## PRAYER SERVICE FOR NOVEMBER 21, 2021 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

God loves you all the time. All the time God loves you.

### **PRELUDE**

(11:00am) Grace Sunday School

You Are Holy



(Lyrics on the bulletin insert)

(Please stand as you are able)

Today we stand on the threshold of a new Church Year. In this service we intend to look forward, and to summarize the entire year before us, the drama of the constantly changing seasons.

One of the visual aids we use will be the *changing of the colors*. Like changing scenes in a drama—like changing colors in nature from season to season—the seasons and celebrations of the Church Year are designed to depict for us graphically what God has done, continues to do, to bring salvation to his human family. In that way the Church Year is like an ever-unfolding drama. But it is more than just a drama, for we are more than just spectators here. The story we celebrate here is *our* story, yours and mine. What God did for us once in Jesus Christ he would do for us again today. Through the drama of the Church Year we find ourselves continually addressed by the Word of the living God, whom we are called to worship and adore—now, in the ongoing present. Thus, in the changing of the colors and the progression of the seasons, we are participants, for all that God unfolds before us year by year, season by season, was done for us!

### A READING FOR ADVENT: Isaiah 40: 9-11

<sup>9</sup>You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah,

"Here is your God!"

<sup>10</sup> See, the Sovereign Lord comes with power, and he rules with a mighty arm.

See, his reward is with him, and his recompense accompanies him.

<sup>11</sup>He tends his flock like a shepherd:

He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to his heart; he gently leads those that have young.

### Narration

The royal color of Blue begins the Church Year in *Advent*, a word that means "coming". We pace this season of four Sundays hearing again the silence of the prophets, experiencing the breathless waiting of the Israelites hoping for a Messiah. We sing the song "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" with longing, not because we seek a Messiah yet to come to the world, but because the Christ has come and we long for him to come to us again. The quiet pace of Advent is in direct contrast to the bustling commercialism of the secular holidays. And so we begin our new year in Advent, reminding ourselves that in the midst of the worldliness of our lives we need to renew our relationship to this King who has come.



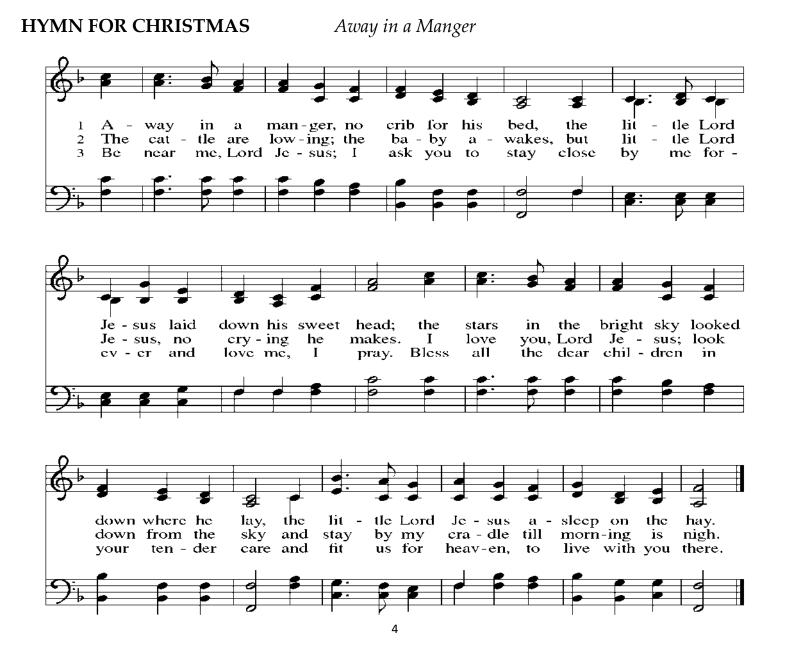
- 5 Now your manger, shining bright, hallows night with newborn light. Night cannot this light subdue; let our faith shine ever new.
- 6 Praise we sing to Christ the Lord, virgin's son, incarnate Word!To the holy Trinity praise we sing eternally!

### A READING FOR CHRISTMAS: Galatians 4: 4-5

<sup>4</sup>But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, <sup>5</sup> to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption as his children

### Narration

In the season of Christmas we change the sanctuary colors to White and Gold, a celebration of the purity of the infant who was born in a manger, and yet a King with all the splendor of God come to dwell with his people. Christmas Day is both the culmination of the waiting of the Advent season, and the beginning of twelve days of celebration as we rejoice in the gift of our Savior and the daily rebirth of grace in our own lives.



### A READING FOR EPIPHANY: Luke 4: 16-21

<sup>16</sup> He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup> and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written:

18 "The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free,
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to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup> Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. <sup>21</sup> He began by saying to them, "Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

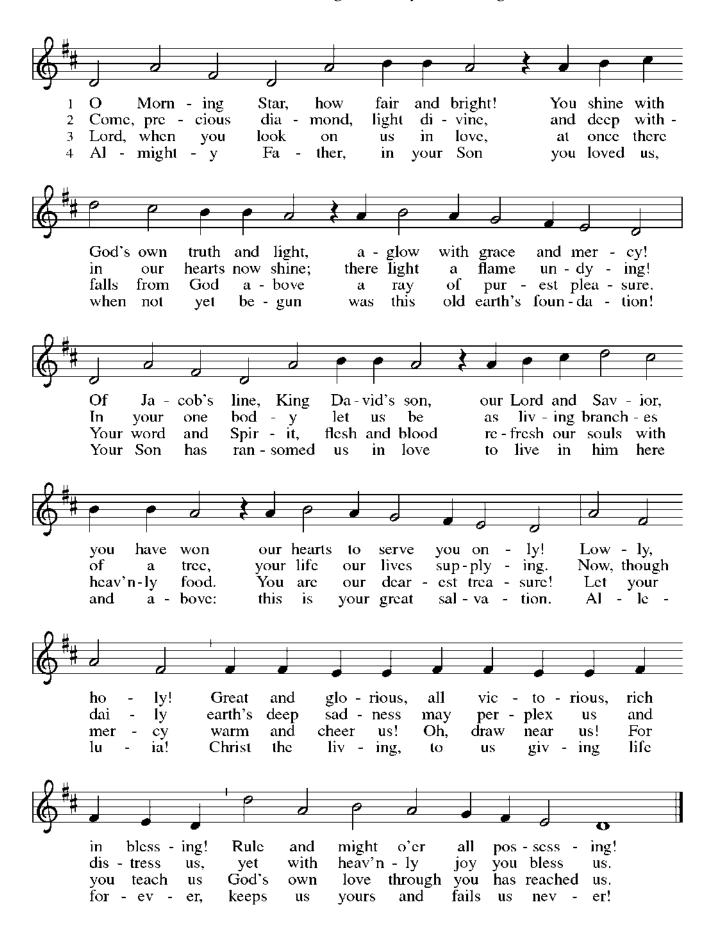
#### Narration

Epiphany means "to make known," and in the season of Epiphany we remember the ways and events through which God revealed himself through Jesus Christ. The colors of Epiphany are usually the colors of Christmas, White and Gold, the colors of celebration, newness, and hope that mark the most sacred days of the church year. In traditions that only observe a single day for Epiphany, the colors are often changed after Epiphany to the colors of Ordinary Time, usually Green or thematic sanctuary colors, until Transfiguration Sunday, the last Sunday before the beginning of Lent. The colors for Transfiguration Sunday are usually the colors of Holy Days, White and Gold. As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany has significance as a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the infant Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races, and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The day is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian brotherhood and fellowship, especially in healing the divisions of prejudice and bigotry that we all too often create between God's chilldren.

### **HYMN FOR EPIPHANY**

## O Morningstar how fair and bright



### A READING FOR LENT: Isaiah 53: 4-6

Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by him, and afflicted.

<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

#### Narration

With the ashes on our heads after the service of <u>Ash Wednesday</u>, the sanctuary colors for Lent turn to a somber Purple or Violet and to Black at the end of the Passion Week. Throughout the six weeks of Lent we pace the length of Jesus' three years of ministry. Throughout the weeks we relearn the faces and names of people who, like you and me, were sometimes faithful and sometimes selfish; people who heard the good news and responded and others who laughed and scorned; men, women, and children who heard Jesus' words and watched his life and came hungry and were fulfilled, or who walked away because they could not use him for their own ends.

It is a long season, a season that calls us to stop and take a look at our life in the light of Christlikeness, and humble ourselves before our God who says to us gently, "Come, let us talk this over. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool. If you are willing to obey, you shall eat the good things of the earth." (Isaiah 1:18-19 NJB)

The season of Lent culminates in "Passion Week," from a Latin word that means "to suffer." Starting with Palm Sunday and the joyful entry of Israel's Messiah-King in to Jerusalem, it ends with that very same crowd yelling "Crucify him, crucify him." In between these two days, the week's events are remembered with various services that pace the Passion Week: A Seder meal, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, Tenebrae, and the Holy Saturday Vigil.

### **HYMN FOR LENT**

## Alas! And did my Savior bleed



## A READING FOR EASTER: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-4, 20-22. 57

**15** Now, brothers and sisters, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance<sup>[a]</sup>: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, <sup>4</sup> that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.

Thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Narration

Morning dawns and Mary Magdalene weeps at the tomb until she is told the good news "He is not dead! He has risen!" And that call echoes down through the centuries as Christians around the world joyfully cry out "Christ is Risen! Christ is Risen indeed!" year after year on the highest and holiest day of the Christian calendar.

Easter lilies adorn the sanctuary, the colors change to the brightness of White and Gold to portray the purity and kingliness of our Risen Savior. There is no joy compared to an Easter Sunday after the solemn pace of Lent. Three days before we buried our beloved Jesus; today He lives! We wept with Peter on the night he was crucified, and on Easter we are awed anew by the great news that He Lives!

And the fifty days of Easter ring jubilantly with the new life and new hope that the Risen Savior brings to us, to our world, and to all peoples who open their hearts to him. We listen in on the conversations of the disciples as they struggle to wrap their human hearts and minds around this new revelation. We watch as those who previously had persecuted the people of God now fall on their knees in awe and wonder. We experience anew for ourselves in this season the freedom and joy and the power, strength, and life that is our heritage as the people of God.

## HYMN FOR EASTER I Know That My Redeemer Lives!



## A READING FOR PENTECOST John 20: 19-22

<sup>19</sup>On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." <sup>22</sup> And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit.

### Narration

The Red of flames is the sanctuary color of Pentecost as we remember the great rushing wind and the dancing flames like fire, and the words of Jesus, baptizing his disciples with the Holy Fire of the Spirit. The disciples and followers of Jesus were one moment huddled in fear in a small upper room. Then the Holy Spirit came in power and they rushed out of the building and into the streets, telling everyone about the good news in ways that all could understand. Today? Well, one day we are ordinary people, the next we are his evangelists, and pastors, and healers, and mercy-bringers, and the Body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, one in ministry to the entire world. Are *you* willing to be filled with the Spirit?

## **HYMN FOR PENTECOST:**

## Holy Spirit

## **Townend & Gett**



## A READING FOR THE LIFE OF THE SPIRIT John 15: 1-5, 7-8

15 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. <sup>2</sup>He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. <sup>3</sup> You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

<sup>5</sup> "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.

<sup>7</sup> If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> This is to my Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples.

### Narration

Ordinary time includes the counted Sundays between Pentecost and Advent. Since there are no Holy Days in this time it serves to remind us of the ordinary times of life. The book of Acts and the Epistles give us a clear picture of ordinary people, going about ordinary lives, but doing extraordinary things that built the Kingdom of God. The Church was growing by leaps and bounds, both the individuals within it and the worldwide Church. So we use the color of Green to depict this growing time, and pray for the same thing within *our* ordinary lives. We hear again the Good News, we are instructed in the ways of the world and the Kingdom, and we are shown the vision of the Church and our responsibility within it. We hear afresh the voices of the gospel writers, the prophets, and Paul, Peter, James, each exhorting us to respond anew to the call of God to be his people in a world that is hungry for the grace, love, and peace we bring into every minute of life, if we are walking in the Light, if we are "abiding in the vine."

Ordinary? Yes, but through our lives God brings the living water to a thirsty world in our offerings of service and mercy that we offer to others on a daily basis. And this is the *extraordinary* way that God builds his Kingdom - through ordinary people like you and me.

### **PEACE**

The Peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.** 

### NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son,\* who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

## A brief silence.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to testify to the truth. We pray for preachers, missionaries, evangelists, and teachers who carry your forgiveness and love to the world. Fill their words and actions with compassion and kindness so that your truth will shine. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to liberate all of creation. We pray for all living things longing for the freedom to flourish, from ancient trees and wild grasses to endangered animals and rare insects. Give human beings compassionate hearts to care for them. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to lead us into the way of peace. Direct the members of international alliances in choosing a nonviolent path toward the future. Give them the humility and wisdom to make just decisions to benefit all. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to make us into your own people, set free to serve you. We pray for people who serve the well-being of others, especially ministries in our community (*local social ministries or agencies may be named*). Renew them in their work. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to rule in all times and places. We pray for the friends of our congregation who are unable to join our worship in person and for all who are sick and suffering (*especially*). Join their prayers with ours and unite them with us in the body of Christ. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

## Here other intercessions may be offered.

God, you sent your Son Jesus to be our beginning and our ending. We give thanks for those whose lives have given us a glimpse of Jesus' reign of justice and peace. Empower us to join their witness. God, in your mercy,

## hear our prayer.

God our hope and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

#### Amen.

### OFFERING PRAYER

Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; Who on this day overcame death and the grave, And by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

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.

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.
With this bread and cup
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

### LORD'S PRAYER

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

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 power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

### **INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

### **COMMUNION**

Communion will be received at the head of the Sanctuary. Starting with the section closest to the sound room and worshippers may make their way to Pastor at the head of the Sanctuary and receive the communion elements. Elements at in-person worship are wine and juice made with grapes. Please let Pastor know if you require gluten-free bread.

After the elements have been consumed, please replace your face mask.

### **BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.** 

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

### Amen

### A READING FOR CHRIST THE KING: Revelation 1: 4b-5b

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

### Narration

What God began when he chose us to become his beloved children...what God continued in the birth, life, death, and resurrection and Ascension of his Son, our Lord Jesus Christ...what God has given us in our baptism and continues to work in us through the Spirit filled life of growth...God will bring to fulfillment when Christ the King comes in his glory to receive us to himself.

Through every season of the year, therefore, we live under his blessing...and to his praise.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **Amen.** 

### **BLESSING**

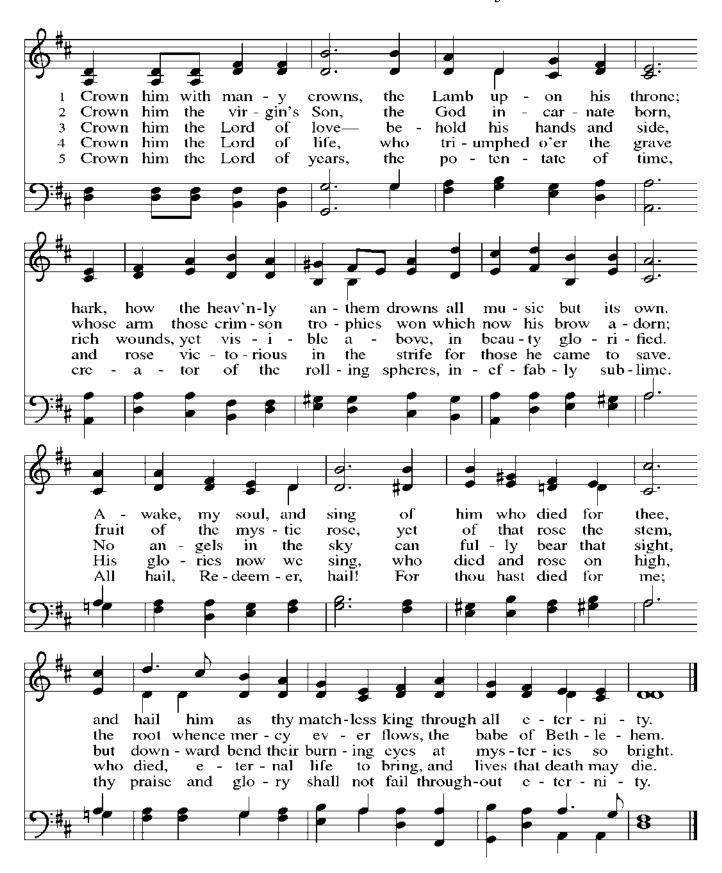
God, the beginning and the end, who has written your name in the book of life,

→ bless and keep you in grace and peace from this time forth and forevermore.

#### Amen.

### HYMN FOR CHRIST THE KING

## Crown Him With Many Crowns



### **DISMISSAL**

Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.

### Thanks be to God.



# Prayers for the week of November 21

### TODAY we pray for:

Zachary C. Miller
Bruce Berentsen
Juergen, Ursula, Frank
Jim Dadey
Barbara, Mark, Carson, Paul
Julia Knight
Ed and Erika Burke
Cleo Loftsgordon
Chuck Loomis
Seth Weaver

### WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

Angie Wasgatt, Ron Walker, Will & Muretta; Gretchen; Linda & Bill; Paul & Judy Freys; Gabby Schiavone; Jenny; Claire; Ed Nagy; Debbie, Ben, Nancy Miller; Phil & Marilee Calabrese; Mike Goyda; Brian; Allen Whitley; Roger Camp; August; Bob & Louise Ench; Vera Wagenfuhr; Polly Gillis; Kathy Long; Gener Ernst; Scott; Barbara Lynn Grabher; Kyle; Bill Smith; Lena; Leslie, Jack Baskow; Claudia and Geof Bromfield, Scott & Lia Wycoff; John Worrell; Lis Verbeck; Lois Snyder; John Deaton; Joan Sandstorm; Delores Sipe; Doug Price; Bob Waller; Kent Hardel; Gretchen Platz; Ellen Hall; Nanci Hunsinger, Claire Schoening; Tyler, Bill Howerin; Marcia Burton; Gina Clay

For our bishops; Elizabeth Eaton, Bill Gohl
For the Dean of the Delmarva Conference; Pastor Paige Evers
For our staff; Pastor Tara Magoon, Susan Wells Allen, Jordan Irazabal, Louis Jones
For leaders & congregations of the Delmarva Conference
For all pastors and church leaders
For our country; the United States, leaders and citizens.

To request a prayer, or update prayers, please call the church office (302-239-6481) or email office@glcde.org.

## **TODAY**

# **Town Hall Meeting**

November 21, 2021

9: 45-10: 45 pm

In-Person and Virtual

Please join us for our Fall Town Hall to hear about your ministries at Grace!

Join Zoom Meeting

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739812239?pwd=T21OWld6WIFkQ3hobVowZE4reFhFZz09

Meeting ID: 867 3981 2239

Passcode: 242153

## Christmas Gifts for Hilltop (HLNC) Children

I know Thanksgiving isn't even here and I thank you who have donated to the Thanksgiving baskets for Hilltop. However, Christmas is fast approaching and there are children at Hilltop (Hilltop Lutheran Neighborhood Center) who need to feel God's love as we remember Christ's birth. We at Grace can help.

Please look for the poster in the Narthex. There are children's name with a toy and clothing item listed for each. Select an item, write your name in the space to the right of the item, take a paper bell with the matching number for a reminder. Wrap the item with the child's name on the package and bring it to church by Sunday, Dec. 19.

Thank you - your support is greatly appreciated.

Jane Foskett, HLNC board rep.

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The Rev. Tara Magoon, Pastor Jordan Irazabal, director of music Susan Wells Allen, office manager Louis Jones, custodian

### 8:30AM

**Assisting Minister:** Nancy Goyda

**Greeter**: Bob Howle **Usher**: Mary Howle

Reader: Abby Ehemann, Tanner Ehemann

Nursery: Laura Mackewicz Kevin Makewicz Sound: Joe Luettgen

### 11:00AM

**Assisting Minister:** Beth Fenner

Greeter: Pat Kizuka
Usher: Mark Maurer
Reader: Lynda Martinez
Sound: Rolf Eriksen

Counters: Jim Foskett, Sue Eriksen