

# PRAYER REQUESTS

We are here to pray for you!

*Help carry one another's burden, and in this way you will obey the law of Christ.* Galatians 6:2

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| Paul Buskey     | Debbie Lucas              |
| Steve Chaplin   | Sarah MacCorkle           |
| Grayson Coleman | James Mayo                |
| Bill Clark      | Danny McClung             |
| Lyle Crossman   | Linda McGee               |
| Sam Hall        | Pete Norcross             |
| Gary Hartley    | * Family of Bill Peel     |
| Adam Hoofnagle  | El & Maryanne Pultz       |
| Gladys Kuehne   | Keith & Barbara Putbresi  |
| Sergei Kuehne   | Jessica Whitesell         |
| Vera Kuehne     | Pastor Luther Witt & Judy |
| Mary Lipscomb   |                           |

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## Congregation Members with Special Needs:

Steve Heizer

## Those in Military Service:

Adam Hoofnagle, Albert Miller Jr., Robert & Sharon Miller, Wayne Perez, Markus Strecker, Ben Switzer, Clint Taylor

## Our College Students:

Brett Turpin

## Our Missions Near & Far:

WRE, RARA, Gideons International, Relay for Life, Young Life, Theological Seminaries, Habitat for Humanity, Blue Ridge Food Bank, Kings Way Help Center, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Massanetta Springs, Rockbridge Area Hospice, Samaritan's Purse, Living Waters of the World

## Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

**SUNDAY, December 12, 2021 — 3rd Sunday Advent**

9:30AM Sunday School — "Incarnation"

11:00AM Worship Service — 4-cents-a-meal offering

**MONDAY, December 13, 2021**

7:00PM Session Meets

**SUNDAY, December 19, 2021 — 4th Sunday Advent**

9:30AM Sunday School — "Incarnation"

11:00AM Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The usher for December—Mike Henry



CHRISTMAS JOY

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

LEADERSHIP: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

## The Perfect Gift

Jesus is the perfect gift, not

only opening a door but

coming through it. In Jesus, God joined with humanity, and in his life, death and resurrection, so our story of God goes, Jesus is the door, now standing open. The giving continues because God is with us, still — and always.

We offer our gifts during this Advent Season to the *Christmas Joy Offering* because God shows us the power and importance of being together, of "being with." We thank God for being "with us" through the gift of Jesus, for opening doors that may not have been accessible to us, and for joining us together as the Church and, through our gifts, with those who have need.

*The Christmas Joy Offering* is received on December 19th and your gifts are distributed equally to: ~ the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions, providing critical financial support to church workers and their families; ~ Presbyterian-related schools and colleges. This has been a commitment that has been met for nearly 140 years.

New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)

### **Canticle Isaiah 12:2-6**

- 2 Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust, and will not be afraid,  
for the LORD GOD is my strength and my might;  
he has become my salvation.
- 3 With joy you will draw water from the wells of  
salvation. 4And you will say in that day:  
Give thanks to the LORD,  
call on his name;  
make known his deeds among the nations;  
proclaim that his name is exalted.
- 5 Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;  
let this be known in all the earth.
- 6 Shout aloud and sing for joy, O royal Zion,  
for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

### **Second Reading Philippians 4:4-7**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Gospel

### **Luke 3:7-18**

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say

to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages." As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.



### **Memorial Christmas Wreath**

The Outdoor Christmas Wreath is given to the glory of God and in Memory of family members by the Womeldorf Memorial Fund.