

## Prayer List

### Our Members & Attendees

Richard Peterson ♦ Blanche Morrison (Afib) ♦ Karen (Covid) ♦ Sarah Evelyn's family (grandmother passed) ♦ Steve Wereszynski & family ♦ Jan King ♦ Larry Howle & family ♦ Ari, Geneva's son ♦ Bobbie Morel's family ♦ Andy Sessoms ♦ Diana Haywood & family ♦ Mitzi & Andrew Lesher-Thomas ♦ John Eckblad ♦ Ellen Grand (Lymes) ♦ Roy Forrest ♦ Corkey Harris

### Family & Friends

Bobbie's Father ♦ Danielle Hazard (Bobbie) ♦ Laurie Harbour ♦ Bonnie Walsh (Karen) ♦ Tadd (Martha A's Son) ♦ John Palmer & family (Diana) ♦ Ray Gore (Cathy's friend) ♦ Derek, Crystal Garner & friends ♦ Lara Kehle (Genevieve's colleague) ♦ Baby Murielle (Alex) ♦ Ryan, wife and baby ♦ Ashley Goodwin (Karen) ♦ Debbie Mansfield's mother ♦ Kathy Matthews & family (Blanche's friend and past members) ♦ Bobbie's uncle, Jerome & family ♦ Wayne Keele's family (Diana) ♦ Madeline (Linda S.) ♦ Hao (Susie E.) ♦ Ashley Parker ♦ Ukraine ♦ Carol Esau (Lindy) ♦ Roberta (Efrain) ♦ Shootings, Cancer, Grief, Injustice, Climate, Polarization, Disasters, Ukraine

### We Celebrate These Upcoming Birthdays

Hélène Staley   Graham Moore

### Session Members

Martha Adcox      2025	Frank Gailor    2024	Geneva Lester 2023
GINNA WERESZYNski   2025	Leon Robbins   2024	Larry Howle    2023

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**PLEASE RECYCLE**  
(or make a paper airplane)

January 29, 2023  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Service of Worship

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

INTROIT

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *from Matthew 7:7*

One: Ask and it shall be given unto you,

**All: Seek and we shall find,**

One: Knock and the door will be opened unto you.

**All: Praise be to God, Hallelujah!**

\*HYMN #175

*Seek Ye First*

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION & RECONCILIATION

**Holy God, in Christ you offered your very heart: vulnerable enough to be broken and pure enough to become unbroken. Since you experienced the rainbow of human emotions yourself in Christ, please help us when we experience big emotions as we seek to follow you. Instead of suppressing or ignoring our feelings, allow us to process them safely—whether in solitude with your Spirit or surrounded in the safety of two or more gathered humbly in your name. Through faithful acknowledgement of our feelings, create in us a clean heart. Amen.**

\*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

\*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: World without end, amen. Amen!*

\*PASSING THE PEACE

ANTHEM

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

\* Congregation stands in body or spirit

## READING OF THE SCRIPTURES

### Luke 9:46-50

<sup>46</sup> Now an argument started among the disciples as to which of them might be the greatest <sup>47</sup> But when Jesus discerned their innermost thoughts, he took a child, had him stand by his side, <sup>48</sup> and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me, for the one who is least among you all is the one who is great." <sup>49</sup> John answered, "Master, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him because he is not a disciple along with us." <sup>50</sup> But Jesus said to him, "Do not stop him, for whoever is not against you is for you."

The word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

## TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SERMON

\*HYMN #744 *Arise Your Light Is Come*

### OFFERING

### \*DOXOLOGY

### \*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

\*HYMN #700 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

### \*BENEDICTION

\* Congregation stands in body or spirit

## Announcements

**Welcome!** Your presence today is a gift unto the Lord and each other. Be yourself, be comfortable and may you experience Christ's presence here in some way. Providing your contact info in the pew attendance register will allow you to receive weekly email updates about important upcoming events and worship.

**Children** are invited to come forward for a message and then go to a special Children's church. Please register if this is your first time. We also have Tween Sunday School at 10:15 if your kids would like enrichment in learning the bible, exploring questions about faith and applying to life.

**Safe Church** –It's important you feel welcome and safe. If you need to get up and stand or move around, that's fine...whether you're 3 or 93! We also train and screen adults working with children and always have 2 adults at a time when working with kids. Those who can, please wear a mask when worshipping inside to mitigate the spread of illnesses.

**Hearing Devices** are available in the back, narthex. You get a boost in volume.

### Special Thanks

- Thanks to Ginna Wereszynski (liturgist), and Frank & Cindy (ushers)
- Thanks to those who donated money last year, giving statements were emailed to you but if you have questions or need a printout, ask Becky or Lindy.

### Congregational Meeting February 12 after worship (around noon)

A congregational meeting has been called for Feb 12 after worship (likely around noon) for the purpose of electing 3 members of the congregation to serve on the nominating committee.

Deja vu? The last election for the nominating committee was out of order because Evan didn't realize PPC has special rules in our manual of operations whereby last year's Nominating Committee is to offer a slate of recommended candidates to be on the Nominating Committee for the following year. Evan apologizes to all involved and thanks you for your patience and understanding.

The 2022 Nominating Committee's recommended slate for 2023's nominating committee is: Reba Sullivan, Genevieve Megginson, Debbie Mansfield. Members may still nominate additional official members of the congregation from the floor that day and elect any three people they wish as long as they are official members of the congregation and consent to serving. A list of eligible people from our official church membership roll can be found on the front pew. Remember, the 2023 Nominating Committee always wants and invites your input regarding qualities sought in the elders to serve this church.

***Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate, only love can do that.***

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Strength to Love, 1963