

ST. PETER'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
Holy Eucharist Rite II
November 28, 2021~ 10:00 am



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*
WELCOME!

Greetings! We are delighted that you have joined us for our worship service, and so very thankful to be together in-person or virtually! Whether you are a member, a frequent visitor, or are visiting St. Peter's for the first time, we feel blessed by your presence.

We invite your questions regarding our ministries and life in the Episcopal Church. Please know that all baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion during our worship.

We are so glad you could be with us this morning and hope you will join us again.

HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
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 November 28, 2021 ~ 10:00 am

The congregation stands.

Processional: Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding

(Hymn #59)



1. Hark! a thrill - ing voice is sound - ing. "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
 2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn - ing, from earth's bond - age let us rise;
 3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - spect - ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
 4. so when next he comes with glo - ry, and the world is wrapped in fear,
 5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might, and bless - ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



1. "Cast a - way the works of dark - ness, O ye chil - dren of the day."
 2. Christ, our sun, all sloth dis - pel - ing, shines up - on the morn - ing skies.
 3. let us haste, with tears of sor - row, one and all to be for - given;
 4. may he with his mer - cy shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 5. with the ev - er - last - ing Spi - rit while un - end - ing a - ges run.

THE WORD OF GOD

(BCP Page 355)

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

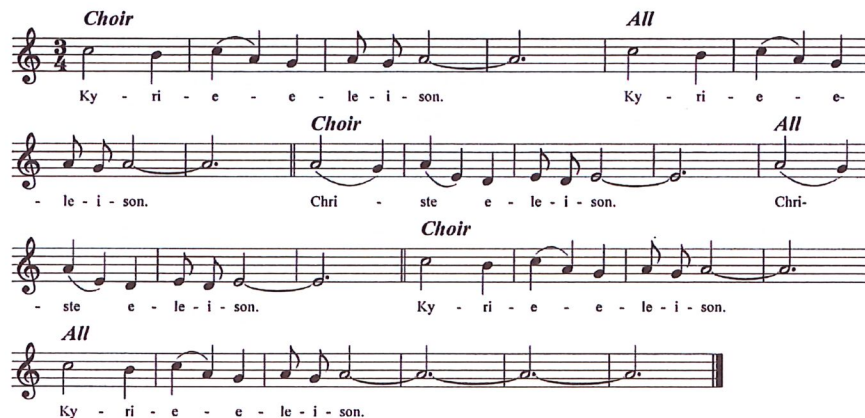
People *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Celebrant says

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.*



(Hymn #S-88)



A Bidding Prayer

(The Book of Occasional Services, Page 32)

The Celebrant says

Dear People of God: In the season of Advent, it is our responsibility and joy to prepare ourselves to hear once more the message of the Angels, to go to Bethlehem and see the Son of God lying in a manger.

Let us hear and heed in Holy Scripture the story of God's loving purpose from the time of our rebellion against him until the glorious redemption brought to us by his only Child Jesus, and let us look forward to the yearly remembrance of his birth with hymns and songs of praise.

But first, let us pray for the needs of his whole world, for peace and justice on earth, for the unity and mission of the Church for which he died, and especially for his Church in our country and in this city.

And because he particularly loves them, let us remember in his name the poor and helpless, the cold, the hungry and the oppressed, the sick and those who mourn, the lonely and unloved, the aged and little children, as well as all those who do not know and love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Finally, let us remember before God his pure and lowly Mother, and that whole multitude which no one can number, whose hope was in the Word made flesh, and with whom, in Jesus, we are one for evermore.

The Collect of the Day: First Sunday of Advent

(BCP Page 211)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen*



THE LESSONS

You may be seated.

A Reading from the Prophet Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 25:1-9

(BCP Page 614)

Read responsively by half verse.

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
*let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

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

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.*

Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
*remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.*

Gracious and upright is the LORD; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.

All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Second Lesson

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians 3:9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

Celebrant The Word of the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL *Please stand as are able.*

GOSPEL HYMN: Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

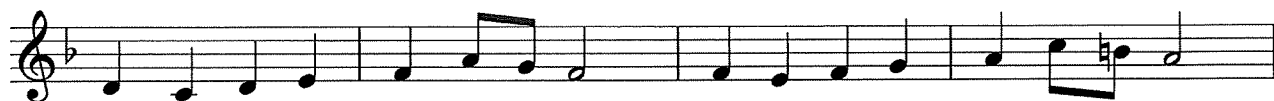
(Hymn #640)



1. Watch - man, tell us of the night, what its signs of prom - ise are.
2. Watch - man, tell us of the night, high - er yet that star a - scends.
3. Watch - man, tell us of the night, for the morn - ing seems to dawn.



1. Trav - eler, o'er yon moun - tain's height, see that glo - ry beam - ing star.
2. Trav - eler, bless - ed - ness and light, peace and truth its course por - tends.
3. Trav - eler, dark - ness takes its flight, doubt and ter - ror are with - drawn.



1. Watch - man, does its beau - teous ray aught of joy or hope fore - tell?
2. Watch - man, will its beams a - lone gild the spot that gave them birth?
3. Watch - man, let thy wan - dering cease; hie thee to thy qui - et home.



1. Trav - eler, yes; it brings the day, prom - ised day of Is - ra - el.
2. Trav - eler, a - ges are its own; see, it bursts o'er all the earth.
3. Trav - eler, lo! the Prince of Peace, lo! the Son of God is come!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 21:25-36

Remain standing as are able.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

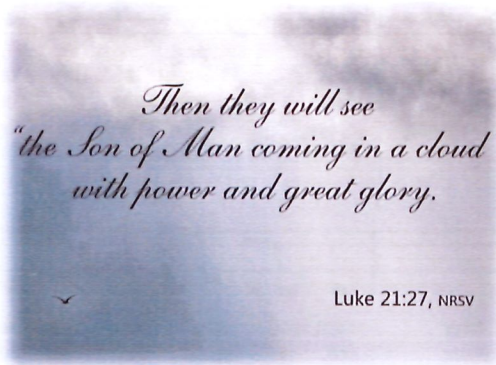
Jesus said, "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*



*Then they will see
"the Son of Man coming in a cloud
with power and great glory.*

Luke 21:27, NRSV

The congregation may be seated.

Homily

The Rev. James W. Friedel

The Nicene Creed

(BCP Page 358)

All standing as are able.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,

maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God, begotten, not made,

of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,

and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Form III

(BCP Page 387)

The Leader and People pray responsively

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

Silence

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 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 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.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions.

The Collect at the Prayers

The Celebrant says

(BCP Page 395)

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to your for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

(BCP Page 360)

The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

*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 Celebrant 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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People *And also with you.*

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
~ *Ephesians 5:2*



THE HOLY COMMUNION

You may be seated as the Altar is prepared for Holy Communion.

Offertory Anthem ~ One Single Candle

(Schram)

The Celebrant says

(BCP Page 377)

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is your. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

~ I Chronicles 29:11

Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

(BCP Page 367)

The people remain standing.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People ***We lift them to the Lord.***

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People ***It is right to give God thanks and praise.***

The Celebrant proceeds

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

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing. ***Amen.***

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



Holy Communion

Sanctus

Sung to the tune of "In the Bleak Midwinter"



Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of power and might. Heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, Ho - sa - na to the King.

The congregation may kneel or sit as the prayer continues.

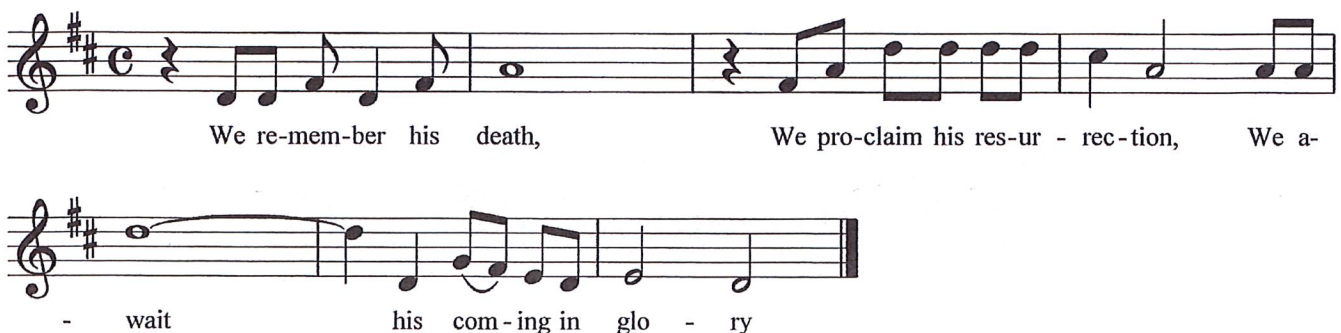
The Celebrant continues

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."

Memorial Acclamation (Mass for the King of Glory)



We re-mem-ber his death, We pro-claim his res-ur - rec-tion, We a-
- wait his com-ing in glo - ry

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you,
O Lord of all; presenting 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 Peter and 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.

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.

As our Savior Christ has taught us,
We now pray,

People and Celebrant

THE LORD'S PRAYER (C-114)

*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 power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen. Amen.



The Breaking of the Bread

(BCP Page 364)

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Invitation to Communion

(BCP Page 364)

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you.

COMMUNION HYMNS ~ Choir

Hymn: Alleluia He Is Coming

Hymn: My Lord, He is A-Comin' Soon

The Post Communion Prayer of Thanksgiving

(BCP Page 366)

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.



Birthday and Anniversary Blessings

A Blessing

Celebrant

May joy and nothing less find you on your way. May you be blessed and be a blessing. May light guide you, and countless others, all the way home. And may the blessing of God, Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be with you this day and remain with you always. *Amen.*

Recessional: Hark the Glad Sound! The Savior Comes!

(Hymn #72)



1. Hark! the glad sound! the Sa - vior comes, the Sa - vior prom - ised long; let
2. He comes, the pris - oners to re - lease in Sa - tan's bond - age held; the
3. He comes, the bro - ken heart to bind, the bleed - ing soul to cure; and
4. Our glad ho - san - nas, Prince of Peace, thy wel - come shall pro - claim; and



1. ev - ery heart pre - pare a throne, and ev - ery voice a song.
2. gates of brass be - fore him burst, the i - ron fet - ters yield.
3. with the trea - sures of his grace to en - rich the hum - ble poor.
4. heaven's e - ter - nal arch - es ring with thy be - lov - ed Name.



The Dismissal

Celebrant

Go out into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good, return no one evil for evil, strengthen the faint-hearted, support the weak, help the suffering, honor everyone, love and serve God, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

*Thank you to all who helped and participated
in our services this morning.*

Lector/Lay Readers:

8:00 am ~ Cecelia Shannon

10:00 am ~ John Warren & JD Debler

Vestry Person of the Day: Steve Clarkson

Greeters/Ushers:

8:00 am ~ Carrie & Scott Arrington

10:00 am ~ Susan & Harry Craig

Director of Music Ministry: Meredith Carter

Musical Assistance: Alan Berkebile

The Ladies of our Altar Guild

8:00 am ~ Sherri Collins

10:00 am ~ Audre Debler



150th Anniversary Celebration

As a cherished member of the St. Peter's Family, we hope you will be able to join us for a celebratory dinner on **Saturday, December 4, 2021. Because this meal will be catered, we would appreciate it if you could let us know if you will be able to attend this very special event.** The festivities will begin at 5:00 pm. We realize that your plans can change: we are looking for a ballpark figure at this point in time.

Thank you for helping us plan, and we do hope you will be joining us! Please check your email for a live link that will take you directly to a short survey. It is very simple and will only take a minute or two to complete and submit or you may call the church office.

COVID-19 Delta Variant and our Churches

COPIES OF THE DIOCESAN PHASE 2(d) GUIDELINES ARE LOCATED AT EACH ENTRANCE.
You may find Bishop Reed's letter and other current information on their website:
dwtx.org.

HISTORY MOMENTS

St. Peter's **History Moments** will be presented each Sunday at the 8:00 am & 10:00 am services.

This week's theme:

***The History of
"St. Peter's Celebrations"***

Your Personal History at St. Peter's

Each of us has a story to share whether we have been a part of this parish for many years or only a few. Our life together in response to God's call upon our hearts is our history.

As you reflect and begin to gather your thoughts, we invite you to simply send them to St. Peter's in an email message. We would love you to include pictures also!

These will be compiled and our remembrances shared.



***Flowers at the Altar today have
been given to the glory of God
in memory of my husband,
Keith Ellington
and
my mother, Jeanne Dixon
by
Lisa Ellington***



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

150th Anniversary Celebration
10:00 am, Bishop Reed will offer
Morning Prayer using the 1789 Book
of Common Prayer. Brunch will
follow the service at 11:00 am.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4TH

Anniversary Celebration Special
Event at St. Peter's at 5:00 pm.



Advent Studies

Studying the Prophet Isaiah

Begins Sunday, **November 28th**
9:15 am ~ 9:50 am in the Parish Hall
(in-person only)

Living Well Through Advent: Practicing Patience with All Your Heart, Soul, Strength, and Mind

Begins Tuesday, **November 30th**
6:00 pm at St. Peter's and via ZOOM
*Please let us know if you would like to join this
study by ZOOM so we can make sure you receive
the information you need.*



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Kay Scott on the 28th and Karen Sanders & Carol Thompson
on the 30th, Thurse Sutton & Michelle Jeffers on the 1st;
Daniel Lutterschmidt on the 3rd and Kay Hunter, Doug Smith,
and Johnny Lozano on the 4th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Mary & Ray Gibson on the 28th

LORD, hear our prayers...

Mercifully accept our prayers for the strength of the weak and comfort for the sick....

Adrie, Al, Alex, Alice, Aimee, Andrew, Ann, Anne, Arnold, Anthony, Babs, Bayliss, Bonnie, Billy, Bob N., Bob & Collette, Bruce, Cecile, Carol, Carolyn, Charlean A., Chris, Christina & John, Colton, Connie, Craig, Daphne & Walker, Dan, David S, Delia, Diana S.S., Diana S, Dick & Carol, Dina, Dodi, Donna, Doug, Edie, Eileen, Evelyn, Frankie, Glenn, Gracie, Howard N., Irma, Jackie & Charlie W., James & Helen, Jane, Janet & David, Jay, Jean, Jeanie, Jennifer & family, Jenny, Scott, Jill & Robert, Jimmy, Joe, Joey & Bret, Johnny P., Jose, Joy, Joyce, Judy, Justin, Karen, Karen & Cary, Karl and Donna, Karley, Kate & Julie, Katie, Kay, Ken, Ken & Judy, Kendall, Keith, Kerry, Keven, Khloe, Kim, Koto, Krislyn, Laura, Laurie, Larry, Loretta, Mark, Mary, Mathew & Margo, Lisa, Lizzie, Lori, Maria, Marlee & Margo, Marlys, Matt & Lauren, Martha, Megan, Melanie, Melinda, Melissa, Meredith, Michael, Mike, Milby, Molly, Nancy, Nat, Nichol, Norma, Opal, Patsy, Paul, Phyllis, Pinky, Priscilla, Rachel, Randy, Ray, Reid, Rita, Richie, Robbi, Robby & Jeannie, Rodney, Rodney S, Roger, Roy, Russell, Rusty, Ruth, Sally, Sandra, Sandy, Sarah, Shae, Shandon & Maris, Niki, Skyler & Ruby, Rueben, Shelly, Sherry Williamson & family; Sissy, Stacey, Steve and Barbara L., Steve & Barbie, Stevie Lew & Family, Sue, Susan, Terry, Thelma, Thomas, Tom, Tommy, Travis, and Will.

We keep in prayer...

Families and friends affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and other needs both known and unknown.

And others you wish to pray for at this time...

We remember in our prayers those who have passed including Andy Beaver (Meredith's mother).

Updated for 11/28/2021

PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Almighty God, we commend to your gracious care and keeping of all the men and women of our armed forces at home and abroad.

*Connor Arrington, Travis Casada, Drew Craig, Zack Cunningham,
Karla De Los Santos, Thomas De Los Santos,
Ashley Edwards, Talley Ehrlich, Andrew Ehrlich, Eva Farmer,
Deon Farmer, J.T. Gonzalez, Jayden Harvey, Jason Hill, Steven Matthews,
Matthew McMahon, Joshua Molton, Deanna Montieth, Gene Osborne,
Colton Par, Matthew Patrick, Donovan Robb, Andrew Schneider,
Mark Schneider, Jay Senterfitt, Connor Sherman, J.T. Stemler,
Bill Swanberg, and Jerome Wymore*

And others you wish to pray for...

