

Welcome to Worship!



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THE SERVICE

BOLD *lettering indicates a spoken response*

** Please stand as you are able*

Prelude

Announcements

GATHERING

** Confession and Forgiveness*

P: Blessed be the Father, and the +Son, and the Holy Spirit, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

P: God of love and forgiveness,

C: We confess to you and to one another that we fall far short of your expectations. We have not responded well to your gracious act of dying on the cross for our forgiveness. We have neglected you, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are a sinful people. Please free us from the guilt and power of our sinfulness. Please help us see more clearly your love for us, and respond appropriately. Amen

P: Purely by God's grace, through Jesus on the cross, all your sins are forgiven. Now may you be strengthened daily to believe in Jesus and to live the joy and freedom his forgiveness brings.

C: Amen

* Greeting

P: The grace of God that extends to all nations in Christ Jesus through the work of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

P: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

C: The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

P: Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them light has shined.

C: We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

P: To us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

C: In him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

* Opening Song – We Three Kings

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1 We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing
2 Born a king on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I
3 Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense
4 Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a
5 Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,
bring to crown him a - gain; king for - ev - er,
owns a de - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,
God and Sac - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.

Refrain



Oh, star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light!

* Prayer of the Day

P: Lord God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **C: Amen**

WORD OF GOD

Scripture Reading

***Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.***

First Lesson: Isaiah 60:1-6

Jerusalem is assured that nations will make a pilgrimage to her because of the light of God's presence. The bountiful food of the sea and the profits of international trade will come streaming to Jerusalem to declare God's praise.

A: The First Lesson is from the 60th chapter of Isaiah.

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

²For darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the LORD will arise upon you,
and his glory will appear over you.

³Nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

⁴Lift up your eyes and look around;
they all gather together, they come to you;
your sons shall come from far away,
and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and rejoice,
because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

⁶A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 3:1-12

In Christ both Jews and Gentiles now participate in the richness of God's promised salvation.

A: The Second Lesson is from the 3rd chapter of Ephesians.

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—²for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, ³and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, ⁴a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. ⁵In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: ⁶that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. ⁸Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, ⁹and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; ¹⁰so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. ¹¹This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, ¹²in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

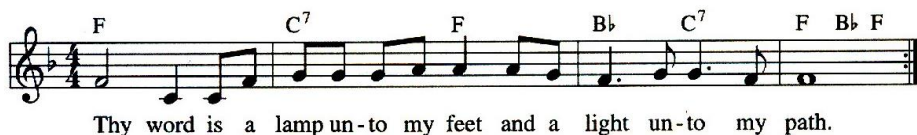
A: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

*Without God, where would you be now?
Without God, where would you be now?
Without God.*

* Gospel – Matthew 2:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter



In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, ²asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.” ³When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; ⁴and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶“And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.””

⁷Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹²And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Pastor David Holtz

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

* Song – I Wonder as I Wander

* Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

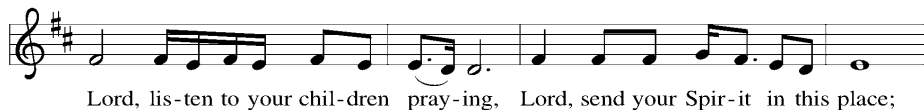
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, Lord, send your Spir-it in this place;



Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

The Pastor will offer prayers for the whole Church, the nations, those in need, the parish, and special concerns.

P: +Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen



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Lord, lis-ten to your chil-dren pray-ing, send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

* Sharing of God's Peace

We follow Jesus' direction in Matthew chapter 5 and make peace with each other before coming to the altar: Jesus said, "So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift."

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Contemporary Worship Team

* Offertory - Create in me a clean heart

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Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve

you; cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, that

I might be re - newed. So fill me and

heal me, and bring me back to you. Cre -

ate in me a clean heart, O God, that I might serve you.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time and G major. It consists of five staves of music. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics. The second staff contains the melody for the second line of lyrics, with chords C7sus, C7, F, C/E, C/D, Dm, and Dm/C written above the notes. The third staff contains the melody for the third line of lyrics, with chords Gm, F/A, C, F, Am7, and Dm7 written above the notes. The fourth staff contains the melody for the fourth line of lyrics, with chords Am7, Dm7, Gm7, Gm/D, C7sus, and C7 written above the notes. The fifth staff contains the melody for the fifth line of lyrics, with chords F, C/E, C/D, Dm, Dm/C, Gm, F/A, C, and F written above the notes.

* Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful God,

C: in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you embrace our lives with your great love for humanity. With joy and gladness we ask that these gifts may be for many a sign of that love, and that we may continue to share in your divine life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

HOLY COMMUNION

* Communion Prayer

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we come to the table.

C: The love of God is a gift and we do not deserve this gift.

P: Responding to the command of our Lord and desiring the life-giving presence of Christ, we share the body and blood.

C: We come with our wounds and faults, ready and willing to be refreshed with the true presence of Christ among us.

* Words of Institution

P: Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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.

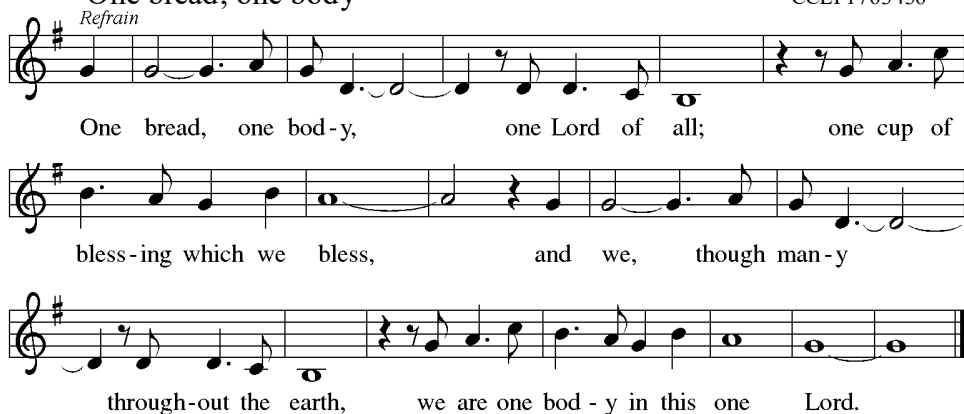
* The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as it is 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**

* One bread, one body

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Refrain



One bread, one bod-y, one Lord of all; one cup of
bless-ing which we bless, and we, though man-y
through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.

Communion (*Please be seated*)

For those at home or communing at their seat, please receive the bread and wine as the pastor speaks the words:

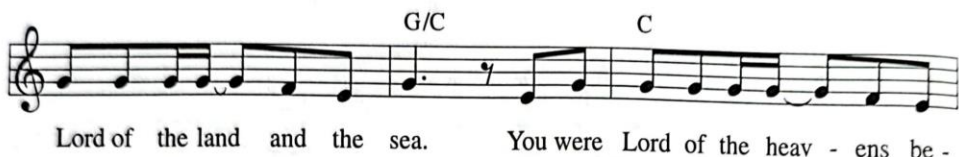
The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

If you desire to receive communion up front, please come forward via the center aisle. As the pastor and communion assistant give the bread and wine, they say these words to each communicant:

The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you.
The communicant may say: "Amen."

MUSIC AS WE SHARE COMMUNION

We bow down



We are marching in the light of God



Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -
We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the



nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God,



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march - ing in the light of God.



Si - ya - ham - ba (ham - ba, si - ya - ham - ba) OO
We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO



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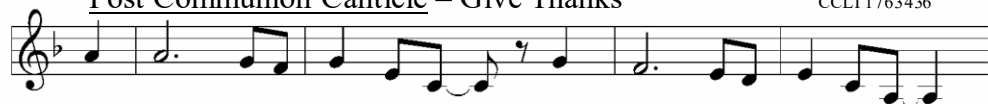
Additional stanzas: 2) We are dancing... 3) We are praying... 4) We are singing...

* Post Communion Blessing

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

* Post Communion Canticle – Give Thanks

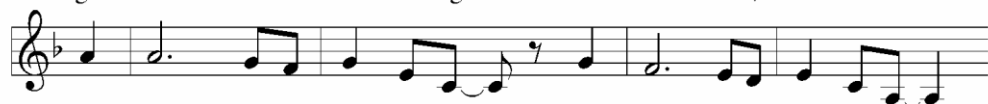
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Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,



give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



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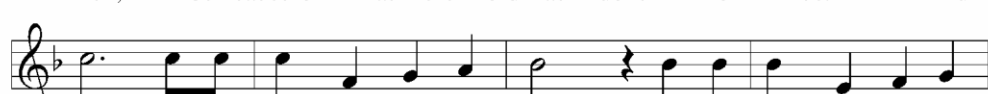
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.



And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And



now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am



rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!

* Prayer

P: Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **C: Amen**

* Blessing

P: In Jesus our Savior, God is with us. Almighty God, Father, Son +and Holy Spirit bless you now and forever. **C: Amen**

* Closing Song – Shine, Jesus, Shine

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* Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Be light for the world. **C: Thanks be to God.**

* Postlude

Please join us for fellowship and refreshments
in the fellowship hall following worship.

+ Calendar for this Week +

Today: Noon—"Undecorate" the tree

Mon-Jan 5: 9:00-Quilters

Tue-Jan 6: 2:00-Bible Study

6:00-Contemporary Team Instrumental/Vocal 6:30

Wed-Jan 7: 6:30-Financial Peace class begins

Thurs-Jan 8: 6:30-Traditional Choir Practice

7:00-Evening Bible Study

Sat-Jan 10: Volleyball games @ First Baptist

Worship Attendance Christmas Eve: 6:00-142; 8:00-142; 10:00-105

Sunday December 28: 8:30-68; 9:45-52; 11:00-47

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Next Sunday's Gospel: Matthew 3:13-17

+ Upcoming Events & Monthly Ministries +

"Un"decorate the tree and sanctuary . . . TODAY after the 11:00 worship service. *Many hands make light work!*

Sunday School TODAY at 9:45; our theme is Creation. Next Sunday School class is **Sunday January 18**-Noah's Ark.

Mark your calendars . . . Congregational Meeting Sunday January 25, 2026 after the 8:30 and 9:45 worship services.

Call Committee. . . if you are interested in serving on the call committee, please contact Debbie Brubaker, council president.

Volleyball News . . . Games will be played each Saturday night in January; watch your email for details.

2025 Year End Statements are available in the narthex. Please pick up yours today.

Mission of the Month for January & February: *On Sunday February 8, our youth will collect donations in soup pots at our church doors for the Souper Bowl of Caring. All of the money collected here will benefit the DuBois Area Food Pantry. If you would like make a financial gift to the Souper Bowl of Caring, please use the pew envelopes, and write "Souper Bowl" in the "other" line. Checks may be made payable to Christ Lutheran Church.*

Financial Peace University: Sign Up Now on the bulletin board: *Take control of your money with this nine-week class that uses biblical wisdom and common sense, to help you tackle budgeting, pay off debt and invest in your future. **Classes begin this Wednesday January 7, 2026**, and meet Wednesdays, 6:30–8p in the fellowship hall. The class is **FREE** for church members and open to the first 10 individuals/couples who sign up. For more information, speak with Brad or Colleen Russell or Nate Weber.*

2026 Altar Flowers: *Sign-up for 2026 altar flowers in the book in the narthex. The cost is \$30.*

YouthQuake: *Pittsburgh Road Trip! Join us **January 23–25, 2026**, for YouthQuake at the Marriott Pittsburgh Airport! Cost: \$90 per student. Forms are available from Abbey Weber or on the bulletin board. Registration deadline is **TODAY**.*

January Food Pantry Items: *CANNED CHICKEN and/or CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP.*

*The flowers in the chancel vases today are presented to
the Glory of the Lord.*

Worship Team-Thank you for serving today

Ushers: Brad Finalle, Zaiden Preston

Lector: Lisa Blasky

Communion Assistants: Lisa Blasky, Debbie Finalle

Altar Guild: Lisa Blasky/Cindy Chelednik

Contact information for Pastor David Holtz-
cell phone: 814-715-9315

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER ~ January 4, 2026

Shut-in & Nursing Home Members & Friends:

Linda Berry ~ Edie Brown ~ Karen Deasey ~ Carolyn Finalle-Miller ~ Gary Froelich ~ Jeannine Fye ~ Nora Gelnett ~ Mary Jo Gomes ~ George Kramer Sr. ~ Hazel Kriner ~ Jim Norwood ~ Geneva Roberts ~ Hazel Salada ~ Gary Salada ~ Emily Schindley ~ Betty Swanson ~ Shirley Williams

Those Serving in the Military:

Davey Aughenbaugh ~ Luke Cardellino ~ Cory Good ~ Lyndsey Good ~ Abby Fritz ~ Josh Lanzoni ~ Tyler Lenkerd ~ Paul McCurdy ~ Justin Neeper ~ Mike O'Harrow ~ Wesley Russell ~ Caleb Shields ~ Colton Shields ~ Jacey Wells ~ Chuckie White

Long Term Prayer Requests:

Abby ~ Ron Abrams ~ Carla Adamson ~ Drew Albert ~ Chuck Allen ~ Patti Allen ~ Debbie Anderson ~ Tia Angeletti ~ Jim August ~ Austin Family ~ Stephanie Barnett ~ Julie Baun ~ Dona Bean ~ Sandy Bender ~ Pat Biss ~ Larry Bosco ~ Bryson ~ Little Eleanor Bundy ~ Ray Bush ~ CinDee Byer ~ Gary Campbell ~ Chuck Case ~ Deb Clark ~ Louise Cramer ~ Bill Deitman ~ Carol DeLarme ~ Rick Delp ~ Jack Dennison ~ Cheryl DeSantis ~ Brad Dodd ~ Candy Douthit ~ Patrick Drodgy ~ Jamie Dungey ~ Mia Edwards ~ Emily ~ Ruben Ellis ~ Krista Evans ~ Denise Faulkrod ~ Tim Fuller ~ Lee Gelnett ~ Leah Gelnett ~ Beth Giese ~ Bryson Gray ~ Greg & Family ~ Arnold Gregory ~ Jim Haag ~ Pat Hamlin ~ Dennis Harris ~ Jackie & Bill Hartman ~ Eric Hazuda ~ Brenda Hickman ~ Larry Hickman ~ Bruce Hiles ~ TJ Holt ~ Nancy Hoover ~ Little Carter Horn ~ Gabby Homer ~ Dick & Bev Hudson ~ Vicki Jacklin ~ Lincoln Johnston ~ Cheryl Jones ~ Baby Ben K. ~ Lorraine Kakula ~ Jim Kearney ~ Tish Keen ~ Eli Keim ~ Dave Kness ~ Richard Kolcun ~ Jim Kriner ~ Carol Lawson ~ Cindy & Tom Leete ~ Doug Leidl ~ David Leonard ~ Anne Lettrich ~ Rick Lieber ~ Nancy Lilja ~ Brandon Lokesak ~ Mark M. ~ Karen Markievich ~ Mark Markievich ~ Emily Marshall ~ Marti ~ Mason Martin ~ Barbara Martini ~ Terie McBride ~ Rebecca McCartney ~ Keymo McKay ~ Shea McKinney ~ Walt Michalak ~ Bob Mickey ~ Bob Moline ~ Steve Moore ~ Brenda & Brett Mortimer ~ Gail Nissley ~ Jim Nelles ~ Debbie Newell ~ Joy Norwood ~ Mary & Christian Olrich ~ Joyce Oppen ~ Karen Ordog ~ Francie Page ~ Stacy Park ~ Linda Peterson ~ Barb Phleger ~ Mary Ann Piccirillo ~ Kristin Plotner ~ Morgan Pope ~ Mike Poulliot ~ Deb & Bill Presnar ~ Liz Preston ~ Nancy R. ~ Cal Ratcliff ~ Scott Reinard ~ Heidi Riley & Family ~ Elaine Russel ~ Marie Russell ~ Brianne Sage ~ Sara ~ Joe Shaffer ~ Molly Shaffer ~ Ann Simbeck ~ Greg Smeal ~ Terri Smouse ~ Ellen Sneddon ~ Tim Spencer ~ Little Faith Spicher ~ Little Levi Spickler ~ Karen Sprague ~ Ruth Sutphin ~ Dathan Swanson ~ Steven Sykes ~ Pat Teats ~ Diane Thomson ~ Karen Tobasco ~ Vickie Trisoline ~ Evelyn Vandervort ~ Eric Waldeck ~ Mary Lou Waldeck ~ Dr. Rod Wall ~ Jean Waltenbaugh ~ Gail Walter ~ Wanda Ward ~ Laura Wascovich ~ Melissa Wayne ~ Chloe Welder ~ Donald Wells ~ Shirley Wells ~ Joyce Whaling ~ Tammy Winters ~ Art Whitmore ~ Will ~ Becky Yasick ~ Nora Yasick ~ Charles Yonushonis ~ Jerry Zimmerman

Short Term (Four Week) Prayer Requests:

David Radaker, Aaron Eberly

To add or remove from this list, call the church office at 814-371-2470.