

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. Prayer requests will remain on the list four weeks unless updated. Please get permission before sharing someone else's prayer concern. 2-14-2021

HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE
Susan Laney.....At son's home

ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS
Riley E.Baseball Accident; Broken jaw
Cousin of Mary Catherine Belk & Karan Cline
Jim H....Lewis & Kay Callihan's Brother-in-Law
Cancer
Shirley L.....Jim's Sister...Recovering from stroke
Sam P.....Treatments
Kim S.....Max & Joan Sherrill's Daughter-in-Law
Cancer

FOR THE RECORD
February 14, 2021

Worship	25
General Fund Offering	\$3710.00
Building Fun	115.00
Bound Conscience Fund	25.00
Other Contribution	100.00
Total Contributions	\$3950.00

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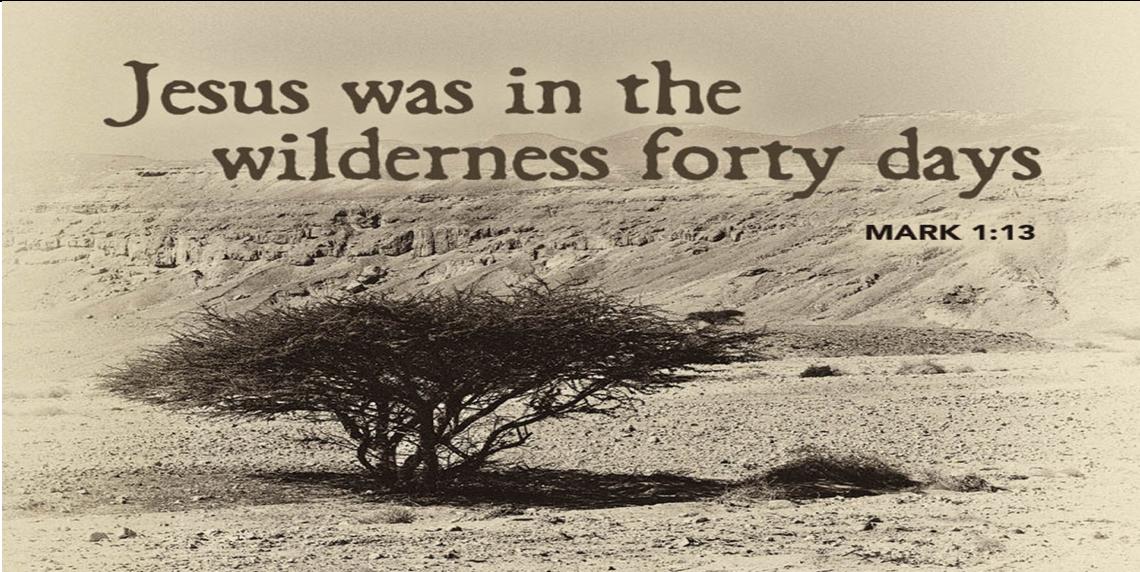
BIRTHS AND DEATHS

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
“CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE”
FEBRUARY 21, 2021

52 Pinewood Road
Granite Falls, NC 28630
The Reverend Diane W. Cline

Ken Eidenmiller, Music Director Judy Parker, Organist

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.



On Ash Wednesday the church began its journey toward baptismal immersion in the death and resurrection of Christ. This year, the Sundays in Lent lead us to focus on five covenants God makes in the Hebrew Scriptures and to use them as lenses through which to view baptism. First Peter connects the way God saved Noah's family in the flood with the way God saves us through the water of baptism. The baptismal covenant is made with us individually, but the new life we are given in baptism is for the sake of the whole world.



GATHERING: *The Holy Spirit gathers us in Christ’s name!*
**(You are invited to stand, facing the procession of the cross.)*

***GATHERING SONG: LORD JESUS, THINK ON ME ELW#599**

*Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin; from selfish passions set me free
and make me pure within.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, by anxious thoughts oppressed; let me your loving servant
be and taste your promised rest.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray; through darkness and perplexity point
out your chosen way.*

*Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when the flood is past, I may the eternal brightness see
and share your joy at last.*


***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

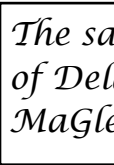
**(Denotes when congregation stands.)*
(Bold italicized print denotes when congregation speaks.)

***DISMISSAL**
Pastor:
Go in peace. Share the good news!

Congregation:
Thanks be to God!

A small, detailed illustration of a bouquet of various flowers in a vase.

*The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Tom &
Anne Hensley.*

A small, detailed illustration of a traditional oil lamp with a flame.

*The sanctuary lamp is given to the glory of God and in memory
of Delaphine & James Metz, Parents of Pat Metz by Pat &
MaGlenda Metz*

SUNDAY SERVANTS FEBRUARY 21ST	
Lay Reader.....	David Hartmann
Greeter.....	James McGee
Ushers	James Kirby, Eddie Sipes. Lewis Callihan, & Clyde Penley
Acolyte (All month).....	Leslie Freeman
Crucifer (All month).....	Kathy Fox
Tabulators.....	Marc & Susan Woodie
Altar Guild.....	Mary Catherine Belk & Judy Smith

***Invitation to Communion:**

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.
Come and be fed.

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

SENDING: *(God blesses us and sends us with gifts of grace in mission to the world.)*

***BLESSING**

You are what God made you to be:
Chosen as holy and beloved,
Freed to serve your neighbor.
God bless you ✠that you may be a blessing,
In the name of the holy and life-giving Trinity.
Amen.

***SENDING SONG: “I WANT JESUS TO WALK WITH ME” ELW# 325**

I want Jesus to walk with me; I want Jesus to walk with me; all along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

In my trials, Lord, walk with me; in my trials, Lord, walk with me; when my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me; when my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:**

(We confess our sin and receive God’s mercy and forgiveness.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠one God,
The keeper of the covenant,
The source of steadfast love,
Our rock and our redeemer.
Amen.

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ.
Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.
(We kneel or sit... for refecton)

Fountain of living water,
Pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
And mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
To follow in the way of Jesus,
As healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God’s word never fails.
The promise rests on grace.
As a called and ordained minister
Of the church of Christ,
And by Christ’s authority,
Our sins are ✠forgiven.
God remembers our sins no more.
We journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

(The congregation may be seated.)

WORD: *God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.*

LAY READER: FIRST READING

GENESIS 8: 18-22

A reading from the eighth chapter of Genesis

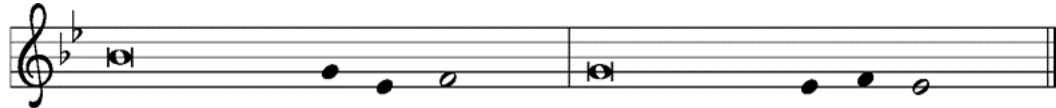
¹⁸So Noah went out with his sons and his wife and his sons' wives. ¹⁹And every animal, every creeping thing, and every bird, everything that moves on the earth, went out of the ark by families.

²⁰Then Noah built an altar to the LORD, and took of every clean animal and of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. ²¹And when the LORD smelled the pleasing odor, the LORD said in his heart, "I will never again curse the ground because of human-kind, for the inclination of the human heart is evil from youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living creature as I have done.

²²As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



CANTOR: PSALM

(SUNG IN UNISON)

PSALM 25: 4-5, 8-10, 12, 14

A reading from Psalm 25

⁴*Show me your | ways, O LORD,
and teach | me your paths.*

⁵*Lead me in your | truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all | the day long.*

⁸*You are gracious and up- | right, O LORD;
therefore you teach sinners | in your way.*

⁹*You lead the low- | ly in justice
and teach the low- | ly your way.*

¹⁰*All your paths, O LORD, are steadfast | love and faithfulness
to those who keep your covenant and your | testimonies.*

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***Words of Institution:**

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.

***LORD'S PRAYER** *(PLEASE STAND)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

***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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.***

Pastor: We entrust ourselves and all our prayers to you, O faithful God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

MEAL: *(God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ).*

OFFERING (You may remain seated.)

(Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.)

***Great Thanksgiving: (Spoken)**

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

***Preface: (Spoken)** It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

***Sanctus: (Spoken)**

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.*

¹²**Who are they who | fear the LORD?**

You will teach them the way that | they should choose.

¹⁴**You, LORD, are a friend to | those who fear you,
and will show | them your covenant.**

***GOSPEL**

THE REVEREND DIANE W. CLINE

The holy gospel according to Mark 1: 10-13

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

The gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: "SECURE WHEN IT'S NOT SAFE"

THE REVEREND DIANE W. CLINE

***HYMN OF THE DAY: A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD**

(VERSES 1, 2, AND 4)

ELW #504

*A mighty fortress is our God, a sword and shield victorious;
he breaks the cruel oppressor's rod and wins salvation glorious.
The old satanic foe has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dreadful might he arms
himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.*

*No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected. But now a
champion comes to fight, whom God himself elected. You ask who this may be?
The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Jesus, mighty Lord, God's only Son, adored. He holds
the field victorious.*

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God's Word forever shall abide, no thanks to foes, who fear it; for God himself fights by our side with weapons of the Spirit. Were they to take our house, goods, honor, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched away, they cannot win the day. The kingdom's ours forever!

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.**

Lay Reader: Prayers of Intercession

(Pause after each petition.....)

Lay Reader: Relying on the promises of God, we pray boldly for the church, the world, and all in need.

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

In Jesus your realm has come near to us in every place and time. Give your church throughout the world a spirit of humility and repentance; teach us to trust always in the good news of your salvation. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

You have made a covenant of mercy with every living creature. Protect all the earth's creatures from destruction. Empower the work of biologists, conservationists, and science educators. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

All your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness. Direct the words and actions of leaders in our community and throughout the world, that they may maintain justice for the lowly. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Even in the wilderness you are with us. Walk alongside migrants and refugees crossing dangerous lands. Tend to those whose lives feel desolate. Give healing and strength to all who suffer. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In the covenant of baptism you claim us as beloved children. Nurture us in our baptismal identity and teach us to live within it for the sake of others. Strengthen this congregation's ministries of care and concern. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

In baptism you join us to the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We praise you for all those who have died trusting in your faithfulness. Bring us with them to the fullness of your reign. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.