



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
- Sandy Gagnon - still at York Hospital with various serious health concerns; very weak
- 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—home after a week at MMC and is now healing; thanks for all the prayers
- 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 Cuvelier) - pancreatic cancer; prayers requested

The God-Shaped Vacuum



Whenever there's a malfunction with a piece of equipment, a technician will use the manufacturer's blueprints or owner's manual to identify the apparent symptoms and match them to probable causes in an effort to determine the source of the problem. No one knows the equipment better than the one who designed and built it. Modern man would do well to fully acknowledge this fact—in the *spiritual* realm.

Twenty-first century man continues to address only the *symptoms* of man's afflictions, maladies, and disorders instead of finding the *cause* of these symptoms. This is because man refuses to acknowledge the Divine Designer and Creator who made us in His image, according to His likeness (Gen 1:26).

While God did give us *physical* bodies to exist for a time on His earth, He made us *spiritual* beings with an *eternal* soul. "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Gen 2:7). Scripture reveals that God has put *eternity* in our hearts (Ecc 3:11).

A quote that has been attributed to many, including St. Augustine and Blaise Pascal, puts it well: "There is a God shaped vacuum in the heart of every man which cannot be filled by any created thing, but only by God, the Creator, made known through Jesus Christ." This vacuum is known in New Testament Greek as the *koilia*—the void, the empty, the inmost being. The *koilia* was designed by God to be filled *with* God.

Since modern man will not even acknowledge God *as* God, or as his creator, he prevents this void from being filled *with* God. And so, he fills it with anything and everything you could imagine. But these "things" bring only temporary relief to the pain of emptiness and do not (and cannot) satisfy the deep longings of the soul.

No one knows us better than the One who designed and created us. The solution to modern man's emptiness and inner hunger is found only in the Living Water and the Bread of Life—Jesus Christ (John 4:14; 6:35). This is the Gospel of our salvation (Rom 1:16; Eph 1:13). And this is Good News! Modern man needs to hear and heed the words of Jesus: "Repent, and believe the Gospel!" (Mark 1:15). — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



"Sirs, what must I do to be saved?"

- Acts 16:30 -

Hear the Gospel - John 6:44-45; Rom 10:14,17

Believe [trust in] God - John 3:16; 8:24; Ac 16:31
Heb 11:6

Repent of sins - Luke 13:1-5; Acts 2:38; 3:19; 17:30

Confess Christ - Mt 10:32-33; Ac 8:36-37;
Rom 10:8-10

Be baptized - Mk 16:16; Ac 2:38; 8:36; 22:16;
1 Pet 3:21

Be faithful unto death - Mt 7:21; Rev 2:10

👉 Yankee Swap 👈

After our pot luck meal next Sunday, December 13th, we will have our traditional Yankee Swap. All gifts should be wrapped, and those specifically for men or women should be marked "Male" or "Female." It would be good to bring a gift for a child also, as we have several children who usually participate in our Yankee Swap. So bring your wrapped gifts and be ready to enjoy a time of great fun and a lot of laughs as we share this time together! ☺

☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

We are glad to have you worship with us today. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have questions or if we can help you in any way.

Have a great week!



December 9th - Terry Schmidt
 December 16th - Brandon Kennedy
 December 23th - Catherine Cuvellier



Terry & Betty — December 6th

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 7,530
 This Month: 7,530



SNACKS!

Dec 6: Terry K
 Dec 13: Potluck

Attendance & Contribution for November 29, 2020

Attendance — 18
 Contribution — \$947.

Order of Worship

December 6, 2020

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

- Matthew 4:10 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—227

Opening Prayer: *Paul Bullock*

Song—346

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*
 ~ Isaiah 55:1-2; 6-7 ~

Song—299

The Lord's Supper:
George Cuvellier & Ernie Perry

Song—100

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
 ~ The Emptiness Within ~

Song—593

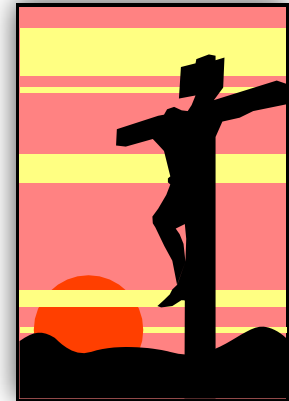
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
Jason Kennedy

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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 6, 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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