

## Prayer List

### Members of the Congregation:

**Ginger** Penley (hand surgery 2/1), **Ellen** Thomas, **Ron** Schneider, **Linda** Jones, **Craig** Thompson, **James** Jordan (caregiving).

### Friends and Loved Ones:

**Pat** Wilson (Susan's relative)

**Patti** Johnson (Yolande's friend, heart valve surgery)

**Carol** McWhorter (The Brown's friend, double mastectomy on Jan. 30)

**Lisa** Beard (The Brown's friend with advanced cancer)

**Ronnie** Johnson (Amelia's uncle, heart and lung issues.)

**Bob** Binns, Amelia's friend, recovering from fall

**Dolores** Dukeman (Judy A's mother)

**Jamhile** (*pronounced Ja Meal E*) Eckert (Donna's granddaughter in law expecting a child)

**Donnie** (Ann L's friend's infant grandson with cancer and blindness)

**Brandon** (prayers for healing)

**Julie** Harrison (Stage four cancer diagnosis, Lebanon resident)

**Michael** and **Valerie** Cascanet (Rachel M's father who is ill, mother as caregiver)

**Audrey** Naylor (Mary Lou's friend)

**Virginia** Jordan (James Jordan's mother)

**Alicen** and **Hailey** (Del and Pat's Granddaughters)

**James** Brown (Jeff Brown's father)

**Sharon** Dauberman (Donna Eckert's sister)

**Linda** Samand and **Barbara** Anderson (Ron Schneider's sisters)

**Hal** and **Lynnette** Richardson (Kathy McLallen's friend)

**Rob** Erdman (Amelia's friend, beginning of kidney failure)

**Melinda** Roell (Amelia's friend, second battle with colon cancer)

**Beth** Bradfield Wright (Amelia's college friend, 10+ year fight with cancer)

**Fulton** Johns (Church neighbor, illness)

*And those you would like to name silently or aloud.*

**Those in long term care:** **Lois** Phillips, **Margery** Allard, **Kathy** Lowery, **Wilene** Penley, **Betty** Kirk.

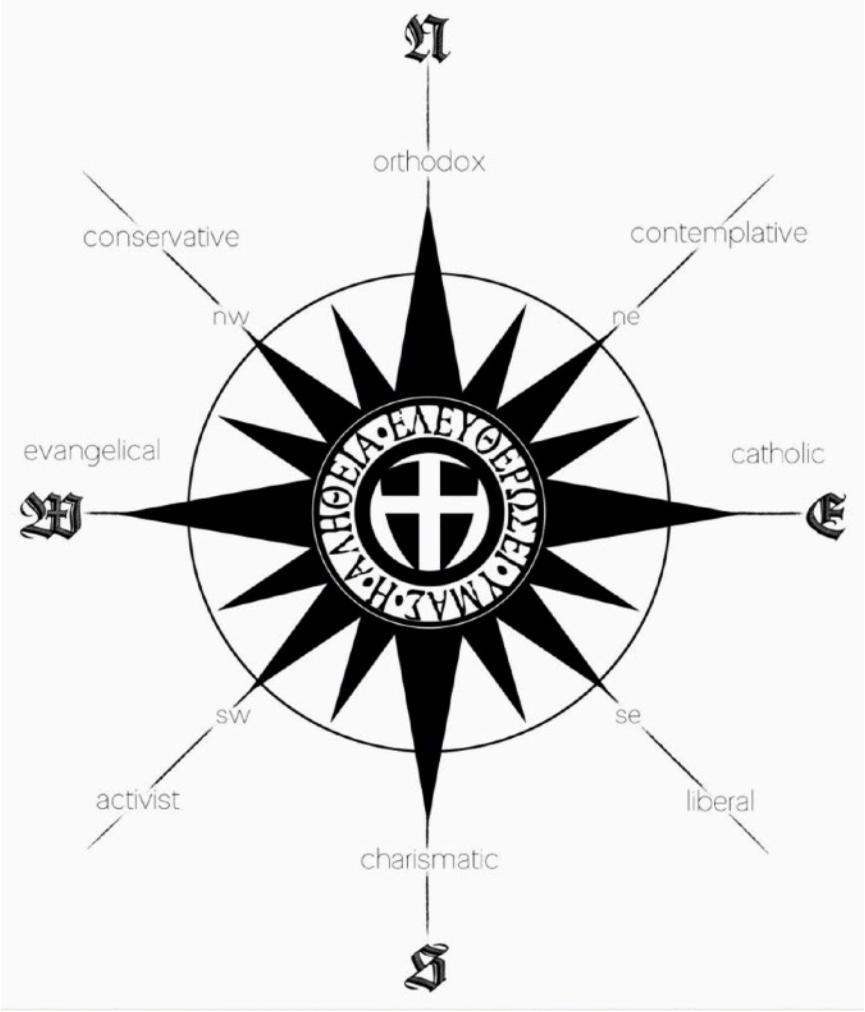
**For first responders and those in military service and their families, especially,**

**Jonathan** McBrien (Mary Lou's grandson, Air Force, Alaska) **Trevor** Sanders (Beth Sander's son, Navy, San Diego), **Malerie** Bell (The Gipson's niece, Coast Guard, Montauk, New York), **Sean** Vogel (Kathy Vogel's son, Air Guard, Colorado), **Dalton** Ogdon (Linda Jones' grandson, Army Reserve), **Sarah** Geeslin (Ranger, Cedars of Lebanon State Park).

For those having birthdays this month: **Lori** Cameron (1/1), **Piper** Duff (1/7), **Carl** Puels (1/8), **Catherine** Masters (1/9), **Ann** Lemoine (1/14), **Jim** Bevis, **Ben** Waters (1/16), **Kitty** Waters (1/18), **Rachel** McRoberts (1/23), **Wayne** Hill, **Ellen** Thomas (1/25), **Kelly** McConnell (1/30)

We pray for those celebrating the anniversary of their marriages: **John and Kathy** Vogel (1/2).

In our Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for St. Matthew's Church, McMinnville.



## The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 29, 2023 + 10:30AM

*In-person and Livestream*

**Episcopal Church of the Epiphany**

**Lebanon, Tennessee**

# WELCOME!

“...For my house shall be called a house of prayer for all people...”

We are delighted to welcome our guests and visitors who have joined us for worship today. We hope you will enjoy the service and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in praise and prayer. Everything you need to participate in today's service is included in this order of service bulletin. It helps to know that Episcopalians generally stand to sing, kneel (or sit) to pray, and sit to listen.

If you were baptized in your home church of any denomination, you are welcome to take communion with us! At the altar rail, if you'd like to receive a prayer of blessing instead of the bread or wine, indicate by crossing your arms over your chest. **Gluten free wafers are available.**

Guests: **please sign our guest book**, receive a visitor's bag and join us downstairs for coffee and refreshments after the service.

## *Announcements*

- Today **Annual Parish Meeting** with Potluck luncheon and meeting to follow. Hear reports on 2022 and help us elect our vestry members.
- **Overnight hosts** needed this month needed to stay with homeless women on Sunday nights
- **Lunch Bunch**, February 16th, 11:30AM at Lebanon location TBA
- **GriefShare Support Group is coming to Epiphany:** This group is for people who are grieving the death of a loved one. Often it can be a great comfort and help to meet with others who are also experiencing grief. Together we will watch informative videos and share support and conversation. Participants from our surrounding community and the congregation are all welcome. This 13 session group will meet weekly at Epiphany on Thursdays, 9:30-11am from February 16th through May 11, 2023. **For questions and/or to register please contact [cindylongrn@gmail.com](mailto:cindylongrn@gmail.com) (916) 261-1341.** We will have brochures soon and more information is available on the GriefShare website <https://www.griefshare.org/>
- Shrove Tuesday **Pancake Supper**, February 21, 6PMish men folk needed to flip pancakes.
- **Ash Wednesday** coming soon
- **Nursery Coordinator Needed:** It's a paid position Sundays 8AM -Noon.

### **Ongoing events:**

- \*First Sunday, Opportunity for Healing Prayer
- \*Third Thursday, Lunch Bunch 11:30AM Location TBD
- \*Fourth Sunday, Food Pantry Collection

### **Prayers before communion:**

We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Or

Be present, be present, O Jesus, our great High Priest, as you were present with your disciples, and be known to us in the breaking of bread; who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

### **Worship Notes**

*Ushers* Wayne and Ann Hill, Carl and Shanna Puels  
*Lector* Jim McConnell, Yolande Watson  
*Prayers of the People* Donna Eckert, Keith Penley  
*Eucharistic Minister* Ann Lemoine, Keith Penley  
*Livestream* Del Rapp  
*Altar Guild* Ann Lemoine  
*Vestry Person of the Day* Amelia Hipps  
*Organist* James Jordan  
*Clergy* The Rev. Cynthia Seifert

*The altar flowers today were given to the glory of God.*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

## The Lord's Prayer

### The Fraction: Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

*The ushers will indicate when to come forward. If you receive communion in your home church of any tradition, you are welcome to take it with us. You may cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing instead of the bread and wine.*

## Communion Music

### Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### The Blessing

May Christ the Son of God be manifest in you so that your lives may be a light to the world, and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. Amen.

### Hymn 537 *Christ for the world we sing!*

- 1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring, with loving zeal;  
the poor and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,  
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.
- 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring, with fervent prayer;  
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,  
redeemed at countless cost, from dark despair.
- 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring, with one accord;  
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,  
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
- 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring, with joyful song;  
the newborn souls, whose days, reclaimed from error's ways,  
inspired with hope and praise, to Christ belong.

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## The Holy Eucharist: Rite II

Organ Prelude

Welcome

### Hymn 636 *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord*

- 1 How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent word!  
What more can he say than to you he hath said, to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed! For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 5 "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to its foes;  
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake, I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."

### Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**BCP 355**

**And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid:  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly  
love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

### Song of Praise (*Hymnal Service Music S-280*)

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

## Collect of the Day

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

## A Reading from the Prophet Micah (6:1-8)

Hear what the Lord says:

Rise, plead your case before the mountains,  
and let the hills hear your voice.

Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord,  
and you enduring foundations of the earth;  
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,  
and he will contend with Israel.

“O my people, what have I done to you?

In what have I wearied you? Answer me!

For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,  
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;  
and I sent before you Moses,  
Aaron, and Miriam.

O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised,  
what Balaam son of Beor answered him,  
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,  
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

“With what shall I come before the Lord,  
and bow myself before God on high?

Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,  
with calves a year old?

Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams,  
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?

Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,  
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?”

He has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## The Sanctus (*Hymnal Service Music S-125*)

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

*(The people kneel or stand.)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.

In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**Most merciful God,**  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
And also with you.

## Offertory Sentence

## Offertory Music

## The Presentation of the Bread and Wine and The Doxology *(standing)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise him all creatures here below!  
Praise him above the heavenly host! Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## The Holy Communion, Prayer B

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 him thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father  
Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts,  
to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

## Psalm 15 *(Let us read the psalm responsively by half-verse.)*

- 1 Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? \*  
**who may abide upon your holy hill?**
- 2 Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, \*  
**who speaks the truth from his heart.**
- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;  
he does no evil to his friend; \*  
**he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.**
- 4 In his sight the wicked is rejected, \*  
**but he honors those who fear the Lord.**
- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong \*  
**and does not take back his word.**
- 6 He does not give his money in hope of gain, \*  
**nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**
- 7 Whoever does these things \*  
**shall never be overthrown.**

## A Reading from St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians (1:18-31)

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being  
saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

“I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,  
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.”

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God  
made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know  
God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those  
who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a  
stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and  
Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than  
human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not  
many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to  
shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low  
and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one  
might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for  
us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is  
written, “Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.”

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**

**Hymn 490** *I want to walk as a child of the light*

I want to walk as a child of the light, I want to follow Jesus  
God sent the stars to give light to the world, The star of my life is Jesus  
In Him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

I want to see the brightness of God, I want to look at Jesus  
Clear Sun of Righteousness, shine on my path, And show me the way to the Father  
In Him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Matthew (5:1-12)**  
**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you Lord Christ**

**Hymn 490** *I want to walk as a child of the light*

I'm looking for the coming of Christ, I want to be with Jesus  
When we have run with patience the race, We shall know the joy of Jesus (Refrain)  
In Him there is no darkness at all; The night and the day are both alike  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God; Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus

**The Sermon**

**The Nicene Creed**

**BCP 358**

**Prayers of the People, Form III** *(The people kneel, stand or sit.)*

**BCP 387**

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
**That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
**That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
**That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
**That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
**That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
**That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed (especially \_\_\_\_\_) eternal rest.  
**Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

I ask your prayers for those on our church prayer list found on the back page of your bulletin.

*The Celebrant concludes with a collect.*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.