF, SERVICES CAN CONTINUE
BASED ON THE CURRENT COVID GUIDELINES.**

**YOU CAN VIEW OUR VIRTUAL SERVICES ON OUR FACEBOOK PAGE AT
'ST PETERS CHURCH OF WEST PENN'
OR
CLICK ON THE FACEBOOK LINK AT
'STPETERSCHURCHWESTPENN.COM'**

**DUE TO COVID-19 GUIDELINES
MASKS & SOCIAL-DISTANCING ARE REQUIRED
IF ENTERING THE BUILDING**

**ENTRANCES SHOULD NOT BE USED ON SUNDAYS
FOR ANY REASON
EXCEPT BY THOSE INDIVIDUALS PREPARING FOR WORSHIP**

Say a Prayer for:

*Loved Ones of
Dale Roth*

*Jean Snyder
Carl GerberDoris
Wolfe
Arnold Miller
Linda Dunbar
Matthew Fox
Dan Myers
Bonnie Myers
Paul David
Matt Brickler, Sr.
Ronald Yuricheck
Jessica Nehm
Chrissy Beshock
Joni Pavlock
Allison Steigerwalt
Patty Bouman
Daniel Troxell
Slate Altenberg
Aiden Kreimendahl
Wilbur Eberts
Cathy Abrachinsky
Jeffrey Kistler, Sr.
Joe Mock
Rose Pitts
Suzie Brickler
Pam Hunsicker
Mary Fritz
Willard Dunbar
Mike & Bernice Delp
Chester Snyder
Lori Ruch
Jim Beers
Barbara Margiotta*

*Carol Tynan
Kim Cope
Lisa Serfass
Robert Coombe
Danika Tworkowsky
Walter Szymanski
Ben Fink
Diane Middlecamp
Gino Lorady
Bernie Matyascik
Jamie Phelan
Michael Hinkle
Kim & Dave Carson
Marion Kupres
Ronald Ziegler
Louise Billman
Tony Masor
Sherry Walz
Damian Birchess
Shari Yediny
Richard Kistler
Brian Abrachinsky
Renee Troutman
Darlene Kunkel
Erla Biasi
June Kalusky
Carolyn Kunkle
Aspen Murphy
Jillian Datchko
Pastor Nathan Kennedy
Russel Stull, Jr.
Veronica Steigerwalt
Sharon Roth
McCoy Rapa
Donna Roderick*

*Jaden Leiby
Justin Klotz
Gene McCormik
Mike Rascho
William Shirar
Amy Meixsall
Richard Frey
Carol Faust
JoAnn Pagonis
Jo Kunkle
Jackson Delebar
Vicki Pratt
Lucas Millot
Austin Klein
Melissa Drake
Lorna Hart
Matt Brickler
Carson Barron
Caroline Lantz
Gerri Steigerwalt
Robert Miller
Lenny Jones
Nancy Barkus
Howard Morana*



The season of Lent will begin on *February 17th* this year when we will observe *Ash Wednesday*. We are hoping to return to in-person worship for this service which will be at 7:30 PM. Social-distancing and masks will be required. Ashes will be given in a safe and controlled method.

NOTE: Pastor Ginny will be on vacation from *Tuesday, February 9th through Friday, February 12th*. If you need pastoral care during that time, please contact Kim Kistler at 570-778-2988.

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31 "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory.

32 All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats,

33 and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

34 Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world;

35 for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me,

36 I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

37 Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink?

38 And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing?

39 And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?"

40 And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'

41 Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;

42 for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink,

43 I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

44 Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?"

45 Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'

46 And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

PRAYERS FOR OUR ARMED FORCES AT HOME AND ABROAD



Deployed to
Afghanistan:
Michael Zeigenfuss
Deployed to Germany:
Sean Steigerwalt
Deployed to Japan:
John McGuire
Deployed to Kuwait:
Issac Acuna

Active Duty,
Not Deployed:

Amber Gulick
Patrick Donohue, II
Mark Habel
Dustin Hoppes
LeRoy E. Kromer II
Timothy Kromer
Ezekiel Kuneck
Sean Kurtz
Jonathan Liggitt
Michelle Liggitt
Antonio Lorenzo
Dominic Lorenzo

Amanda Miller
Lisa Miller
Austin Resch
Tyler Resch
Trevor Schilling
Andy Snyder
Chad Wehr
Mark West
Scott West



PRAYERS FOR THOSE ON OUR VISITATION LIST

Gracedale Nursing Home: Lynn Gerber

St. Luke's Miners: Arlene Breiner

Hometown Nursing & Rehabilitation Center: June Williams

At Home:

Buddy Arner
Velma Schaeffer

Eldora Rex
Doris Wolfe



PRAYERS FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Michael, Kay, Mikayla, Leilani, & Michael Killar in Thailand
Maude, Valera, Zarina, Alexander, & Nicolas Motovilov in the
Czech Republic