

PRAYER WORKS: A ministry of prayer and care

Prayer Works is a weekly publication highlighting prayer requests of the Philadelphia congregation. Updates may be made via the Prayer Board in the narthex or by e-mail at philadelphialuth@charter.net Prayers will remain on list four weeks unless updated. Please get permission before sharing someone else's prayer concern (10-11-2020)

HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE

Susan Laney.....At son's home

ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS

Mike Fox.....Outpatient Surgery, Frye

Kim Sherrill.....Max & Joan Sherrill's
Daughter-in-Law....Cancer

Revonda Heavner.....Knee Issues

Lynn Moore.....Heart attack.....Friend of Pat Metz

Richard Holden.....Lou Perry's Nephew.....Covid 19
Caromont Hospital, Gastonia

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Kat Baird.....Marc Woodie's Aunt
Church Triumphant 9/26/2020

**FOR THE RECORD
OCTOBER 11, 2020**

Worship	32
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Altar Guild.....Ron & Lisa Herman
Presenters.....Marc & Susan Woodie

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH
“CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE”
OCTOBER 18, 2020**

52 Pinewood Road
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We welcome you to our service today! May God richly bless you as you worship here. If you are visiting for the first time this morning, we ask that you please sign the guest register found in the front entrance of the church.

We will worship this morning “Together” in our cars, the sanctuary, and at home viewing the service on a computer. This is a day for us to worship together and enjoy Christian fellowship.

Homecoming
SUNDAY

ENCOUNTER GOD

WELCOME-Please stand with eyes on the cross

*LORD, WHOSE LOVE IN HUMBLE SERVICE

*Lord, whose love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed.
We, your servants, bring the worship not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose ev'ry gift which you impart.*

*Still your children wander homeless; still the hungry cry for bread;
Still the captives long for freedom; still in grief we mourn our dead.
As you Lord, in deep compassion healed the sick and freed the soul,
By your Spirit send your power to our world to make it whole.*

*Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go,
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;
Hope and health, goodwill and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know and live.*

Pastor: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God, who forgives our sins, whose mercy endures forever. **Amen**

Seeking reconciliation with God and neighbor, let us remember the gift of baptism and confess our sins.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination...we kneel or sit.)

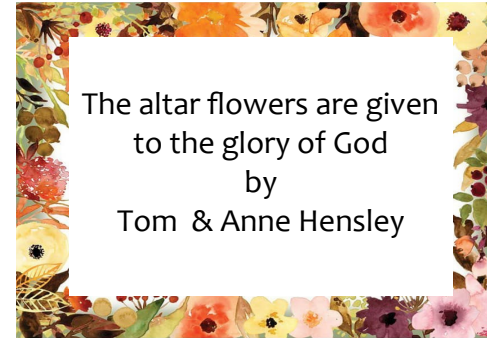
God of mercy,

we confess that we have sinned against you, against one another and against the earth entrusted to our care. We are worried and distracted by many things, and we fail to love you above all else. We store up treasures for ourselves and

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**(Denotes when congregation stands.)*

(Bold italicized print denotes when congregation speaks.)



The sanctuary lamp is given to the
glory of God and
in memory of Rick McRary
by
Mike & Kathy Fox



Time and Talent 2021

Beginning with the October 4th bulletin, the Time and Talent insert, altar flower and sanctuary lamp schedules will be available. In addition to a paper insert and sign-up sheets in the narthex, Kim Ledford has created Google docs for the Time and Talent sheet, altar flower, and sanctuary lamp schedules. These have been sent to your email and can be submitted online. With the limitations many still face due to Covid-19, we are striving to meet the needs of the congregation whether it be in various forms of worship, etc. These forms are very important and vital to the worship life of PLC. Please consider signing up for the various church activities, committees, and Sunday servant volunteers. While 2020 has been difficult, we continue God's mission through witness and service at PLC. By God's grace at work in us, we envision a "new normal" accomplishing more than we could ask or imagine. (Ephesians 3:20)

***Let Justice Flow Like Streams**

Let justice flow like streams of sparkling water pure, enabling growth, refreshing life, abundant, cleansing, sure.

Let righteousness roll on as others' cares we heed, an ever flowing stream of faith translated into deed.

So may God's plumb line, straight, define our measure true, and justice right, and peace pervade this world our whole life through.

***DISMISSAL**

Assisting Minister: Go in peace.
Christ is with us! Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Witness

Church and Community Events This Week

Prayer Team-Wednesday, October 21st @ 10:30 a.m.

Early Voting-Continues Monday-Saturday until October 31st

****Pastor Cline will be on vacation Monday, October 19th–
Sunday, October 25th.**

turn away from our neighbors in need. Forgive us, that we may live in the freedom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Pastor: And now may the peace of Christ be with you always.

People: ***And also with you.***

Pastor: Let us pray together.....

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

FIRST READING

Acts 9: 10-19

¹⁰Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." ¹¹The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, ¹²and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." ¹³But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem; ¹⁴and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." ¹⁵But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; ¹⁶I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." ¹⁷So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit." ¹⁸And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, ¹⁹and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(The congregation may be seated.)

Believe

*A READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE

ACTS 28: 23-31

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

²³After they had set a day to meet with him, they came to him at his lodgings in great numbers. From morning until evening he explained the matter to them, testifying to the kingdom of God and trying to convince them about Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets. ²⁴Some were convinced by what he had said, while others refused to believe. ²⁵So they disagreed with each other; and as they were leaving, Paul made one further statement: "The Holy Spirit was right in saying to your ancestors through the prophet Isaiah,

²⁶'Go to this people and say,
You will indeed listen, but never understand,
and you will indeed look, but never perceive.

²⁷For this people's heart has grown dull,
and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears,
and understand with their heart and turn —
and I would heal them.'

²⁸Let it be known to you then that this salvation of God has been sent to the Gentiles; they will listen."

³⁰He lived there two whole years at his own expense and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The congregation may be seated.)

*"Come and See the Glory of the Lord"

(The pastor sings the first two verses.)

In the night that Jesus was betrayed, in an upper room,
He took the bread and blessed it as he said..
"Here's my body broken for you".

He took the cup and raised it up on high, bowed His head and prayed. And then he said: "My blood for you is shed, a cleansing stream to wash your sins away".

(Congregation joins in singing)

**Come and see the glory of the Lord, come before the Lamb
Come and see the mercy of the King, bowing down before Him
For He is Lord above the heavens, Lord in all the earth.
Lord of all the angels, worthy to be served. Alleluia....Lord!**

Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

(Pastor will begin with Parking Lot Worshipers, then Sanctuary Worshipers.....after which we will commune as "one body in Christ.")

LORD'S PRAYER -SUNG

**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.**

*BLESSING

May the God of hope fill us with joy and peace. May we abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless us now and forever.

Amen.

OFFERING *The offering is gathered for the purpose of God's mission in the world.*
OFFERTORY



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!

Last time

THE MESSAGE

REV. DIANE W. CLINE

***CANTICLE OF THE TURNING**

*My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?*

Refrain: *My heart shall sing of the day you bring.*

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,

And the world is about to turn.

*Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn;
You will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn.*

Refrain: *My heart shall sing of the day you bring.*

Let the fires of your justice burn.

Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,

And the world is about to turn.



Serve

Pastor: And now as we respond to God's Word, we confess our faith through the words of the Apostle's Creed:

THE 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 of the People

Assisting Minister: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

(A brief silence....we kneel or sit.)

Assisting Minister: (Silence after each petition; for naming concerns aloud or silently.)

We pray reflecting the wideness of God's mercy for the whole world—

For the church universal, its ministry, and the mission of the gospel.....

For the well-being of creation.....

For peace and justice in the world, for nations and those in authority, for communities.....

For the poor, oppressed, sick, bereaved, lonely.....

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit due to COVID 19.....

For all congregations, for special concerns.....

We pray: Lord in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy: through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.