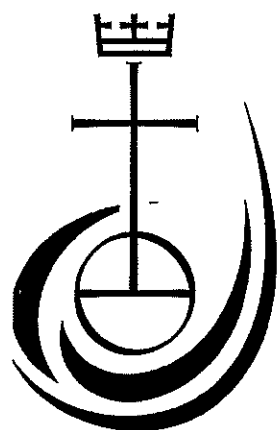


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December 27, 2020
Christmas Sunday



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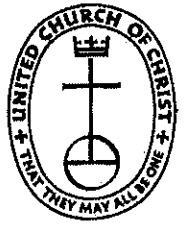
CUCC Open and Affirming/Inclusion Covenant:

Columbia United Church of Christ celebrates God's boundless and unconditional love by intentionally welcoming and affirming all God's children.

No matter who you are or where you are on life's journey;
No matter where you are on your faith journey;
No matter your sexual orientation, gender expression or identity;
No matter your race, culture, ethnicity, nationality or politics;
No matter your age, ability, health, relationship status or family structure;
No matter your social, economic, educational, legal or life circumstances;
You are welcome here!

Called by Jesus to be an Open and Affirming, inclusive faith community, Columbia United Church of Christ commits to welcoming everyone into the full life of our congregation. Our paths and voices may differ, but we journey in faith together.

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December 27, 2020

10:30 Worship

"Christmas"

**indicates that all are invited to stand, if comfortably able*

*"...Praise thr LORD! Praise God from the heavens!
Praise God in the heights..."
-Psalm 148:1*

Gathering Music

Amy Crousore

Welcome and Greetings

Pastor Rick

Prelude

"Good King Wenceslas"

Amy Crousore
Virgil Fox

Carrying in the Light of Christ

Announcing Christ's Birth

Luke 2:8-20

Jim Loveless

*Gathering Hymn

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

(insert)

*The gathering song will be led by the Tummons Family;
you are invited to sing along!*

*Call to Worship

(adapted from Psalm 148)

Jim Loveless

Sing Praise to God from the heavens, from all Creation!

All the angels praise God; all the heavenly host!

The Sun and Moon and shining stars all proclaim God's glory;

The highest heavens and deepest oceans roar with God's praise!

Sing songs of God's wondrous Creation;

The beauty of the earth and the majesty of the heavens.

Mountains and trees; animals and cattle

Creeping things and flying birds all sing of God's glory.

Youth and those advanced in years; the powerful and the meek;

People of all races, ethnicity, expression and identity praise God!

God's name is exalted in all of Creation!

Let all the people praise God!

Come, let us worship God!

Chalice #150

Jim Loveless

God of Glory, God of Love; your faithful people come! We come to Bethlehem to see your presence embodied in the world. Like the Shepherds guided by angelic messengers, we recognize the brilliance of the Christ child and proclaim praise for the Messiah. We come to adore him; we come to serve you. Glory to God in the Highest; and on earth, peace to all! Glory to God; in excelsis deo; Gloria!

Chalice #155

Pastor Rick

Children's Time

(traditional)

**This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
This little light of mine; I'm gonna let it shine!
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!**

Mike Pierson, Pete Jaberg, James Melton, Ed Rollins & Amy Croushore

The prophet speaks of the restoration of the Kingdom of Israel, a new Kingdom of Peace. Through this restoration, this “new beginning,” Israel is vindicated. God’s provision in this way is seen as a sign of God’s forgiveness for Israel’s earlier transgressions

Lowly shepherds are visited by Angelic Messengers and told of the birth of Jesus. They come to the nativity and tell the Holy Family about all that had been revealed to them. They bow down and worship this infant in a cattle trough. Mary, hearing the prophetic testimony of these ruffians, treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

NCH #148

Pastor Rick

NCH #129

Community Prayer

Silent Prayer

The LORD's Prayer

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response

"Grant Us Peace"

Hear our Prayer, O Lord!

Hear our prayer, O Lord!

Hear our Prayer, O Lord!

And Grant us Thy Peace! A-men!

Sharing our Announcements of Community Life

Presenting our Gifts

"Mary Had a Baby"

Amy Crousore

Cindy Berry

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and follow the prompts

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www.columbiaucc.com

*Response

"We Praise You, O God"

NCH #420

We Praise You, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;

In grateful devotion our tribute we bring!

We lay it before you, we kneel and adore you;

We praise your holy name, glad praises we sing!

*Prayer of Dedication

Jim Loveless

God of devotion, today we gather here in this place, searching for Peace on the occasion of your birth. As we shout our joy and sing our praises, we give our gifts to your continued re-Creation in this world. Take these gifts and let them be used to bring prophetic presence to the world, and make a stand for justice, righteousness and Shalom. In the name of the Christ child we dedicate our gifts, our blessings and our lives to you. Amen.

*Benediction

Pastor Rick

*Response:

"Let There be Peace on Earth"

Let there be Peace on Earth and Let it Begin with me!

Let there be Peace on Earth; the Peace that was meant to be!

With God our Creator, Children all are we!

Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony!

Let Peace begin with me; let this be the moment now!

With every step I take let this be my solemn vow:

To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally!

Let there be Peace on Earth; and let it begin with me!

*Postlude

"For Unto Us a Child is Born"

Amy Crousore
Handel/Sorenson

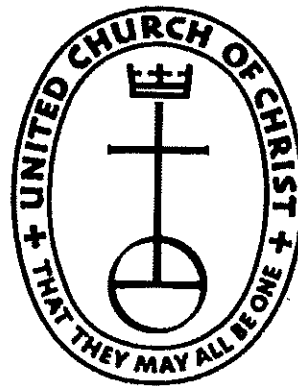
CHRIST CHILD

By Rev. David L. Hatton

*Gleaming star, angelic glory
highlighting the Advent story!*

*Disenfranchised shepherds bidden
to behold an infant hidden*

*in a stable's filth and rubble,
born to rescue us from trouble.*



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Nurturing Faith and Spiritual Growth;

Challenging and inspiring everyone with vibrant worship;

Building a supportive church family;

Transforming both the congregation and community

through service and outreach

O Come, All Ye Faithful

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1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant; O come
 2 True God from true God, Light from light e - ter - nal, born
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels; sing in ex - ul - ta - tion; sing,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing; Je -

ye; O come ye to Beth - le - hem! Come, and be - hold him,
 of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes; ver - y God, be -
 all ye cit - i - zens of heaven a - bove! Glo - ry to God, all
 sus, to thee be all glo - ry given; Word of the Fa - ther,

Refrain

born the King of an - gels!
 got - ten, not cre - at - ed! O come, let us a - dore him; O come, let
 glo - ry in the high - est!
 now in flesh ap - pear - ing!

us, a - dore him; O come, let us a - dore him, Christ, the Lord!

From its Roman Catholic origins, this 18th-century hymn has spread to worldwide use by many denominations in both Latin and vernacular versions. Once popular with a wide range of hymn texts, this tune is now firmly associated with this Christmas text from which it is named.

TEXT: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; trans. Frederick Oakeley, 1841, alt.
 MUSIC: John Francis Wade, c. 1743; harm. *The English Hymnal*, 1906

ADESTE FIDELES
 Irregular

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Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

Descant

3. All hail the Sun of

1. Hark! the her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the
 2. Christ, by high - est heaven a - dored; Christ, the ev - er -
 3. Hail the heaven - born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of

Righ - teous - ness! He is risen with heal - ing

new - born King; peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners
 last - ing Lord! Late in time be - hold him come, off - spring of the
 Righ - teous - ness! Light and life to all he brings, risen with heal - ing

in his wings. His glo - ry by,

rec - on - ciled! Joy - ful, all ye na - tions, rise,
 Vir - gin's womb. Veiled in flesh the God - head see;
 in his wings, mild he lays his glo - ry by,

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1739, alt.
 MUSIC: Felix Mendelssohn, 1840; arr. William H. Cummings, 1856;
 desc. Paul Liljestrand

MENDELSSOHN
 77.77D w. refrain

BIRTH

no more may die;

join the tri-umph of the skies; with the an-gel - ic
 hail the in-car-nate De - i - ty, pleased in flesh with
 born that we no more may die, born to raise us

born to raise us from the earth to sec - ond birth.

host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em - man - u - el.
 from the earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing to the new-born King.

Hark! the her-ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born King!"

155 Angels We Have Heard on High 1-3

Descant

4. See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

1. An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing
 2. Shep - herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous
 3. Come to Beth - le - hem and see Christ, who comes in
 X See with - in a man - ger laid, Christ, whom choirs of

an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,
 o'er the plains, and the moun - tains in re - ply
 strains pro - long? What the glad - some tid - ings be
 low - ly birth. Come a - dore on bend - ed knee
 an - gels praise; Ma - ry, Jo - seph, lend your aid,

Refrain

while our hearts in love we raise. Ah!
 ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
 which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
 Je - sus, joy of heav'n and earth. Glo
 while our hearts in love we raise.

WORDS: Traditional French carol; tr. *Crown of Jesus*, 1862, alt.
 MUSIC: French carol melody; arr. Edward Shippen Barnes, 1937;
 harm. Austin C. Lovelace, 1964, alt.; desc. Richard E. Gerig, 1956

GLORIA
 77.77 w. refrain

- - - Glo-ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Ah! -

- - - ri-a, in ex-cel-sis De-o! Glo -

Song of Simeon
(Nunc Dimittis)

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RESPONSE


Now let us sing our Sav-ior's praise, and tell God's good-ness all our days.

R



Lord, now let your servant in peace;
 your word has been fulfilled:
 my own eyes have seen the salvation
 which you have prepared in the presence of all people,
 a light to reveal you to the nations
 and the glory of your people Israel. R

What Child Is This



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*William C. Dix, 1865; alt.**Luke 2:7-14, 25-32; Matt. 2:11; John 1:14;
John 19:16b-18, 34*




1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mar-y's lap is sleep-ing?
2 Why lies the Child in man-ger bare where ox and ass are feed-ing?
3 Bring gifts of in-cense, gold, and myrrh; come, join in ju-bi-la-tion;


Whom an-gels greet with an-thems sweet while shep-herds watch are keep-ing?
Give heed, draw near; for sin-ners here the si-lent Word is plead-ing.
The Ho-ly Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's sal-va-tion.

This, this, the an-gels sing, is Christ, God's ho-ly of-fer-ing;
Nails, spear shall pierce him through, the cross be borne for me, for you;
Raise, raise the song on high, the moth-er sings her lul-la-by;

Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mar-y!
Hail, hail the Word made flesh, the babe, the child of Mar-y!
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the child of Mar-y!



William Chatterton Dix, manager of an English marine insurance company, wrote a number of fine hymns. This one is always sung to the tune Greensleeves, which first appeared in England in 1580 and is mentioned in one of Shakespeare's plays.

Tune: GREENSLEEVES 8.7.8.7.6.8.6.7. with refrain
English traditional melody, 16th century

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

German and Latin, 14th century
Transl. John Mason Neale, 1855; alt.

Descant

3 Good Chris - tian friends, re-joyce with heart and soul and voice;

1 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
2 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;
3 Good Chris-tian friends, re - joyce with heart and soul and voice;

now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

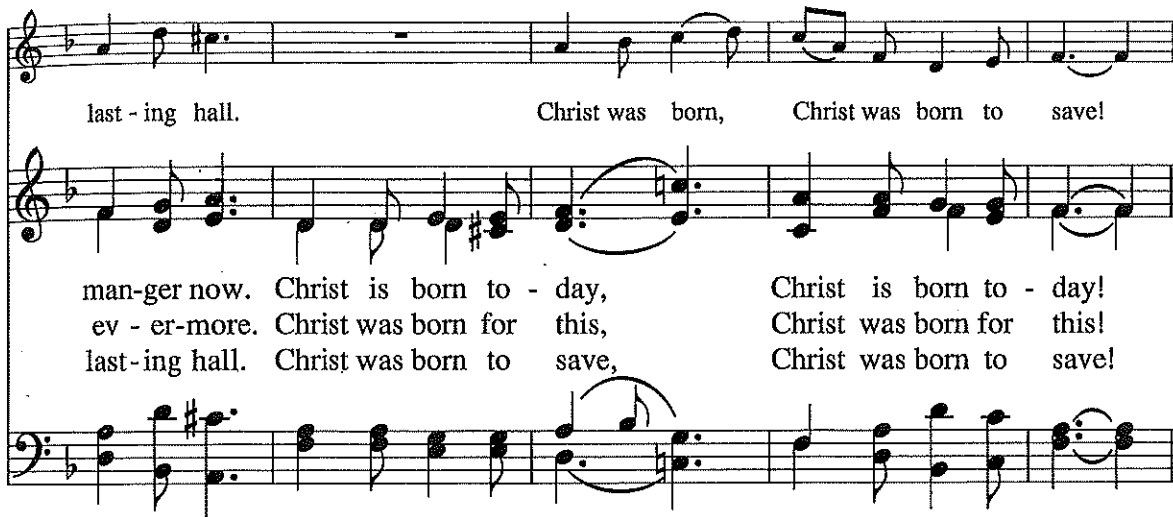
now give heed to what we say: Je - sus Christ is born to-day;
now you know of end - less bliss: Je - sus Christ was born for this!
now you need not fear the grave: Je - sus Christ was born to save!

Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er -

Ox and ass be - fore him bow, a - sleep with - in the
God has o - pened heav - en's door, and you are blessed for -
Calls you one and calls you all to gain the ev - er -

This carol is very old. Heinrich Suso, a German mystic who died in 1366, related a vision in which angels, singing this carol, drew him into a dance. The words were originally macaronic, combining Latin phrases with the vernacular.

Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO 6.6.7.7.7.8.5.5.
German melody, 14th century
Harm. adapt. from John Stainer, 1871
Descant, H. A. Chambers, 1931



last - ing hall. Christ was born, Christ was born to save!

man-ger now. Christ is born to - day, Christ is born to - day!
 ev - er-more. Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!
 last-ing hall. Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

From Heaven unto Earth I Come

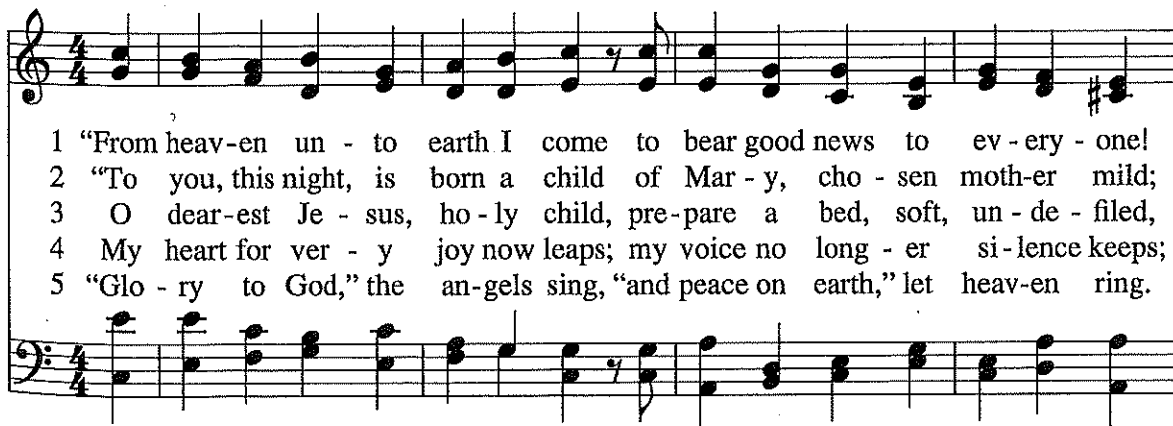
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Martin Luther, c. 1535

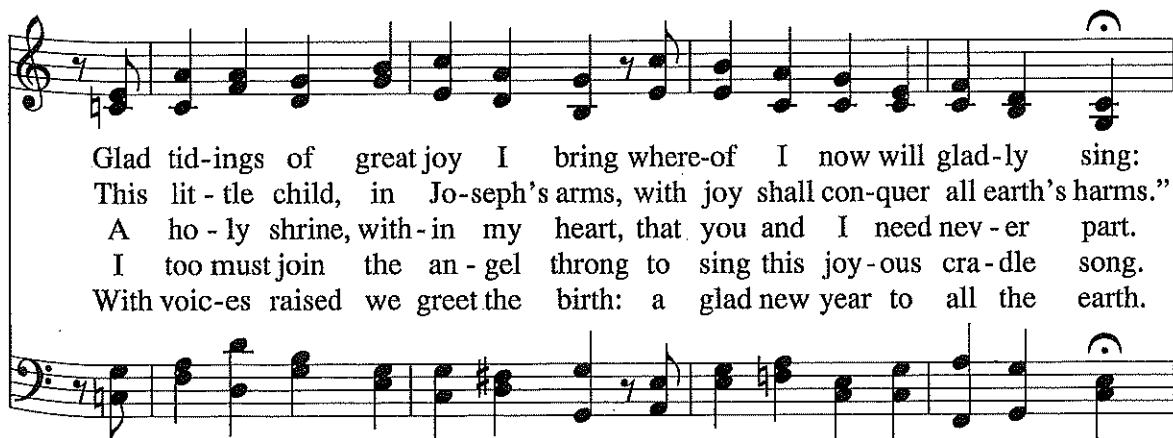
Luke 2:1-14

St. 1-2, transl. Catherine Winkworth, 1855; alt.

St. 3-5, transl. Lutheran Book of Worship, 1978; alt.



1 "From heav-en un - to earth I come to bear good news to ev - ery - one!
 2 "To you, this night, is born a child of Mar - y, cho - sen moth-er mild;
 3 O dear-est Je - sus, ho - ly child, pre-pare a bed, soft, un - de - filed,
 4 My heart for ver - y joy now leaps; my voice no long - er si - lence keeps;
 5 "Glo - ry to God," the an - gels sing, "and peace on earth," let heav-en ring.



Glad tid-ings of great joy I bring where-of I now will glad-ly sing:
 This lit - tle child, in Jo-seph's arms, with joy shall con-quer all earth's harms."
 A ho - ly shrine, with-in my heart, that you and I need nev - er part.
 I too must join the an - gel throng to sing this joy-ous cra-dle song.
 With voic-es raised we greet the birth: a glad new year to all the earth.

Martin Luther used a singing-game song as the model for the first stanza of this hymn, then added fourteen more stanzas. The hymn was written for his family's Christmas Eve celebration in 1534, and published the following year.

Tune: VOM HIMMEL HOCH L.M.
 Valentin Schumann's Geistliche Lieder, 1539
 Harm. Hans Leo Hassler in Kirchengesäng,
 Psalmen und Geistliche Lieder, Nürnberg, 1608

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Worship Leader: Jim Loveless
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Sound Booth: Mike Pierson/Pete Jaberg
Council Stewards:

NEXT SUNDAY IN WORSHIP:

Worship Leader: Lauren Helmreich
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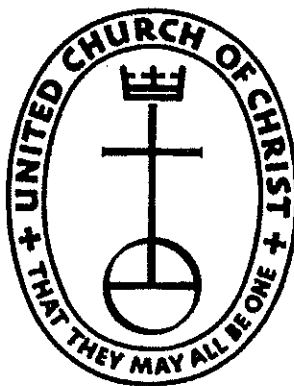
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BE WISE- BRING YOUR GIFTS FOR EPIPHANY NEXT SUNDAY

EPIPHANY WORSHIP 1/3: We will celebrate the visit of the Magi to the manger, and remember the gifts they brought. *As we do, we are inviting you to bring gifts to church as well!* But don't bring Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh. On that Sunday, we will be collecting *Shampoo, Deodorant and Toothpaste* which will be distributed to Turning Point Ministries and Room at the Inn. We are not in person yet; *but we are inviting you to drive your gifts to church Sunday morning before 10:00 and drop them off at the glass doors to the Sanctuary; then go home and watch the livestream.* During the service, the Magi will process in with the gifts you dropped off. *(You can also drop these gifts off December 28-30 in the church office between 9:00am-3:00pm if you can't make it Sunday morning.)*

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

Sun	12/27	CHRISTMAS SUNDAY Worship (online only)	10:30am
Mon	12/28	NO Staff Meeting NO Confirmation	
Thu	12/31	ANNUAL REPORTS DUE Loaves and Fishes Confirmation (2021 Class)	4:30pm 6:00pm
Fri	1/1	HAPPY NEW YEAR- Church office closed Pastor Rick's day off	
Sun	1/3	EPIPHANY Worship (online only)	10:30am



*If you try to fit God into your life,
You will never have time for God.
If you try to fit your life into God,
You will always have time for what matters.*

Columbia UCC Prayer List

Please keep in your prayers this week...

On hospice: Sharon Tiemann (April Rothwieler's Aunt)
Mariann Bullerd... health issues recovering from COVID
The Family of Donald Powell... on their loss (Sheryl Oncken's father)
The Family of Steve Case... on their loss (Glenn Duermeyer's nephew)
Andrew Hill... challenges in life (April Rothweiler's son) and April, too..

All who are suffering from COVID-19 virus and other viruses

All who are on the front lines, serving those with COVID-19

Sheila... challenges in life and faith
The Zimny, Lasley, Koerkenmeier, Malicoat,
Williams, Piersee & Marsh Families

Health Issues:

Deborah Heather (Edie Diehl's niece); Christie O'Very; Nathan Schnell
Finn Price (Tricia's nephew); Jason Wilhoit (Vena Long's friend);
Riley Gregg (Alisa Lau-Sieckmann's neighbor); Christine Mseke,
Jo Ellen Grace's brother... living with cancer
Gary Johnson... recovering from non-Hodgkins lymphoma (Kelly Smith's father)
Dennis Froeschner... anticipating knee replacement surgery
Irene Hurst... living with cancer (Sue & Cliff Beckman's friend)
Karen Wittich... anticipating knee replacement surgery (Kim Oberle's mother)

Living in Care Facilities:

Bea Gordon, Neal Sprick, Gary Ehrhardt
Mark Brumbach, Vernie Blank

Serving us in the military:

Alexander & Christopher Tennill, Jeffrey Sanderson
James Walker (Don Helmreich's nephew)
Thomas Zumalt (Shirley Lawler's grandson)
Tim Isom, Tyler Gibson (Oberles' friends);
Daisia Baker (Isaiah's cousin); Cole Long (Vena's grandson)

Pregnancies in our Church Family:

Ed Rollins & Jess Wolfe

2020 Confirmation Class (Confirmation on delay until January):

Lilly Jaberg, Hazel Keithahn, Brandon Lavelly

2021 Confirmation Class:

Zabibu Kibaro, Kennedy Lucas, Addison Melton,
Abby Dennis, Brandon Schoeneberg, Sadie Tummons