



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Diane Cote - kidney disease/ health concerns
- Randy Cote (Paul & Diane's son) - requests prayers; having family problems
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Bill Ferrigno (friend of Terry S) - recently diagnosed with lymphatic cancer
- Sandy Gagnon - dealing with physical issues and health concerns
- Avis Going-Taylor (Sandy's friend) - serious & severe back issues; now in assisted living
- Erik Grabowski - being treated for a painful tennis elbow; Janice is experiencing neck pain
- Terry Kennedy - scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Wednesday, February 26th; prayers requested and greatly appreciated
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Raymond Lamb (friend of Randy Cote) - has stage 3 cancer of the kidneys & stomach
- Debbie McGarey (mother-in-law of Terry & Betty's daughter, Becky) - throat cancer
- Pat Miller - being treated for diverticulitis and is now recuperating; thanks for prayers
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - dealing with COPD issues
- Norman Roy (Paula's sister's husband) - suffering with Lyme disease
- Wayne Sampson - recovering from surgery on right shoulder; also experiencing ongoing anxiety attacks
- Please pray for our nation (1 Timothy 2:1-3)
- Please pray that we might find a suitable and affordable permanent meeting place
- Please pray for those not with us today

"Pray without ceasing." — 1 Thess 5:17

Our God—Who Changes Not!

God Almighty solidly affirms: "For I am the LORD [the eternal, self-existent One], I do not change" (Malachi 3:6). The New Testament supports and confirms this truth: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever" (Heb 13:8). In fact, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and comes down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation, or shadow of turning" (Jas 1:17).

Our God is unchanging in His nature and steadfast in character. He is immutable. God cannot change for the better, because He is already perfect (Ps 18:30; Mt 5:48) and is the epitome of all that is good (Ps 31:19; 34:8). Nor can God change for the worse, because He is sinless, righteous and holy (Dt 32:4; Rev 4:8). "For I proclaim the name of the LORD: ascribe greatness to our God. He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, a God of truth and without injustice; righteous and upright is He" (Dt 32:4). Our Creator is constant and changeless. And His truth is constant and changeless (Jn 17:17; Jas 1:18; 1 Jn 1:5).

This attribute of God is a quality that renders change or alteration impossible and, because of who He is, there are some things God just cannot do. "Thus God, determining to show more abundantly to the heirs of promise the immutability of His counsel, confirmed it by an oath, that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we might have strong consolation...." (Heb 6:17-18). Our God does not change—He is fixed, firm, constant, and consistent.

Is it any wonder that David, a man after God's own heart (1 Sam 13:14; Acts 13:22), often referred to God as his "rock?" "The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold" (Ps 18:2). The Hebrew word translated "rock" literally means "a solid cliff rock" and figuratively, "a fortress or stronghold." Because we serve a God who changes not, we have the same confidence and assurance David had when we put our trust in

the LORD, our rock, fortress, deliverer, strength, shield, stronghold, and the horn of our salvation!

In an ever-changing world that "lies in wickedness" (1 Jn 5:19 - KJV), where "evil men and imposters grow worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived" (2 Tim 3:13), it is comforting and reassuring to know that we serve a God who does not change! Even during the most capricious and chaotic vicissitudes of life, when we place our trust in the eternal, self-existent One, He will bless us with strength, stability, serenity and security. "This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast!" (Heb 6:19).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MARCH

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Paul Bullock

Scripture Reading: Jim Miller

Lord's Supper:

Wayne Sampson & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

Alternate/fill-in: George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: Betty Schmidt

😊 Welcome Visitors! 😊

*We are glad you have come to worship with us today. We want you to know that you are welcome. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way. Please fill out a visitor's card before you depart. ☺
Have a great week!*



~ Announcements ~

- **Greenwood Nursing Home Service:**
Every Sunday afternoon at 3:30 PM.
All are welcome! ☺



Points to Ponder

"If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit" (Galatians 5:25). This scripture, and many others, attests to the fact that religious acts of worship are without value apart from righteous living. Therefore, "let your light [example & influence] so shine before men, that they may see you good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16). "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ . . . that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel" (Philippians 1:27).

VISITS TO OUR WEB PAGE

This Week: 3,736

This Month: 13,391



SNACKS!

Feb 23: Cathy
Mar 1: Pat

Contribution & Attendance

for February 16, 2020

Attendance — 25

Contribution — N/A

Order of Worship

February 23, 2020

*"Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God,
and Him only shalt thou serve."*

- Jesus — Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—277

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—262

Scripture Reading: *Wayne Sampson*
~ Psalm 18:1-3 ~

Song—297

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Contribution

Song—656

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
"Four Characteristics of God"

Song—613

Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

Alternate: *Paul Bullock*

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Connie Henderson*

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*We love Him, because  
He first loved us.*  
- 1 John 4:19 -

### February 23, 2020

### Sunday Assembly Times:

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

6:00 — Bible Study

### Wednesday Assembly:

7:00 — Bible Study

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