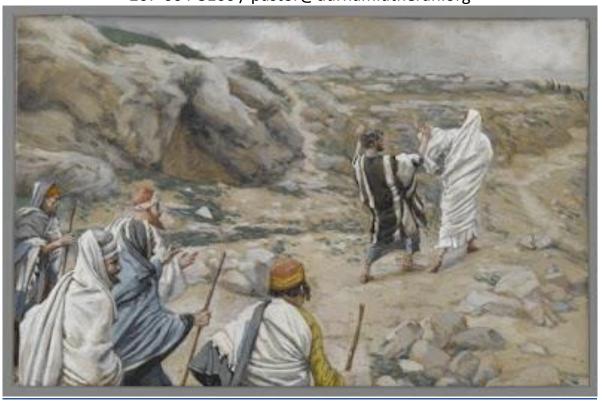
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February 2, 2025 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

The glory of God is often revealed when and where it is least expected. God uses our lips to declare that glory, inexperienced and hesitant though they may be. God uses our love to demonstrate that glory and so urges us to exercise it. God uses Jesus of Nazareth, water and the word, bread and wine, to reveal God's glory where and when God chooses. Take heed, lest the glory of God slip through our midst unnoticed.

You can find the live stream at the following location:

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***Reminder: Congregational Meeting February 23, 2025**

Immediately following worship service

Prelude: "Open the Eyes Of My Heart"- Paul Baloche

GATHERING

P: The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

(Stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, \pm one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.

C: Amen.

- P: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
- P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen.



Come, Every Soul by Sin Oppressed

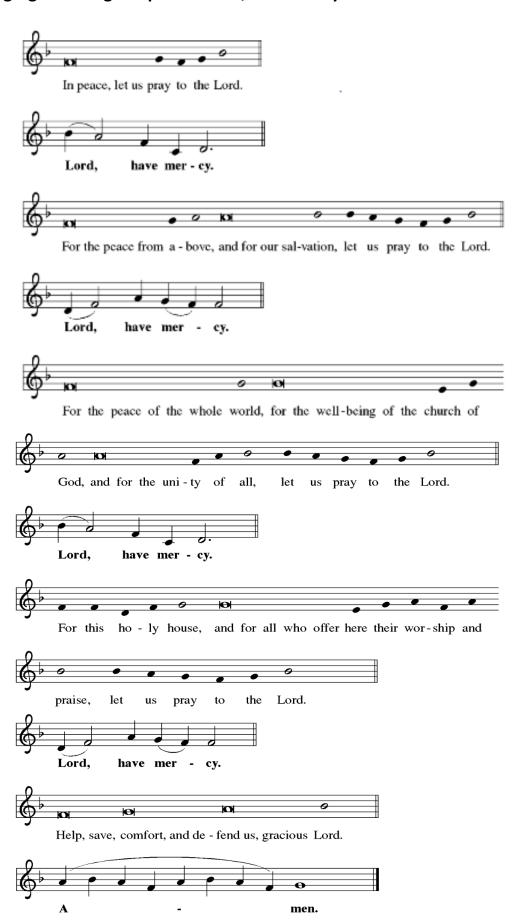
John Hart Stockton, 1869

John Hart Stockton, 1869, & Ira Sankey, 1873



- P: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the community of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
- C: And also with you

Kyrie- Congregation sings response "Lord, have mercy."



CANTICLE OF PRAISE





Prayer of the Day

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

(Please be Seated)

First Reading- Jeremiah 1:4-10

God calls Jeremiah to be a prophet and consecrates him in the womb. Jeremiah's task is to preach God's word amid the difficult political realities of his time, before the Babylonian exile. He is to make God known not only to Judah, but also to the nations.

L: A reading from the first chapter of Jeremiah

⁴ Now the word of the Lord came to me saying,

⁵ "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." ⁶ Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." ⁷ But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. ⁸ Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord."

⁹ Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me,

"Now I have put my words in your mouth. ¹⁰ See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 19

- L: ¹ In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.
- C: ² In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me.
- L: ³ Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold.
- C: ⁴ Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.
- L: ⁵ For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young.
- C: ⁶ I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always of you.

Second Reading - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Christians in Corinth prided themselves on their spiritual gifts. Paul reminds them that God gives us many gifts through the Holy Spirit, but the purpose behind all of them is love, the kind of love that God showed us in Jesus Christ.

L: A reading from the thirteenth chapter of 1 Corinthians.

¹ If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. ² And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. ³ If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

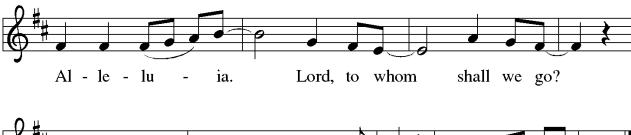
⁴Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant ⁵ or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; ⁶ it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. ⁷ It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

⁸ Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. ⁹ For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; ¹⁰ but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. ¹¹ When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. ¹² For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. ¹³ And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation:





The Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

People in Jesus' hometown are initially pleased when he says that God will free the oppressed. Their pleasure turns to rage when he reminds them that God's prophetic mission typically pushes beyond human boundaries so that mercy and healing are extended to those regarded as outsiders.

P: The holy gospel according to Luke, the fourth chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: ²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²² All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³ He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" ²⁴ And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵ But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶ yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in

Sidon. ²⁷ There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸ When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹ They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰ But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

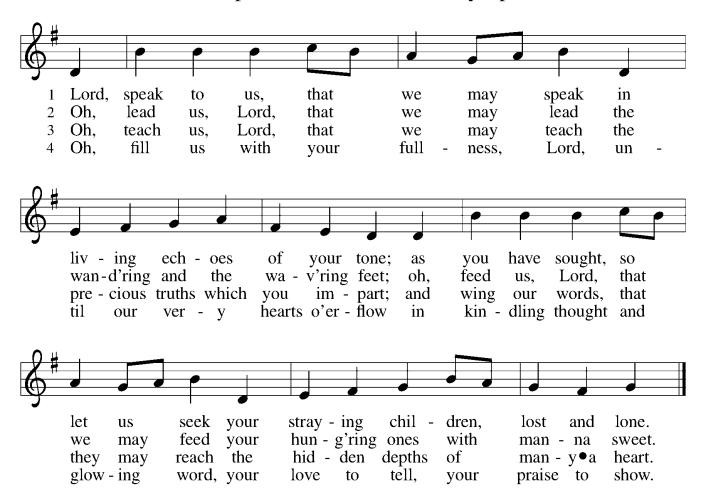
P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon / Sermon (please be seated)

Hymn of the Day: CS 154

Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak



Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836–1879, alt.

Music: CANONBURY, Robert Schumann, 1810–1856

Apostle's 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.

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 INTERCESSION

The pastor will read the first and last prayer, those in the congregation are invited to read the other prayer aloud as they feel called. The congregation may turn and face the aisle.

P: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

God of eternal wisdom, we pray for your church, which is being transformed by your word. Bless the church with your wisdom and guidance. Let us notice and take part in the new thing you are doing. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Your creation sustains us and all living creatures. Grant us humility to acknowledge the ways we bring harm to the earth. Grant us courage to make effective change so that all lands and living things prosper. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Embolden leaders of nations, corporations, and all in authority, that they lovingly tend those in their charge. Help them to respond to all who cry out in need. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Provide for those whose hunger runs deep due to isolation, loneliness, or illness (*especially*). Send your Spirit so that all are filled with your presence and experience welcome from their communities. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

We pray for the young people in our congregations. May their voices be celebrated. Give youth a place of honor and value among us. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

We remember those who have gone before us. Let their faithful example continue to bear witness to us all. God of grace,

C: Hear our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

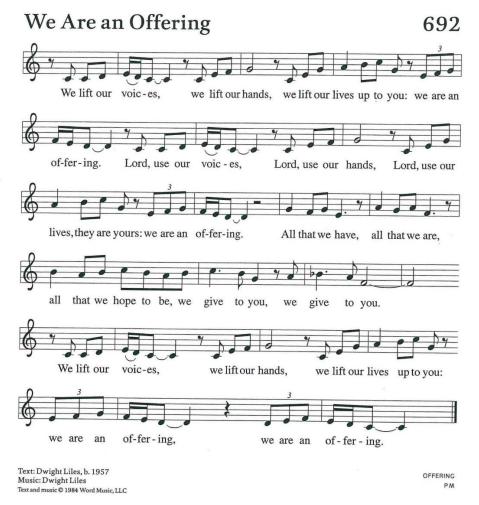
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

OFFERING

Choir Anthem: "What Is This Place"

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS



Offering Prayer

P: God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always.

C: Amen.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

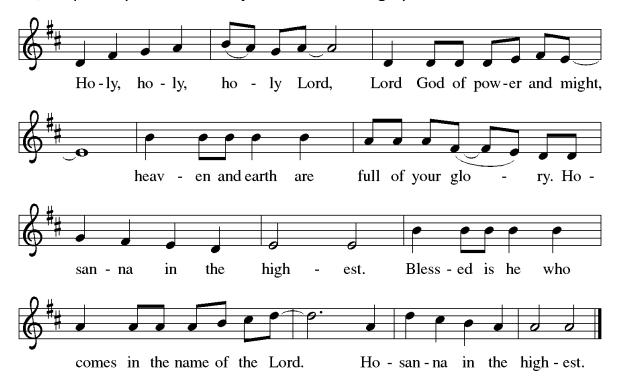
C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE (said by Pastor)

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

C: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.

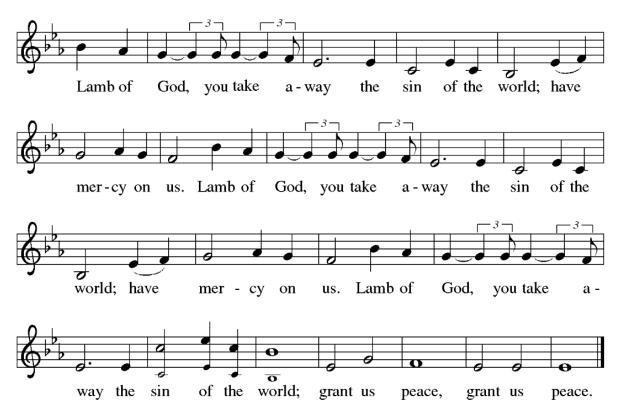
C: Amen.

P: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

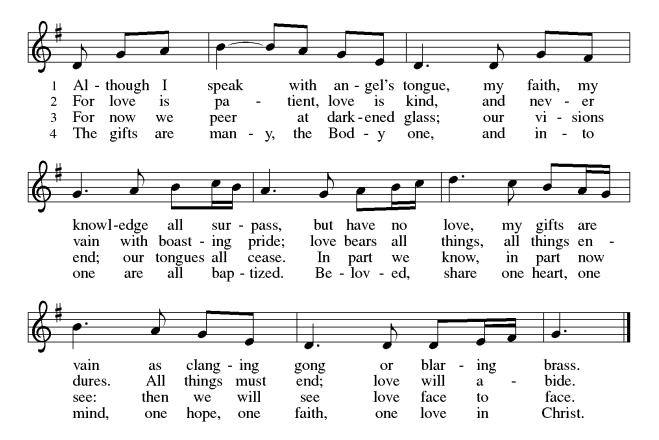
P: The joy of the Lord is our strength. Come, eat this meal of gladness.



Distribution of Bread & Fruits of the Vine (please follow usher)

SONG DURING COMMUNION: ELW 644

Although I Speak with Angel's Tongue



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Prayer after Communion

P: Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world. In the name of Christ we pray,

C: Amen.

Announcements

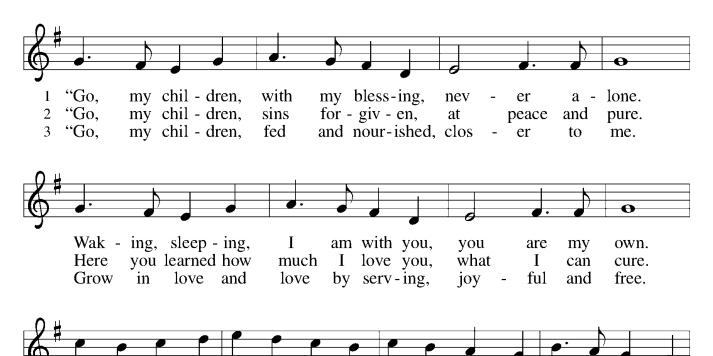
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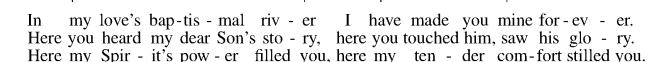
P: The Spirit of the triune God \oplus bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love.

C: Amen

Sending Song: ELW 543

Go, My Children, with My Blessing







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DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Our Outreach envelopes for February will be given to Allentown Rescue Mission.

		<u>ANI</u>	NOUNCEME	<u>ENTS</u>		
FEBRUARY	BIRTHDAYS		ANNIVERS	ARIES	BAPTISMS	
2	Amanda Frey					
4					Laura DeWalt	
5	Laura Helfrich					
7	Dianna Streletz					
8	Diane DeWalt					
		THIS V	VEEK'S ACT	IVITIES		
Sunday, February 2 Fourth Sunday after Epiphany		9:15 AM 10:00 AM 5:00PM-7:00PM		Comm Confir	Sunday school in the library. nunion Worship rmation Class Trinity Pleasant Valley	
Monday, February 3		1:00 PM- 3:00 PM			n Office Hours	
Wednesday, February 5 Thursday, February 6		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM		Office Hours Office Hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's		
Saturday, February 8		9:00 AM- 2	9:00 AM- 2:00PM		rmation/Youth Retreat Christ Pipersville	
		<u>UPCO</u>	MING ACT	<u>VITIES</u>		
Sunday, February 9 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany		9:15 AM 10:00 AM			Adult Sunday school in the library Communion Worship	
Monday, February 10		After Worship 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM 6:30-7:30pm		Worship and Music Committee Meeting Admin Office Hours Kids Club		
Tuesday, February 11		7:00 PM	'		Council Meeting	
Wednesday, February 12		10:00 AM - 2:00 PM		Office Hours		
Thursday, February 13		10:00 AM - 1:00 PM 12:00 PM 1:00 - 3:00 PM 7:00 PM		Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's PALM Cluster meeting @ Durham		
Sunday, February 16th		9:15 AM		Adult Sunday School in Library		
Sixth Sunday after Epiphany		10:00 AM After Worship 12:00 PM 5:00PM-7:00PM		Communion Worship Alter Guild Meeting Mental Health Series- Rev. Sue Howes Confirmation Class @ Durham		
Monday, February 17th		11:00 AM- 1:00 PM 1:00 PM- 3:00 PM 6:30-7:30PM		Messy Church Admin Office Hours Kids Club		
Wednesday, February 19		10:00 AM 10:00 AM	10:00 AM - 2:00 PM 10:00 AM		Office Hours Mid-week Choir Rehearsal	
Thursday, February 20		12:00 PM	0:00 AM - 1:00 PM .2:00 PM .:00 - 3:00 PM		Office hours Chat & Chew with Pr. Jim Adult Bible Study @ Hlavaty's	
**		9:30 AM- 2 9AM Prep	12:00 PM 3PM-5PM		Gather ChurchCouncil Leaders Philadelphia Sale at Durham!	



For Healing of those in our Congregation:

David Antoni; Esther Crouse; Joe Hlavaty; George Kreitz; Paul McGinn; Cheryl Mesko; Joanne Ziegenfuss

For Healing of Friends and Family:

Frank Allebach; Phyllis Allebach; Bob Benoure; Jason Bigley; Stephen Bizon; Clay Butler; Doris Calverley; Deb Carmichael; Jane Carr; Peggy Coleman; Stephanie Courtney; David Davis; Nancy Edelen; Carol and Leon Errico; Gabriella Froehlich; Barbara Foster; Debbie

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For those who are Homebound:

James Altemose; Cleo Eck; Frank Mammana; Jayne Miller.

For families and friends grieving the loss of:

Fred Foerster; Norma Fox; Kenneth Hager; Silas Rodenbach; Bart Shaw; Ed Xander and Bobby Ziegenfuss If you want to add or remove someone from the prayer list, please contact Joan Mammana either by phone (610-258-5717 or 610-417-6553) or by email at: joanmammana@icloud.com

Worship Assistants

Preacher	Rev. James Heckman		
Organist/Choir Director	Carolyn Williams		
Altar Guild	Kris Simmons and Becky Praster		
Greeter(s)	Kat and Oaklee Wagner		
Acolyte			
Lector	Kris Simmons		
Head / Communion Usher			
Council Communion	Kat Wagner and Cathy Mueller		
Counting Team	Mark Harwick, Linda Sauter and		
	Leann Kressman		
Technology & Livestreaming	Ken Anderson		
Administrative	Kathryn Wagner		
Custodian	Dianna Streletz		



Windowsill Donations!

The Lords's Pantry has requested: coffee, chunky soups, laundry Detergent and condiments

Project Easton is requesting spaghetti and pancake mix.

Any donations are always appreciated!