



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 - dealing w/ various health issues
- Filomena Derecho (Cathy's mother in the Philippines) - numerous health issues
- Reyderick Derecho - permanently disabled
- Family of Sandy Gagnon - mourning the death of their loved one, Sandy
- Erik Grabowski - dealing with a painful heel spur on his right foot
- Janice Grabowski - large growth on her neck; also dealing with pancreatitis & fibromyalgia
- 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 - may need a skin graft to heal his leg wound; having a heart PET scan on 1/6
- 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

Jesus — the Rock

At one point during His earthly ministry Jesus, after asking his disciples who others thought He was, then asked the pointed and probing question: "But who do you say that I am?" As was fairly typical for him, Peter spoke up first, and confidently declared: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God!" In identifying Jesus as the Christ, Peter acknowledged that He was the Messiah (the Anointed One; Deliverer; Savior). In declaring that He was the Son of the living God, Peter was affirming Jesus' deity. He was indeed Immanuel – "God with us!" (Mt 1:23). Jesus then replied, "And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock, I will build My church, and the gates of Hell (*Hades*) shall not prevail against it" (Mt 16:13-18).

Jesus taught that He would build His church on "this rock" – that is, the divine truth of the confession Peter had made saying Jesus was the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus is not only the *builder* of His church, He is also the *foundation* – the *only* foundation! (not Peter, or any man!) "For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 3:11). Using a little different imagery, Paul describes those in the Lord's church as "fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord" (Eph 2:19-21). Like the *foundation*, this *cornerstone* was the most essential and important part of the building.

Peter builds on the idea of God's people being a holy temple. "You also, as living stones, are being built up a spiritual house, a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ" (1 Pet 2:5). "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who *called you out* of darkness into His marvelous light" (v. 9). This phrase "called you out" accurately describes the Lord's church.

The Greek word translated "church" is *ekklesia*, which literally means "the called out" (assembly). As members of the church of Christ, we have been called out of the world and its ways. Although we are still *in* the world, we are not to be *of* the world. We have been delivered from the power of darkness, and have been translated (conveyed, transferred) into the kingdom of God's dear Son! (Col 1:13). What a blessing! (Eph 1:3).

Going back to the imagery used by Jesus, He (the *Rock*) is the *builder* and *foundation* of His church. And we, as living *stones*, are being built up a *spiritual* house, to offer up spiritual sacrifices to God through Jesus Christ (our Mediator & High Priest – Heb 4:14-16; 8:6, 15). This *spiritual house* is "the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth!" (1 Tim 3:15). "Whose house (church) are we, IF we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of hope firm unto the end! (Heb 3:6).

— 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

😊 **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. Please fill out a visitor's card before you leave. Thank you.

Have a great week!



January 4th - George Nick



We will enjoy our potluck fellowship next Sunday after services. Please make plans to stay for this special time of food, fun, and fellowship! ☺

"...food which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth." — 1 Timothy 4:3

Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 1,512
January 2021: 489



SNACKS!

Jan 3: Cathy
Jan 10: Paula

*Attendance & Contribution
for December 27, 2020*

Attendance — 19
Contribution — \$383.

Order of Worship

January 3, 2021

"Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy hill; for the LORD our God is holy."

- Psalm 99:9 -

Song Leader: *Paul Cote*

Song—192

Opening Prayer: *Jim Miller*

Song—27

Scripture Reading: *Paul Bullock*
~ Matthew 16:13-19 ~

Song—574

The Lord's Supper:
Jason Kennedy & Ernie Perry

Song—209

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*
~ Jesus — the Rock ~

Song—120

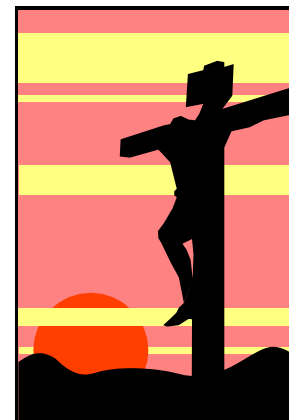
Announcements & Closing Prayer:
George Cuvellier

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Lord's Supper Prep: *Terry Kennedy*

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

**January 3, 2021**

### 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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