

NORTHMINSTER PRAYER CONCERNS – *New or updated this week in **BOLD** type.*

Dave Campbell – Recovering from heart procedure. *Submitted by Jeff Weltman*

Jayne Kidder – in hospice care.

Rev. Larry Lalama – Esophageal cancer. *Submitted by Cindy Taylor*

Jim Schultz – Recovering from double lung transplant. *Submitted by Jeff Weltman*

George Seanor – recovering from Covid.

Gary Toth is in ICU and battling multiple serious health conditions. He’s currently on a ventilator and needs your prayers. *Submitted by Cindy Taylor*

Tyler (*Tina East’s nephew*) – Needs prayer. In a bad situation.

Claudia Weltman – Recovering from knee surgery.

Our Homebound: *Nancy Curtis, Jayne Kidder, Bill & Joyce Rake; Scott Tannehill*

NORTHMINSTER NOTES

- Today’s Liturgist: **Ken Krause**; Ushers: **Jim McKelvey & Kent Scherpenisse**; Counter: **Jim McKelvey**
- ***We welcome Matt Skolnik to our pulpit today.***
- ***Flower Orders Due Today!*** Additional order forms are on the Welcome Desk.
- **Devotions for Lent** – These are available at the Welcome Desk today.
- **Women’s Circle** – This Tuesday, March 7, at 12:30 p.m. in the Parlor.
- ***Time Change Next Sunday*** – Set your clocks AHEAD one hour!
- **Fellowship Hour** – Sunday, March 19
- **Session Meeting** – Tuesday, March 28
- **2023 Per Capita Amount** – \$31.46

STATISTICAL HIGHLIGHTS for 2/26/23
Attendance: **35**
General & Loose Offering: **\$4,760.00**
Current Fiscal Year to Date: **\$75,735.00**
Per Capita to Date: **\$563.06**



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Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday, March 5, 2023
Worship Service – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome to all as we come together to worship our Lord on this blessed Sunday morning.
Please sign the attendance register in the pew.

PRELUDE “Jesus Loves Even Me” Philip Bliss arr. Hayes

GREETING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT “Surely the Presence of the Lord” Wolfe

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From where will our help come?

People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Leader: Who is our keeper?

People: The Lord is our keeper, by day and by night.

Leader: How long will God protect us?

People: God will keep our going out and our coming in from this time on and forevermore.

*HYMN #485 “To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION – *Unison*

Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ’s name we pray.

Here each person may offer silent, personal confession.

Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Leader: Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

And also, with you.

*GLORIA PATRI #579

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 12:1-4a **p. 10** / LP p. 12

ANTHEM “Take Up Your Cross” Larson

GOSPEL READING: Mark 2:1-12 **p. 36** / LP p. 43

SERMON “*Determined Love*” Matt Skolnik

*HYMN #383 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” (v. 1,2,3) OLIVET

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostle’s Creed*) – *Unison*

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father...

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” Hymn #263

*DOXOLOGY – #592

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION – *Unison*

Gracious God, we dedicate to you not only these gifts, but also ourselves, in deep gratitude—for your call on our lives, your guidance in the baptismal journey, and for blessing us that we may be a blessing to others. Accept what we bring for your own good purposes. In Christ we pray. Amen.

*HYMN #85 “What Wondrous Love Is This” WONDROUS LOVE

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Peace Be Upon You” Wilshire

POSTLUDE “For the Beauty of the Earth” Conrad Kocher arr. Victor Labenske

**Please stand if you are able.*