

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 (1-10-2021)

HOMEBOUND / NURSING CARE

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

ACUTE /CHRONIC ILLNESS

Shirley Ledford.....Jim's Sister...Recovering from stroke
Sam Potter.....Surgery 12/18
Kim Sherrill.....Max & Joan Sherrill's Daughter-in-Law....Cancer

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

Huitt Keener.....Church Triumphant 12-28-2020
Bev Hamann.....Joe Hamann's Mother Church Triumphant 12-19-2020

**FOR THE RECORD
JANUARY 10, 2021**

Worship	27
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SUNDAY SERVANTS JANUARY 17TH

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Greeter.....Karan Cline
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Acolyte (All month).....Susan Woodie
Crucifer (All month).....Marc Woodie
Tabulators.....Cody & Kristin McCarraher
Altar Guild..... Ron & Lisa Herman



The prayer team will meet Wednesday, January 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.

**PHILADELPHIA LUTHERAN
CHURCH
“CHURCH OF BROTHERLY LOVE”
JANUARY 17, 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.



All the baptized have a calling in God's world. God calls not just pastors and deacons but also the youngest child, like Samuel. The story of the calling of Nathanael plays with the idea of place. Nathanael initially dismisses Jesus because he comes from Nazareth. But where we come from isn't important; it's where—or rather whom—we come to. Jesus refers to Jacob, who had a vision in a place he called “the house of God, and . . . the gate of heaven” (Gen. 28:17). Jesus says he himself is the place where Nathanael will meet God.

ENCOUNTER GOD

**You are invited to stand, facing the procession of the cross.*

***OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART, LORD**

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

*Open the eyes of my heart, Lord,
Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see You, I want to see You.*

*To see You high and lifted up,
Shining in the light of Your glory.
Pour out Your power and love
As we sing, holy, holy, holy.*

*Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.*

*Holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy. I want to see You.*

Pastor: With one voice let us pray.....

Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, most merciful redeemer, for the countless blessings and benefits you give. May we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day praising you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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

***DISMISSAL**

Pastor: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Witness

The altar flowers are
given to the glory of God
and in honor of
Miles Harrison Johnson
by
Roger & Elaine McGee

The sanctuary lamp is given to the
glory of God and in memory of
Marshall & Faye McGee
& Bob Oxford
by
Art & Diane Chaffee



Offering statements are available in the parlor on the table. If you are currently not attending weekly church services, you may come by the church to pick up your statement at the door. Please call the church to arrange a time for pick up.

church council
MEETING

The church council will meet Tuesday, January 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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 pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.*

***BLESSING**

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.
Amen.

***WE ARE CALLED**

1. ***Come! Live in the light!***
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!
We are called to be light for the kingdom, to
live in the freedom of the city of God.
- Refrain:
We are called to act with justice, we are
called to love tenderly; we are called to
serve one another, to walk
humbly with God.
2. ***Come! Open your heart!***
Show your mercy to all those in fear!
We are called to be hope for the hopeless so
hatred and blindness will be no more. Refrain
3. ***Sing! Sing a new song!***
Sing! Of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as
sisters and brothers united in love. Refrain

MEDITATION AND CONFESSION

(All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.)

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God,
whose voice is upon the waters,
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.
(Silence is kept for reflection... We kneel or sit.)

Holy God,
you search us and know us.
You are acquainted with all our ways.
We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.
We turn inward, failing to follow
your outward way of love.
We distrust those who are not like us.
We exploit the earth and its resources
and fail to consider generations to come.
Forgive us, gracious God,
for all we have done and left undone.
Even before the words are on our tongues,
you know them;
receive them in your divine mercy.

Amen.

How vast is God's grace!
Through the power and promise of ✠ Christ Jesus,
our sins are washed away
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.
Indeed, we are forgiven.
In the wake of God's forgiveness,
we are called to be the beloved community
living out Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.

Amen.

Believe

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

People: **And also with you.**

(The congregation may be seated.)

First Reading

1st Samuel 3: 9-20

⁹Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he [the Lord] calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

¹⁰Now the Lord came and stood there, calling as before, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant is listening.” [¹¹Then the Lord said to Samuel, “See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. ¹²On that day I will fulfill against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. ¹³For I have told him that I am about to punish his house forever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. ¹⁴Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering forever.”

¹⁵Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the Lord. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. ¹⁶But Eli called Samuel and said, “Samuel, my son.” He said, “Here I am.” ¹⁷Eli said, “What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.” ¹⁸So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, “It is the Lord; let him do what seems good to him.”

¹⁹As Samuel grew up, the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. ²⁰And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the Lord.]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



*“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!

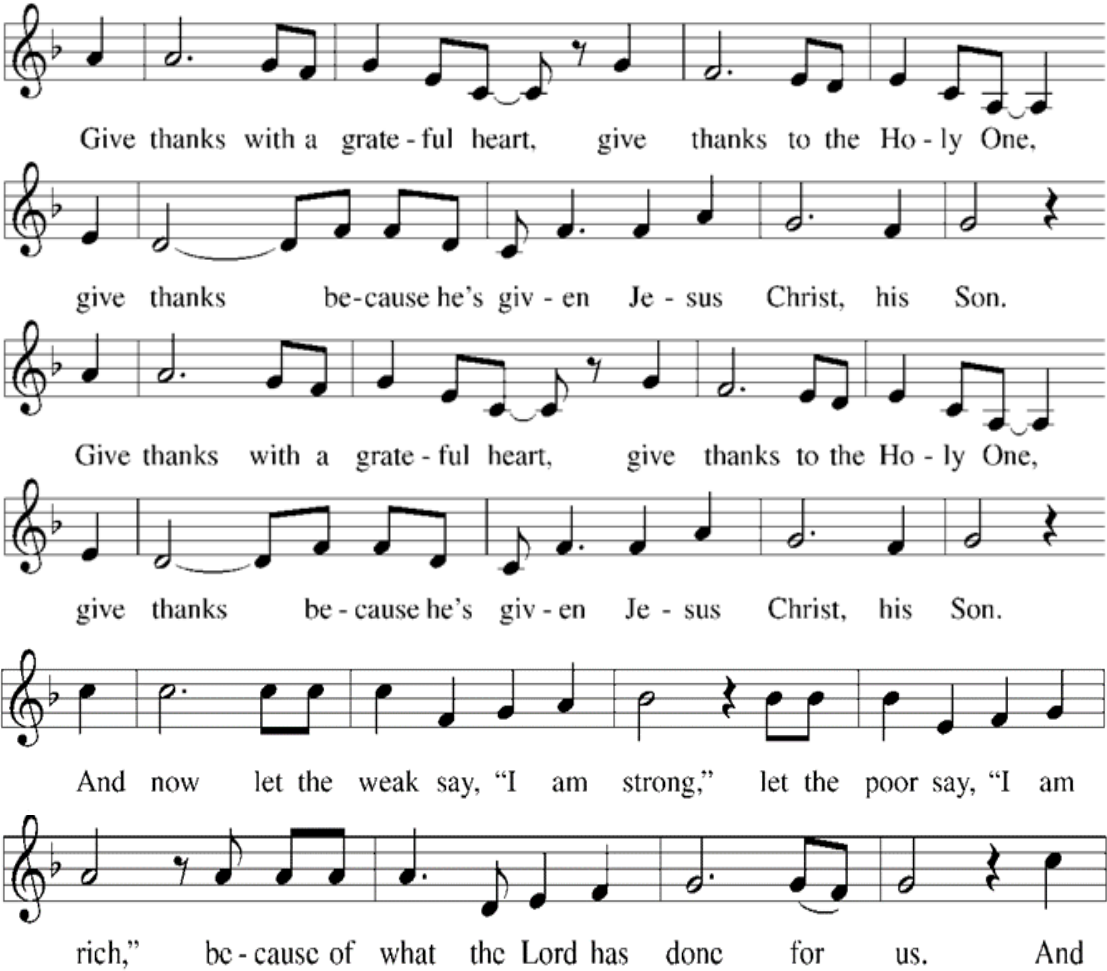
Pastor: Come to the banquet, for all is now ready. Taste and see that the Lord is good.

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

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

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

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SECOND READING

1 CORINTHIANS 6: 15-20
(The Passion Translation)

¹⁵ Don't you know that your bodies belong to Christ as his body parts? Should one presume to take the members of Christ's body and make them into members of a harlot? Absolutely not! ¹⁶ Aren't you aware of the fact that when anyone sleeps with a prostitute he becomes a part of her, and she becomes a part of him? For it has been declared: The two become a single body.

¹⁷ But the one who joins himself to the Lord is mingled into one spirit with him. ¹⁸ *This is why* you must keep running away from sexual immorality. For every other sin a person commits is external to the body, but immorality involves sinning against your own body.

¹⁹ Have you forgotten that your body is now the sacred temple of the Spirit of Holiness, who lives in you? You don't belong to yourself any longer, for the gift of God, the Holy Spirit, lives inside your sanctuary. ²⁰ You were God's expensive purchase, paid for with tears of blood, so by all means, then, use your body to bring glory to God!

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

***A READING FROM THE HOLY SCRIPTURE** **THE REVEREND DIANE W. CLINE**

The Holy Gospel according to John 1: 45-49
Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁵ Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." ⁴⁶ Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." ⁴⁷ When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" ⁴⁸ Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." ⁴⁹ Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!"

Praise to you, O Christ.

(The congregation may be seated.)

THE MESSAGE: “WHERE NOTHING IS EXPECTED” THE REVEREND DIANE W.CLINE

***AS THE DEER**

As the deer pant-eth for the water, So my soul long-eth after Thee.
You alone are my heart’s desire — And I long to worship Thee.
You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire — and I long to worship Thee.

You’re my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything.
You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire — and I long to worship Thee.

I want you more than gold or silver, only you can satisfy.
You alone are the real joy giver and the apple of my eye.
You alone are my strength, my shield. To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart’s desire — and I long to worship Thee.

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.*

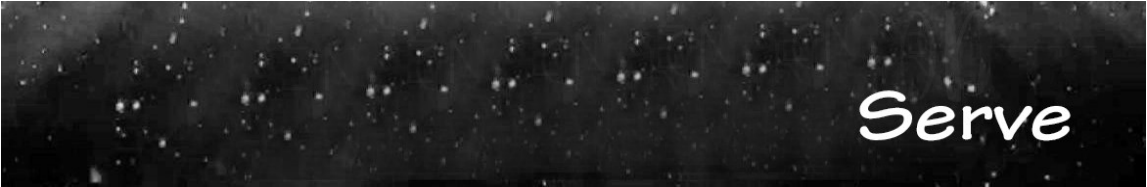
*He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.*

*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.

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*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

Lay Reader: 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.)

(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.

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