

November 12, 2023 Edition



## Prayers this week

Please continue to pray for Mike Formeck's cousin, Arlene, who was diagnosed with brain cancer.

Mary Jane Snyder in hospice at Autumn Grove. She'd love a card! Please keep her in your prayers.

Julie Powell is asking for prayers for her brother, Jim Mahan who continues to recover and needs your prayers.

Martie and Phil are asking for prayers for one of Phil's co-workers who suffered a stroke over the weekend. He was not able to get treatment right away so keep him, his family and the doctors and the nurses in your prayers.

Martie and Phil are asking for prayers for a friend from the former West Liberty U.P. Who is having health and needs prayer.

Mason Martin (the Karns City football player) had successful surgery and may be moved to rehabilitation soon.

### **Remember to keep these people in your prayers:**

Jannie Budd  
Shirley Cook  
Denise Brydon  
Nancy Harris  
Joann Orr (Bill Elliott's sister)  
Mary Jane Snyder  
Mary Decker's great-grandson  
Edna Mae Tissue  
John Sperry's nephew, Ben  
Robyn Gregg's daughter, Lyndsey  
Mason Martin (KC Football player)  
Ramona Marks  
Pam Uber  
Bill Mills

## New This Week Prayers

Please pray for the Zattolla family (a friend of Lyla Runtas from softball) her grandfather went to be with the Lord.

Sandy Montgomery updated Maggie's progress; she had an MRI in October and her tumor is shrinking. No treatment is needed at this time. She will have regular testing going forward.

Sandy Montgomery updated us in the progress of Drew their cousin. He was accepted in the trial treatment and the last test showed the tumor shrinking.

Please keep the Klink family in your prayers. They are friends from John and Jody Sperry's old church and their 2-year-old grandson died unexpectedly last week. His father could not wake him from his nap.

**Please remember to update your prayers as needed. We would like to keep everyone up to date on the status.**

### **Pastor Bill's Message Sunday, November 12, 2023**

This week is the 24th Sunday after Pentecost.

Our lectionary texts this week are Joshua 24: 1-3, 14-25, Psalm 78: 1-7, 1 Thess. 4: 13-18, and Matthew 25: 1-13.

We will be looking at the OT text from Joshua this week on Sunday.

This text reminds us all that humankind has many choices, or we may choose to live for, follow, and serve God.

We will talk about this choice this week in church.

Below is our complete bulletin for Sunday Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.

God bless you and see you in church!

*Rev. William C. Munaw II*

### **November 12, 2023**

**Prelude**    ***Onward Christians Soldiers***    ***Arr. Lani Smith***

**Introit**    ***Praise to the Lord, Almighty***

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Praise Sentences**

- L:     Our call to worship is from Psalm 27:1 "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?"
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- P:     The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?"**
- L:     God, we come to worship from a world where there is much fear.
- P:     We each have our own worries, and the weight of the world can be heavy. Your strength is what we need.**
- L:     Lord, help us to be of one mind this morning, Your light filling us with the joy of Your salvation.

**Opening Hymn – #322 “When Morning Gilds the Skies” All 5 Verses “Hymns For the Family of God”**

**Opening Prayer – (Unison)**

Lord, though You should guide us, we inform ourselves; though You should rule us, we control ourselves; though You should fulfill us, we console ourselves. We think that Your truth is too high, Your will is too hard, Your power is too remote, and Your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are all lost and with our hope. Now heal our confused minds with Your word, heal our divided wills with Your law, heal our troubled consciences with Your love, and heal our anxious hearts with Your presence.

**Moment of Silent Prayer**

**Pastor’s Amen**

**Church Song of Response** *Gloria Patri* **#142** *Hymns for the Family of God*

**Time with Children** *Jesus Loves Me*

**Reflection Hymn** **#318 “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” “Hymns For the Family of God”**

**Scripture** **Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25**

**24** Then Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel at Shechem. He summoned the elders, leaders, judges and officials of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup> Joshua said to all the people, “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Long ago your ancestors, including Terah the father of Abraham and Nahor, lived beyond the Euphrates River and worshiped other gods. <sup>3</sup> But I took your father Abraham from the land beyond the Euphrates and led him throughout Canaan and gave him many descendants. <sup>14</sup> “Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. <sup>15</sup> But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.” <sup>16</sup> Then the people answered, “Far be it from us to forsake the Lord to serve other gods! <sup>17</sup> It was the Lord our God himself who brought us and our parents up out of Egypt, from that land of slavery, and performed those great signs before our eyes. He protected us on our entire journey and among all the nations through which we traveled. <sup>18</sup> And the Lord drove out before us all the nations, including the Amorites, who lived in the land. We too will serve the Lord, because he is our God.” <sup>19</sup> Joshua said to the people, “You are not able to serve the Lord. He is a holy God; he is a jealous God. He will not forgive your rebellion and your sins. <sup>20</sup> If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, he will turn and bring disaster on you and make an end of you, after he has been good to you.” <sup>21</sup> But the people said to Joshua, “No! We will serve the Lord.” <sup>22</sup> Then Joshua

said, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen to serve the Lord." "Yes, we are witnesses," they replied. <sup>23</sup> "Now then," said Joshua, "throw away the foreign gods that are among you and yield your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." <sup>24</sup> And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him." <sup>25</sup> On that day Joshua made a covenant for the people, and there at Shechem he reaffirmed for them decrees and laws.

### Message

Choir Anthem Come and Worship Arr. Patti Drennan

Pastoral Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Offering Sentence

Offering Music Come Ye Thankful People, Come Arr. Richard Huggins

Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #592 "Presbyterian Hymnal"

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn – #587 "He Keeps Me Singing" "Hymns For the Family of God"

Blessing

Benediction Response Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Postlude Gloria Charles Sergisson



### *Calvin (The not so famous church mouse)*

!!! Pastor Bill mentioned something new and exciting in our church.

One of our new members, Tracey Twiest, is starting up a new business.

She is going to be a professional shopper.

This is becoming more and more common in the post COVID years and as more and more of our population is becoming older.

Well, Tracey, would like to help out church members during the coming weeks and Christmas shopping season.

So, this is also a calling for her, from her faith.

Maybe she could help out you or someone that you know?

- 1) She can help someone that doesn't want to go out to the stores, malls and outlets.

2) She can help people shop online by using a computer and laptop in your own home.

If you don't know what to do, she will walk you through the steps.

3) Lastly, she would even love to help you decorate your home for Christmas.

She loves this time of year!

If you would like to contact Tracey for help with any of these holiday needs, just give her a call.

Her contact info is in the phone directory app. or you can call Lorrie in the office.

She also plans on being in church this week too.

What a wonderful opportunity for folks that may need some Christmas help.

I just may call her myself. Mice celebrate Christmas too

BYE!



#### Knotty Ladies

The Knotty Ladies are starting up again after a summer hiatus. If anyone is interested in joining us, we are meeting Wednesday at 1:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall, on the stage, starting Wednesday 9/28/23. We will be making baby quilts for Butler Memorial Hospital to distribute to all new

babies. If you can't join us to tie our quilts, we will accept any finished quilts. BMH said they need to be 36" x 36". We will also accept quilt tops that need to be sandwiched & tied, and donations of batting. Join us for fun and fellowship, the only skill necessary is to be able to tie a square knot!

#### Address updates:

Bill Mills  
36 Hunt Drive  
Grove City, PA 16127

Shirley Cook  
16841 SW 6<sup>th</sup> St.  
Pembroke Pines, FL 33027



Let's think Christmas the shoeboxes are on the table downstairs ready for pickup. The how to pack a shoebox pamphlet will be here soon with the information you need. Please include \$10.00 for the shipping of

each box. The last day to bring in your packed boxes will be Sunday,



November 12<sup>th</sup>. Please note things that are not accepted: candy, toothpaste, gum, used or damaged items, scary or war-related items, seeds, food, liquids or lotions, medications or vitamins, breakable items or glass containers, and aerosol cans.



Once again it is that time of year for orders of the poinsettias for Christmas. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the elevator. All orders are due by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Cost will be the same \$20.00 each. The colors are listed on the sign-up sheet.



We will be collecting donations for this worthwhile mission. Our first family this year has two children; a girl, 8 years old, and a boy, 2 years old. Our second family has a kindergarten boy who is 5. Our goal is to provide outfits, shoes and toys for each. Donations will be collected through the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Mumaw. Please be a part of brightening up two struggling local families this Christmas and making a young child's Christmas special.

**Office will be closed on Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> in honor of Veteran's Day.**



Please mark your calendar for the upcoming Congregational meeting on November 19, 2023 right after the Worship Service. All members are invited and encouraged to participate in the voting on the budget and the committee members for the 2024 upcoming year.