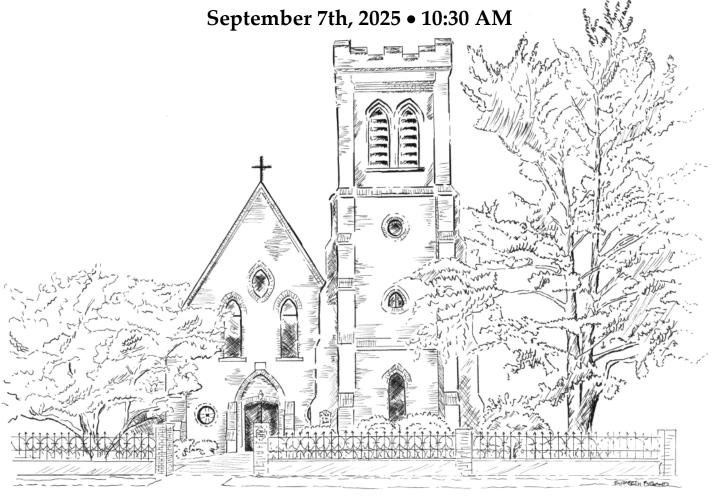
# THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# **HOLY EUCHARIST AND**

**BLESSING OF THE PLAYGROUND: RITE TWO** 



# Welcome to St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

St. Stephen's is a community of people made more complete by the grace of a perfect God, who proclaim the Gospel by sharing the reconciling love of Christ with others through redeeming acts of hospitality, forgiveness, justice, and peace.

**VOLUNTARY** 

O Worship the King *with* Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Carol Tornquist

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Geoff Hulse

Please stand as you are able



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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

A lmighty 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.** 

### **SONG OF PRAISE S 236**

Please remain standing





## THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray. *Please kneel or stand as able* 

Trant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## THE LESSONS

Please be seated

# The First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah:

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Let us stand and read Psalm 139 responsively by whole verse.

Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

I will thank you because I am marvelously made; your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.

Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.

How deep I find your thoughts, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

# The Second Reading

Please be seated

A reading from Paul's letter to Philemon:

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love -- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as able



The Gospel Luke 14:25-33

Please remain standing

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

**People:** Glory to you Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Lè sa a, yon gwo foul moun t ap vwayaje avèk Jezi. Jezi vire gade yo, li di yo: "Nenpòt moun ki vin jwenn mwen, si li pa rayi papa, manman, madanm, pitit, frè, sè, e menm lavi menm, li pa ka disip mwen. Nenpòt moun ki pa pote kwa l epi ki pa swiv mwen, li pa ka disip mwen. Paske, kilès nan nou ki vle bati yon gwo kay won, ki pa chita anvan pou l kalkile pri a. Li wè si l gen ase lajan pou l fini l. Konsa, lè l fin poze fondasyon an, epi li pa ka fini l, tout moun ki wè l ap pase l nan rizib. Yo di: Nonm sa a te kòmanse bati, men li pa t kapab fini. Oubyen ki wa ki pral fè lagè ak yon lòt wa, ki pa chita anvan pou l egzamine si l kapab, avèk dimil (10.000), kanpe devan lòt wa a, pou l wè si l kapab, avèk venmil (20.000), kanpe devan l. Si l pa kapab, pandan lòt wa a lwen toujou, l ap voye yon delegasyon pou l mande yo si l ka fè lapè. Konsa, pèsonn nan nou pa ka disip mwen si l pa abandone tout byen l yo."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. David Wyly

### THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying

The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **People:** It is right to give him thanks and praise.

#### Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.** 

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM IV

Deacon or other leader

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; especially Peggy Musser, Linda Edsall-Huard, Ray Harris, Randy Anderson, Debby Hickey, Geoff Hulse, Marguerite Pennington, Marjorie Snyder, Betsy Toomey, and John Wolfe. Give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Silence

Gracious and loving God, guide the hearts and minds of those among us who will search for a new bishop to lead the Diocese of East Carolina, that we may listen carefully to discern your will and call a bishop who will love and serve your people in all the communities of this diocese and lead us forward in new ways in our ministries and service to you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord, thank you for this playground and the many hands that planned and worked to complete its renovation. Thank you for the children who will use it. Help us to use it to know you, to love you, and to play with the stories of our Christian faith.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Lord, thank you for all the people in this church, of every age. Help us to love each other, to welcome each other, and to learn from each other.

Silence

Lord, in your mercy

### Hear our prayer.

Each child gets a branch, dips it in the holy water, and shakes the branch to bless the space with the water, as the Celebrant says.

Bless this space, O Lord, which this community has made. May it be a place where the children come to you and find welcome and a home.

The Celebrant then sprinkles holy water over the children, saying:

Through their play, may they come to claim your stories and the worship of your church as their own. May they know you as they are known by you, and love you as they are loved by you.

And finally, the Celebrant and the children together sprinkle holy water over the whole congregation, as the Celebrant says:

And may we all be open to the awe and wonder, the joy and creativity, of play, becoming as little children so we may know you better.

### THE PEACE

Please stand as you are able

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

People: And also with you.

### **OFFERTORY**

Take Up Your Cross

Rebecca Groom te Velde

Take up your cross, the Saviour said, if you would my disciple be; take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

Take up your cross; let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm; Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.

Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still; The Lord for you accepted death upon a cross, on Calvary's hill.

Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave;

It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.

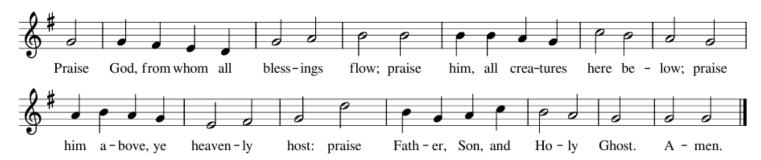
-Charles William Everest

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#### DOXOLOGY

Please stand as able



#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

The People remain standing

# The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

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 him thanks and praise.

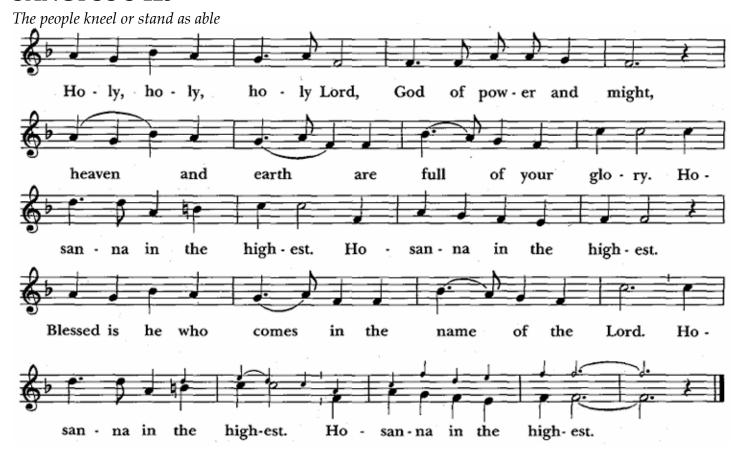
Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said.

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:

# **SANCTUS S 125**



Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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.

Papa nou ki nan syèl la, se pou non ou sen wayòm ou an vini, volonte ou fèt sou tè a menm jan li ye nan syèl la.
Ban nou jòdi a pen nou chak jou Epi padonnen fot nou yo, menm jan nou padonnen moun k'ap fè sa nou yo.
E pa lage nou nan tantasyon, men deliver nou anba sa ki mal.

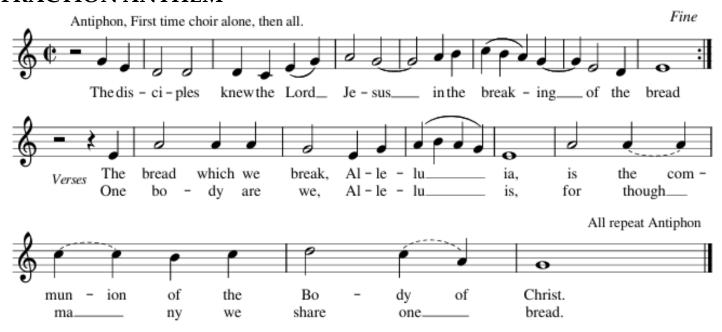
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Pou ou se wayòm nan, ak pouvwa a, ak tout bel pouvwa a pou tout tan ak pou tout tan. Amen.

#### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. Then a period of silence is kept.

### FRACTION ANTHEM

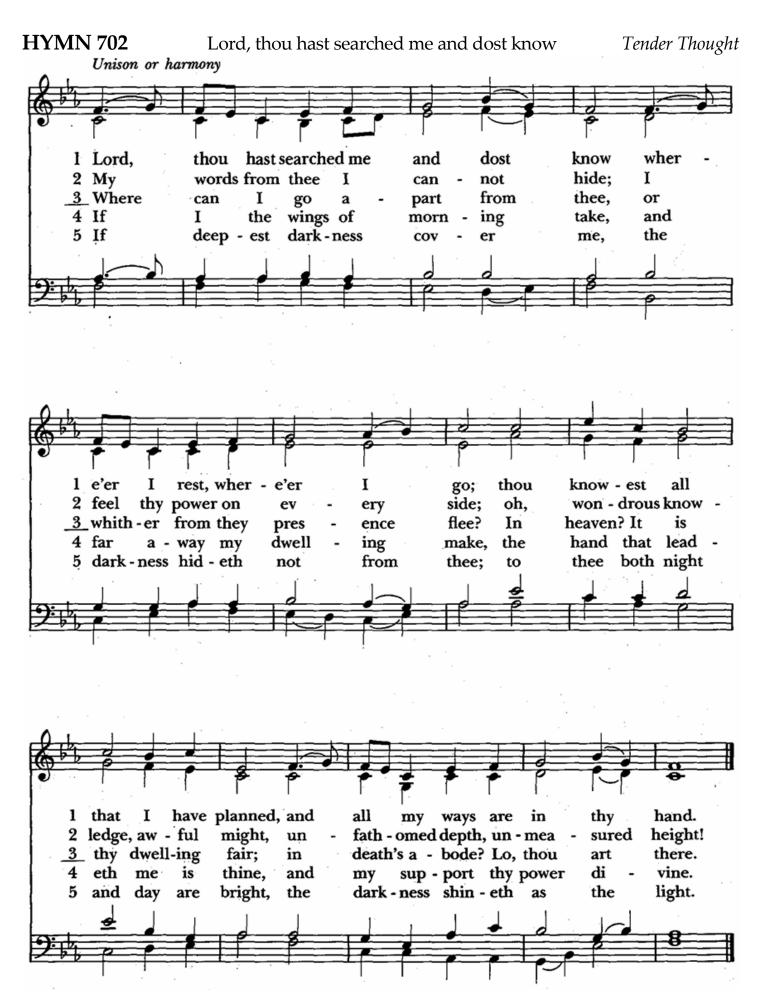


Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following invitation:

# The Gifts of God for the People of God

All baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or age, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward at the appropriate time. You may receive both the bread and wine, one or the other, come forward for a blessing, or remain seated.

Tout kretyen ki batize yo, kèlkeswa denominasyon oswa laj yo, yo akeyi yo resevwa Sentespri Kominyon. Tanpri vini pi devan nan moman apwopriye a. Ou ka resevwa ni pen an ni diven, youn oubyen lòt, vin devan pou yon benediksyon, oswa rete chita.



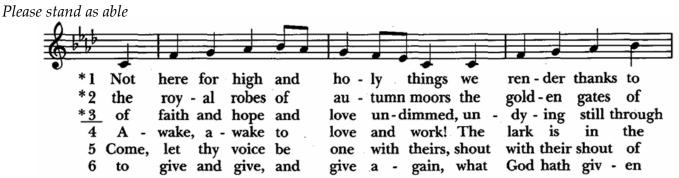
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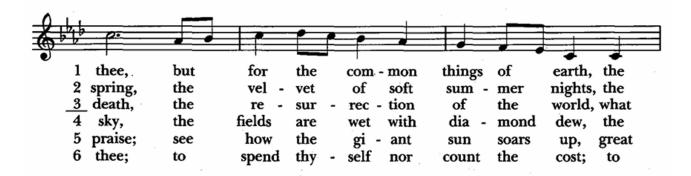
Let us pray.

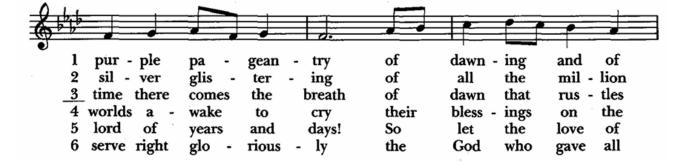
Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, 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.

# SENDING OF THE EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

### **BLESSING**









#### THE DISMISSAL

The Deacon, or the celebrant, dismisses them with these words:

Let us go forth in the name of the risen Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

**VOLUNTARY** 

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Anne Krentz Organ

# **SERVING TODAY**

Celebrant: The Rev. David Wyly

**Usher:** David Tayloe

Eucharistic Visitors: Geoff & Lee Hulse

Pianist: Sean Dye

**Livestream Technician:** James Ruggles

Flowers on the alter are given to the Glory of God and in thanksgiving for Kim and her sisters on the occasion of their birthdays by Chris Garrison.

Prayer Requests			

If you would like to leave a prayer request or a praise report please write them in the space provided, tear this page out of your bulletin, and leave it on the table in the back of the church. Our Clergy and Prayer Team will be delighted to pray for you!

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