

# 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

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

## 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



## 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.

## Timber Ridge Presbyterian Church

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

9:30AM Sunday School

11:00AM Worship Service

**Friday, December 24, 2021 — Christmas Eve Service**

7:00PM **Communion & Candle Light Service**

**SUNDAY, December, 2021 — 1st Sunday of Christmas**

9:30AM Sunday School

11:00AM Worship Service

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The usher for December—Art Kuehne



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.

**Psalm 80:1-7**

(NRSV)

- 1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,  
you who lead Joseph like a flock!  
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth
- 2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.  
Stir up your might, and come to save us!
- 3 Restore us, O God;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.
- 4 O LORD God of hosts,  
how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?
- 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.
- 6 You make us the scorn of our neighbors;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.
- 7 Restore us, O God of hosts;  
let your face shine, that we may be saved.

**Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10**

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me; in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure."

Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."

When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second. And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

**Gospel Luke 1:39-45 (46-55)**

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord." And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the LORD,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,  
for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.  
Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;  
for the Mighty One has done great things for me,  
and holy is his name.

His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.  
He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.  
He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;  
he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.  
He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,  
according to the promise he made to our ancestors,  
to Abraham and to his descendants forever."