



Prayer Requests:

"Pray for one another"

- James 5:16 -

- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Corona Pandemic - its effect & overall impact on our lives, the nation and the world
- Diane Cote - procedure to clear a blocked carotid artery was successful; now healing
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho (Cathy's nephew) - permanently disabled and in need of prayer
- Family of Sandy Gagnon - mourning the death of their loved one, Sandy, who passed away on Friday, December 18th
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck
- Connie Henderson - undergoing a continued regimen of chemotherapy which hopefully will eradicate the remaining cancer; currently experiencing a lot of pain; prayers needed
- Mayvella Knight (Connie's foster sister) - lost her husband to cancer recently; is hurting and angry with God; needs our prayers
- Leah (Glenda's daughter) - ovarian cancer
- Becky McGarey (Terry & Betty's daughter) - being treated for a painful stomach ulcer
- Jim Miller— wound was re-opened & re-packed at wound center; healing is slow
- Joanne Neithercut - struggling with frequent serious bouts of depression
- George Nick - family issues & concerns
- Ernie Perry - arthritic back pain and COPD
- Norman Roy - prayers are needed for him & his family as his health continues to decline
- Wayne Sampson - experiencing bursitis & arthritis pain and ongoing anxiety attacks
- Paul Small (Paul Cote's cousin) - battling stomach cancer; prayers needed
- Erik Wuelper - (friend of George Cuvellier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

A New Beginning



The year 2020 will always be remembered as "the year of the pandemic." Most would agree that it was a very difficult and extremely challenging year. But with the simple switch of a calendar, the New Year promises to be a time of hope, change and renewal. With all its blank dates waiting to be filled with appointments, events, and other activities, 2021 serves to usher in a new beginning, complete with fresh opportunities and uncharted possibilities. This reminds us of the gracious God we serve—a God of second chances and new beginnings.

In the pages of the inspired word, we read the Parable of the Prodigal Son who basically demanded his inheritance and then quickly and foolishly squandered it on reckless and riotous living (Luke 15:11-32). Welcomed back home by his waiting, watching, loving, forgiving Father, the repentant son experienced a new beginning and, although he didn't deserve it, was restored and given a second chance. Brothers, sisters, friends – this is also *our* story.

We too have sinned, acted foolishly and squandered that which our Father has entrusted to us (Romans 3:10; 23; Titus 3:3-7). And although we don't deserve it, when we bring to God a humble, penitent spirit as did the prodigal son, our loving, forgiving heavenly Father gives us another chance and offers us a new beginning (2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 John 1:9).

So this year, make a firm resolution to always turn to God and trust the One who can truly offer you fresh opportunities and uncharted possibilities (Proverbs 3:5-6). Turn to "Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think" (Ephesians 3:20). Place your full faith and trust in the "KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS" (Revelation 19:16) who will one day proclaim: "Behold, I make *all* things new!" (Revelation 21:5).

— Terry Schmidt ✍



WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for JANUARY

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Paul Cote

Opening Prayer: Jim Miller

Scripture Reading: Paul Bullock

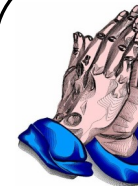
Lord's Supper:

Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Announcements & Closing Prayer:

George Cuvellier

Lord's Supper Prep: Terry Kennedy



Our Deepest Sympathy

Our sincerest condolences are extended to the church and the family of Sandy Gagnon as they mourn the death of their loved one, who passed away on December 18th. May God's steadfast presence and tender compassion provide strength & comfort to these dear ones during this difficult time of grief and loss. †

😊 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!





December 28th - Catherine Cuvellier
January 4th - George Nick

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

Want to lose weight, get physically fit, or kick a bad habit? Make a New Year's resolution and you are on your way there. But the tricky part in making New Year's resolutions is sticking to them and seeing them through. The loftier and more challenging the resolution, the tougher it is to hang on to it and reach your goal. It usually takes strong determination and steadfast perseverance to live by what you resolve. But if your goal is noble and your intentions honorable, you'll have all the help you need—from a powerful source—the God of the universe! (see Rom 8:37; 1 Cor 10:13; Eph 3:20-21; 6:10; Phil 4:13; Heb 4:15-16; 1 Jn 5:14-15)

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 4,144
This Month: 25,849



SNACKS!

Dec 27: Betty
Jan 3: Cathy

Attendance & Contribution for December 20, 2020

Attendance — 18
Contribution — \$452.

Order of Worship

December 27, 2020

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

- Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—120

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—522

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
~ Mark 12:28-31 ~

Song—51

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—63

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
Attitudes for a Healthy
Congregation in 2021

Song—112

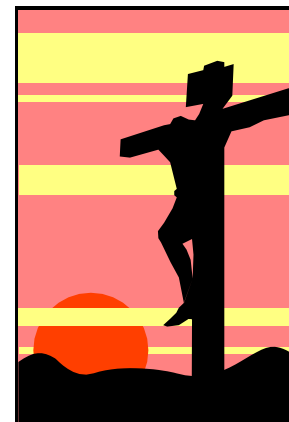
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Betty Schmidt*

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

## December 27, 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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