

Christian Library – There is now a collection of Christian books in the cabinet in the Narthex. Feel free to browse, borrow, take and share them at your leisure. If you would like to add to the collection, please ensure the books are Christian.

We greatly appreciate helping bodies on Sunday mornings to:

Operate the chairlift.

Occasionally help set up coffee at 9:15 a.m.

Occasionally help with the sound and camera equipment.

If you have **social media skills** and would like to share them to promote our church, we'd love to have your talents. Instagram, TikTok, X, Meta? Maybe you can share our activities for us!

We are also looking for a **back-up person to help send out the Eblast.**

If you are interested, please see Mary Bellinger

A sign-up sheet has been posted in the kitchen for those who wish to **volunteer to bring in treats for Sunday morning coffee time** following worship. **NOTE:** If you would like to bring in a cake on special occasions, please indicate the date of your choice on the sign-up sheet and speak with someone in the kitchen.

OUTREACH

Food sort and deliveries Thursday mornings at 11 a.m. We will need all of our helpers and will gladly welcome anyone new.

If you can help with food deliveries every other Saturday morning at 10:00 a.m., please let Kevin Graham know.

We need MEAT/food donations, monetary donations, and DRIVERS! We will take any of the above. The best time to donate food is Thursdays at 11 a.m., or on Sunday mornings.

No egg cartons or reusable bags for the time being.

***SPECIAL NOTE:** From time to time, we receive bulk items that need to be repackaged into smaller quantities. Examples: flour, rice, sugar and coffee. We are looking for anyone interested in assisting with this. This can be done at home at your leisure. If you are wishing to help in any way with the food bank, please call 289-385-1462 and speak with one of our volunteers.

Entrance to the church via the back parking lot doors **will be locked at 10 a.m. on Sunday mornings.** If you arrive late, please enter the church via the front doors.

A reminder to please arrive at church “scent free”.

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Mary Bellinger

Song Leader

*indicates those who are able to please stand

WE GATHER TOGETHER

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING OF THE CHRIST CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: With all the angels and saints, O God, we give you thanks and praise with shouts of joy.

P: Our God has called us to a rich hope and a glorious inheritance.

L: You, O God, have fixed the world in place and rule over all from your sacred throne.

P: You formed a people for yourself and through Moses and the prophets you spoke to them of Christ who fills all in all.

L: As it was written, he suffered and was killed, but you raised him from the dead and he walked again with his chosen ones, speaking to them of your glorious kingdom.

P: You carried him into heaven on the clouds and made him head over all things for the church, seating him at your right hand far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

L: We praise you, O God, with songs of joy.

P: We draw near to you with thankfulness You have made us one family on the face of the earth and opened to us the gates of heaven.

CHORAL INTROIT *This Is the Day* 412 vs.1

**This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made, that our God has made,
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that our God has made,
we will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day
that our God has made.**

*PRAYER OF APPROACH (unison)

Lord, we praise You this morning for the blessings of good weather and for the fertility of the land upon which we dwell. We praise You for the sun that shines upon our endeavours and for the moon and the stars at night which remind us of Your glory. We thank You for the many good things that You have bestowed upon us. Most of all, O Lord, we thank You for Your Son, Christ Jesus our Lord, whom came to deliver us from the power of sin and death by dying upon the cross for us. We praise You for raising him up in glory and for appointing him as the judge of both the living and the dead. Help us, O God, in this time of worship, and beyond, to have a heart that exalts in Your grace and goodness, lips unafraid to proclaim Your praise before all people, and minds which are focused on living according Your glorious and living word. We ask it through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* 664

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God, You call us to proclaim a gospel we find difficult to practice. We watch our clocks to make sure we spend more time with ourselves than with you. We are hesitant to witness to your power from on high, as we are uncertain of your presence in our lives. Forgive us, God of Light. Fill us with the healing presence of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your good news, as we participate in the life and suffering of our world, as did your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

SILENT PRAYER ASSURANCE OF PARDON
ANTHEM

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE Acts 1:6-14 787
PSALM 68

*HYMN *All the Way My Saviour Leads Me* 635

SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

SCRIPTURE John 17:1-11

MESSAGE

WE RESPOND IN LOVE

*HYMN *I Stand Amazed* 223(HFG)

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY *For the Gift of Creation* 538

**For the gift of creation, the gift of your love,
And the gift of the Spirit by which we live,
We thank you and give you the fruit of our hands.
May your grace be proclaimed by the gifts that we give.**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN *It Only Takes a Spark* 289

COMMISSIONING & BENEDICTION

CHORAL BLESSING *Go Now In Peace*

POSTLUDE

*If you are visiting with us for the first time this morning, welcome!
It is no longer our custom to pass around the offering plate. The plate is kept at the front of the church, just inside the door, and offering envelopes are available in the pews. All donations are greatly appreciated and help to keep the heart of this sacred place beating with God's love, grace, and generosity.*

Happy Birthday to Carol Fulford, who celebrates Tuesday ☺

Bible Study – Please see Kevin Graham for Monday evening Bible Study details.

Men's Breakfast – The men meet for breakfast every third Saturday of each month. Their next gathering is scheduled for Saturday, **June 20 at 8:00 a.m.**

Council Meeting – Nest Wednesday, May 20 at 2:30 p.m., in the Sanctuary.

The Prayer Shawl Committee would greatly appreciate **yarn donations.**