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11:00 AM - October 19, 2025, 19th Sunday after Pentecost
Traditional Worship Service

Holy Communion - Setting 5

INTRODUCTION

Pray always. Do not lose heart. This is Christ's encouragement in the gospel today. Wrestle with the word. Remember your baptism again and again. Come regularly to Christ's table. Persistence in our every encounter with the divine will be blessed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

*God is So Good
Praise Him, Praise Him
We Love
Angel Choir*

**Susan Nipp
Carey Bonner
Ann F. Price**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
 2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;
 3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
 4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
 5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
 as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
 re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
 stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
 and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936

Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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GREETING**ELW p. 203**

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.

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - va - tion, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this ho - ly house, and for all who of - fer here their wor-ship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and de - fend us, gra - cious Lord.

A - men.

Assisting minister



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

All



Lord God, heav'n-ly King, al-might-y God and Fa - ther, we wor -



ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, O Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have



mer-cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the



Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the



Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone



are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,



in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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Let us pray.

O Lord God, tireless guardian of your people, you are always ready to hear our cries. Teach us to rely day and night on your care. Inspire us to seek your enduring justice for all this suffering world, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

ANTHEM

*God our Father
Jesus Loves Me!
Cherub Choir*

**Traditional
William Bradbury**

CHILDREN'S SERMON

FIRST READING

Genesis 32:22-31

A reading from Genesis.

Returning to the home he had fled many years before after stealing his brother's birthright and his father's blessing, Jacob wrestles all night long with a divine adversary who ultimately blesses him and changes his name to "Israel," a name that means "he wrestles with God."

²² The same night [Jacob] got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had. ²⁴ Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him until daybreak. ²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket, and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 121



- ¹ I lift up my eyes to the hills;
from where is my help to come?
- ² My help comes from the LORD,
the maker of heaven and earth. **R**
- ³ The LORD will not let your foot be moved
nor will the one who watches over you fall asleep.
- ⁴ Behold, the keeper of Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep; **R**
- ⁵ the LORD watches over you;
the LORD is your shade at your right hand;
- ⁶ the sun will not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night. **R**
- ⁷ The LORD will preserve you from all evil
and will keep your life.
- ⁸ The LORD will watch over your going out and your coming in,
from this time forth forevermore. **R**

SECOND READING

2 Timothy 3:14 - 4:5

A reading from 2 Timothy.

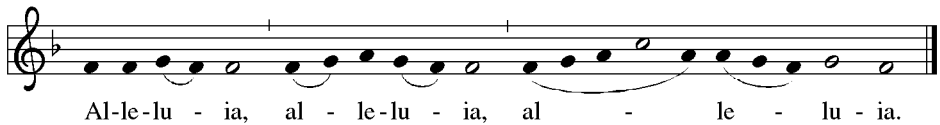
The writer of this letter continues his instruction of Timothy, his younger colleague in ministry, by emphasizing the importance of faithful teaching despite opposition.

¹⁴ But as for you, continue in what you have learned and firmly believed, knowing from whom you learned it ¹⁵ and how from childhood you have known sacred writings that are able to instruct you for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. ¹⁶ All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, ¹⁷ so that the person of God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.

^{4:1} In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: ² proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favorable or unfavorable; convince, rebuke, and encourage with the utmost patience in teaching. ³ For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound teaching, but, having their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires ⁴ and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. ⁵ As for you, be sober in everything, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



Repeat alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 18:1-8

The Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus tells a parable of an unjust judge who is worn down by a widow's pleas. Jesus is calling God's people to cry out for justice and deliverance. For if an unethical judge will ultimately grant the plea of a persistent widow, how much more will God respond to those who call.

¹ Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ² He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³ In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my accuser.' ⁴ For a while he refused, but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵ yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.' " ⁶ And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷ And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸ I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Wade Roof

1 Let jus - tice flow like streams of spar - kling wa - ter, pure,
2 Let righ - teous - ness roll on as oth - ers' cares we heed,
3 So may God's plumb line, straight, de - fine our mea - sure true,

en - a - bling growth, re - fresh - ing life, a - bun - dant, cleans - ing, sure.
an ev - er - flow - ing stream of faith trans - lat - ed in - to deed.
and jus - tice, right, and peace per - vade this world our whole life through.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, b. 1926

Music: ST. THOMAS, Aaron Williams, 1731–1776

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CREED

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**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come 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

**God of grace,
receive our prayer.**

PEACE

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**The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.**

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Give Me Jesus

arr. Mark Patterson

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below each staff. The final staff ends with a double bar line.

Text: John W. Arthur, 1922-1980

Music: Richard W. Hillert, b. 1923

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OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN 814*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***TAKE ME AS I AM**

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The musical score is written for two staves, Treble and Bass clef, in a key with three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The melody is in the Treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the Bass clef. The lyrics are written below the staves.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949

Music: TAKE ME AS I AM, John L. Bell

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THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**ELW p. 162**

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***TAKE ME AS I AM**

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

HYMN 814*Take, Oh, Take Me As I Am***TAKE ME AS I AM****LORD'S PRAYER****ELW p. 163**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

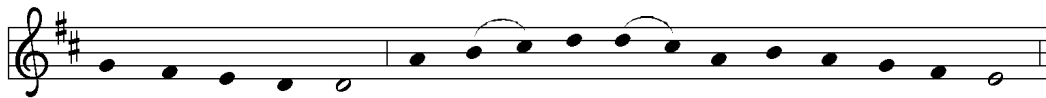
take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy

on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the

sin of the world; grant us peace. A - men.



1 E - ter - nal Spir - it of the liv - ing Christ, I know not how to
2 Come, pray in me the prayer I need this day; help me to see your
3 Come with the vi - sion and the strength I need to serve my God and



ask or what to say; I on - ly know my need, as deep as life,
pur-pose and your will, where I have failed, what I have done a - miss;
all hu - man - i - ty; ful - fill - ment of my life in love out-poured:



and on - ly you can teach me how to pray.
held in for - giv - ing love, let me be still.
my life in you, O Christ, your love in me. A - men.

Text: Frank von Christierson, 1900–1996

Music: ADORO TE DEVOTE, plainsong mode V; *Processionale*, Paris, 1697

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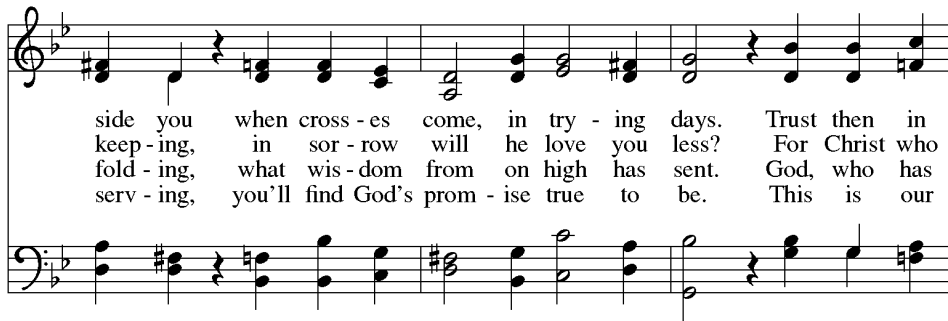
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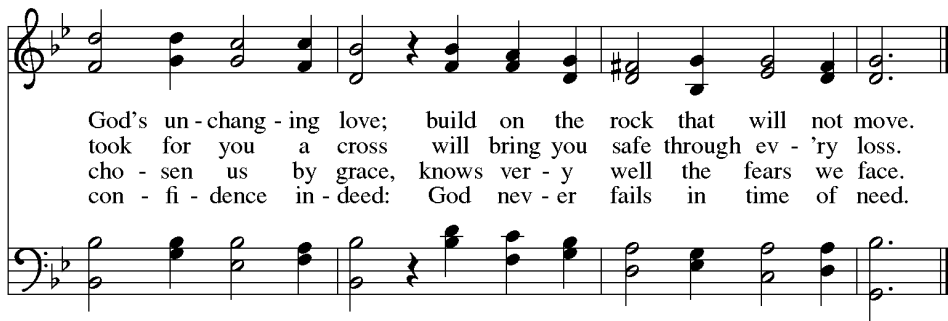
1 If you but trust in God to guide you with gen - tle
 2 What gain is there in anx - ious weep - ing, in help - less
 3 The Lord our rest - less hearts is hold - ing, in peace and
 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways un - swerv - ing, of - fer your



hand through all your ways, you'll find that God is there be -
 an - ger and dis - tress? If you are in your Sav - ior's
 qui - et - ness con - tent. We rest in God's good will un -
 ser - vice faith - ful - ly. Trust heav-en's word; though un - de -



side you when cross - es come, in try - ing days. Trust then in
 keep - ing, in sor - row will he love you less? For Christ who
 fold - ing, what wis - dom from on high has sent. God, who has
 serv - ing, you'll find God's prom - ise true to be. This is our



God's un - chang - ing love; build on the rock that will not move.
 took for you a cross will bring you safe through ev - 'ry loss.
 cho - sen us by grace, knows ver - y well the fears we face.
 con - fi - dence in - deed: God nev - er fails in time of need.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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Let us pray.

Gracious God, in this meal you have drawn us to your heart, and nourished us at your table with food and drink, the body and blood of Christ. Now send us forth to be your people in the world, and to proclaim your truth this day and evermore, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

BLESSING

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Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. **Amen.**



1 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; and, al-though the
 2 If the way be drear, if the foe be near, let no faith - less
 3 When we seek re - lief from a long-felt grief, when temp-ta - tions
 4 Je - sus, still lead on, till our rest be won; heav'n-ly lead - er,



way be cheer - less, we will fol - low, calm and fear - less;
 fears o'er - take us, let not faith and hope for - sake us;
 come al - lur - ing make us pa - tient and en - dur - ing;
 still di - rect us, still sup - port, con - sole, pro - tect us,



guide us by your hand to the prom - ised land.
 safe - ly past the foe to our home we go.
 show us that bright shore where we weep no more.
 till we safe - ly stand in the prom - ised land.

Worship Assistants

- Communion assistants Ann Spainhour, Tammy O’Quinn
- Lector Pam Burnett
- Ushers Tom & Janet Smith
- Ron Tryon, Sammy Haftoglou
- Greeter Lacey Haftoglou
- Acolyte Zoi Haftoglou
- Crucifer Eli Haftoglou
- Livestream coordinators Pam Hoskins, Kendrick Kerr



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Sharon Mattern’s and Julie Epting’s birthdays by Sarah Mattern.

The bulletin covers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Ronnie Hutto’s birthday, which was on October 12th, by Patsy Hutto and Family.

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 A M S E L E C A T U O I C T N
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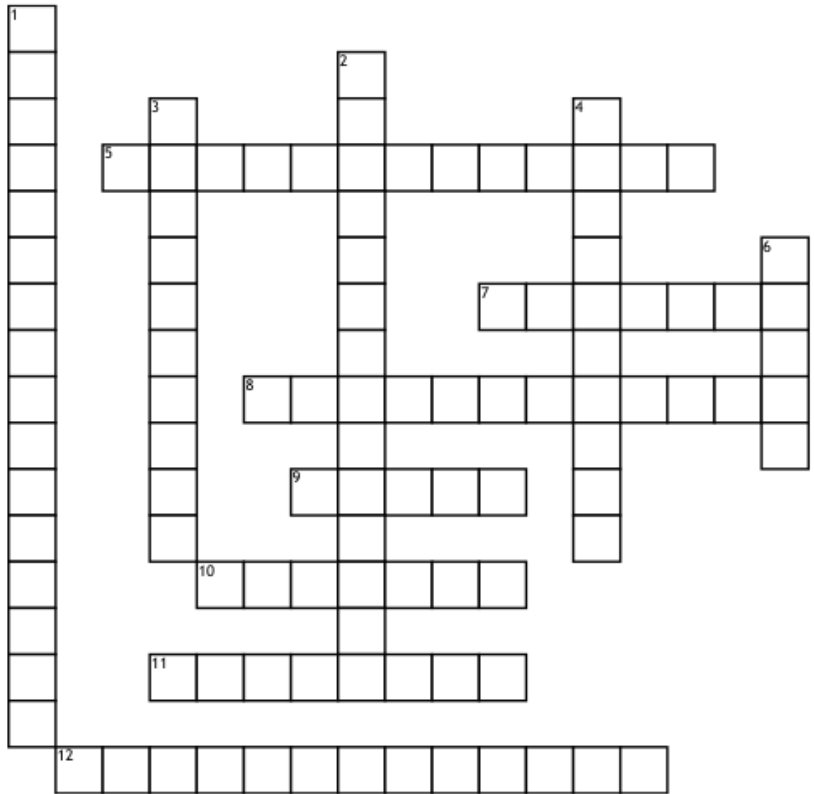
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 PRETZEL M MS
 SWEDISH FISH
 SUGAR BABIES
 MIKE AND IKE

COTTON CANDY
 KINDER EGGS
 GUMMI WORMS
 TOOTSIE POP
 GUMMI CANDY
 PEANUT M MS
 SUGAR DADDY
 JAWBREAKERS
 SWEETHEARTS
 CARAMEL MMS
 JELLY BEAN
 MUSKETEERS
 PEPPERMINT

CRISPY MM
 MALLO CUP
 CLARK BAR
 MILK DUDS
 TH AVENUE
 MILKY WAY
 POP ROCKS
 PUSH POP
 MARS BAR
 OH HENRY
 WARHEADS
 LOLLIPOP

CADBURY
 KIT KAT
 GOOBERS
 CHEWIES
 RAZZLES
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The Renaissance and Reformation



Across

5. painted the
Sistine Chapel

7. wrote "The
Praise of Folly"

8. a German
monk who started
the Reformation

9. Lutheran
tradition:
Justification by

10. painted the
Mona Lisa

11. focused on
achievements of
the individual

12. this made
books cheaper and
more abundant

Down

1. Martin Luther
nailed these to the
Wittenburg Church

2. corruption in
the Catholic church
and the sale of
indulgences led to
this

3. important
centers of trade

4. common
language

6. the act of
loaning money at a
high rate of
interest

Welcome to Mt. Tabor. We are glad that you have chosen to worship with us today! If you are a visitor, please fill out and return the attendance card in your pew rack so we may have a record of your attendance. Our ushers and greeters will be glad to answer any questions you may have about our worship service. We hope that you will experience the presence of the Risen Christ today!

As God's people called to love one another, let us pray for the following members of our church family, who celebrate the anniversary of their baptism this week: John Latham, Buzz Miller, Peryn Sulser, Hayden Wolfe, Debbie McLeod, Barbara Bussing, Michael Hash, Taylor Hash, Laurie Culpepper, Antonio Lyons, Emma Lyons, Megan Lyons, Jennifer Brazell, Alison Post, Cheyenne Steele, Butch Swygert, Garrett Haltiwanger.

Most Recent Prayer Concerns:

Pam Hoskins, Liliana Stork, Natalie Cook, Jana Payne, Karen Holton, Barbara Raulerson

Ongoing Prayer Concerns:

Grace Kelly, Carolyn Dufries, Pastor Lavaughn Keisler, John Conrad, Linda Price
Bruce Merchant, Al & Judy Jordan, Luther Swicegood, Sandra Baker, Drewby McQuillen
Alice Pollock, Jimmy Williams, Mona Myers, Sadie Howard, Elmer Sundlie, Dennis Rybicki Jr.
Emma Lou Easley, Paul Addy, Paul & Jeanie Jacobs, Pastor Jerry & Janice Livingston

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Rev. Rus Stilwell, Pastor of Visitation

Mr. Kevin Davis, Director of Music