## **Prayer Requests**

**Joys:** Week of 12-21-25 – What a joy to see Sebastian Rojas be Baptized with his family and close friends in attendance on Sunday! We lifted in prayer the names of 23 children from our church for their health & wellbeing and for a close walk with Jesus throughout their lives, to celebrate that Jesus loves the children!

**Concerns:** Week of 12-21-25 – Bishop's niece, Rhea; Paris Colebrook; Sally Hamill; Juanita Howard; Pat Howard's daughter, Erin; Bobbi Holmes; Vicki Hunt; Sue and Ray Millenbaugh; Leslie Oredson; Judy & Kim Riddlesworth; Rick & Janice Slater's friend, Jackie; Janet Rummel's family; Faye and Larry West; Faye's friend Bonnie.

Ongoing prayers: Lisa Barnes; Gerri Binette; Nancy Campbell; Doug & Carolyn Drake; Carol Gove; Bobbi Holmes; Juanita Howard; Pat Howard's daughter, Erin; Sabine Kruse; Rev. Steve & Pam McNeal Laue; Gerald & Sharon Marchant; Tom & Donna Masterson; Maury & Rozanne Malaise; Sheryl Messenger; Leslie Oredson & Phil; Kim & Judy Riddlesworth; Roy & Margaret Sims; Peggy Skok; Arline Slocumb; Faye West's friend, Bonnie; Larry West; Joanne Wilson.

Prayers for Friends and Family: Carolyn Garbacz's son, Brian; Juanita's Uncle Bill (age 108- in IN); Howick family friend, Diana; Dave & Vicki Hunt's son-in-law, Todd; Eileen Johnson's friend, Pastor Cathy (in MN); Jacque Laats' niece, Jaxon (In AK); Norma Lombardi's sister, Antoinette (age 99- in NY); Felisiya Macwan's family (in India); Jan Mill's sister, Greta (age 95 - in MO); Jan Mill's niece, Lettie (in MO); Andrea Muzzarelli's daughter, Heather (IL); Kathy N.'s mom's best friend, Juanetta (age 100 - in TX); KN's extended family, Dusty & Lisa (in TX); KN's cousins, John & Margaret Goldfinsch (in TX); Kathi White's friend, Kathy; Faye West's brother & S-I-L, Ray & Lonnie West (in MN).

For Family and Loved Ones of the Following People (deceased): Eleanor Auseth (12-30-24); Larry Wiggs (1-1-25); Jean Jack (1-10-25); Marlene Shirley (1-31-25); Guenther Kruse (2-4-25); Charles DeWall (3-3-25); Tom Olsen (3-5-25); Barbara Schumate (3-8-25); S. Joan Johnson (3-11-25); Carol Hanes(4-4-25); Bill Hudson (4-13-25); Vivian Claussen (4-28-25); Dr. Millard Kimery (5-3-25); Elizabeth Flores (5-5-25); Walter Hopkins (6-13-25); Ione Bartells (6-18-25); Gary Kelley (6-27-25); Terry Locke (7-8-25); LeRoy Messenger (7-9-25); Jerome K. Johnson (7-16-25); Phyllis Russell (8-8-25); Aileah Carlson (8-15-25); Shane Hill (8-17-25); Helen Park (8-26-25); Beth Brashers (9-1-25); Ken Kraft (10-13-25); Kelly Quinn (10-28-25); Donna Doede (10-29-25); Norma Lawson (12-15-25).

## **Prayers for our Nation:**

Isaiah 9:6-7 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests on his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom, He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Luke 2:14 "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace and goodwill among people."

Our Military in Service: (\*\* = serving overseas)

Air Force: SSgt. Kathryn Jones, SSgt. Kyler Sengsavath \*\*

ANG: A1C Morgan Ailslieger, TSgt. Daryl Gladstein, TSgt. Malika Sengsavath

Army: Spec. Matthew Farris\*\*, WO1 Wesley Meadows \*\*

Marines: Cpl. Trayton Stewart

Navy: LCDR Brent Pavell, MM3 Nicholas Rinker, E-3 Echo Smith

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## Service of Scripture, Prayer and Music

December 28, 2025, 10:30 am First Sunday after Christmas

Prelude "Silent Night" arr. Vicki Collinsworth

Welcome/Announcements

**Call to Worship** 

Leader: Beloved, we have waited, watched, and witnessed the coming of the Christ child. As we gather today on the other side of Christmas, we might be tempted to ask, "What now?"

People: We continue to wait and watch.

Leader: In this season of Christmas, we remember that though Christ has come among us, the good news of freedom for captives, flourishing for the poor, and power returned to the disempowered does not reign in so many places.

People: We continue to wait and watch.

Leader: With Mary and Joseph, we listen for God to show us how to protect and advocate for the vulnerable among us.

People: We continue to wait and watch.

Leader: As we gather to worship today, may God bind us together in love, empowering us to live as followers of the Christ child who declare good news wherever we go.

All: We gather today as people who wait, watch, and work for the day that all the earth awaits. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Adapted from Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, June 2025.

\*Opening Hymn Do You Hear What I Hear? Regney & Shain

Offering

Offertory "Sweet Little Baby Jesus Boy" Robert Mac Gimsey
Mike Watanabe, solo

\*Doxology Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow UMH 94

\*Offertory Prayer

**Good News!** 

Children's Message

Scripture Matthew 2: 1-6 Scott South, liturgist

Song of Praise We Three Kings UMH 254

Sermon Shhh. Can You Perceive It? Rev. Misty Howick

Call to Prayer Emmanuel (Hallowed Manger Ground) Tomlin & Cash

**Silent Prayer** 

**Pastoral Prayer** 

\*Closing Hymn Emmanuel, Emmanuel UMH 204

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "On This Day Earth Shall Ring" Prominent Hodie arr. Vicki Collinsworth

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand as you are able

Worship Service and Music		
Rev. Misty Howick Pastor		Chaplain Kathy Norris Pastoral Assistant
	Jeffrey Conger, Sue Wilson, Scott South	
Jeffrey Conger	& Joanne Croft – Praise Team	Alex Lunardi
Director of Music		Accompanist