



## Prayer Requests:

*"Pray for one another"*

- James 5:16 -

- Rodelio Baagin & Family - working with congregations of the Lord's church in the Philippines
- Josiah Carelse & Family - working with the Lord's church in Cape Town, South Africa
- Leslie Denbow - left knee replacement surgery on 12/2 was successful, now home recovering; a recent procedure has reduced pain in several discs in her lower back; requests prayers to meet life's challenges and bring glory to God
- Retha Flack (Terry & Betty's Christian friend) - 2 heart blockages; meds are working well
- Hardship - victims of severe storms in Jamaica, Philippines, India & floods in Pacific Northwest
- Terry Schmidt - recent ER/hospital visit revealed a diagnosis of unstable angina caused by a 20% blockage; now on medications, a modified diet, and an exercise regimen to help remedy future episodes; thanks for your prayers ☺
- Doreen Taylor (Kathleen's sister) - recovering from a recent stroke; outlook hopeful
- Escalating politically motivated violence and shootings - across our country
- 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 — the sick & suffering and those who are spiritually weak & struggling



*In times of hardship, suffering and great distress ... the first place we should go ... and stay for a good long while ... is the throne room of God. (see Hebrews 4:14-16)*

## Wherever You Go ... the Lord is There!



Wherever we are, we are always near God, and God is always near to us. As the Psalmist David observes: "Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend into heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there Your hand shall lead me, and Your right hand shall hold me" (Ps 139:7-10).

There is never a place we can go where God is not with us. Because "He is not far from each one of us" (Acts 17:27). He is everywhere present. Bible scholars and theologians refer to this as the omnipresence of God.

From the rising of the sun to its going down,  
the LORD's name is to be praised!  
The LORD is high above all the nations,  
and His glory above the heavens,  
Who is like the LORD our God who  
dwells on high, who humbles Himself to  
behold the things that are in the heavens,  
and in the earth? – Psalm 113:3-6

Yes, "the eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good" (Pr 15:3). To the disobedient, this fact may be unwelcomed and even a bit unsettling. But to the obedient child of God, the fact that God is always there—no matter what—provides great comfort and welcomed assurance.

The clear and certain fact is that no one can hide from God. "For His eyes are on the ways of man, and He sees all his steps" (Job 34:21). And, no one can run away from God. The prophet Jonah tried "to flee ... from the presence of the LORD" (Jonah 1:1-3), and it didn't work. In Jeremiah 23:24, God Himself confirms this with a rhetorical question: "Can anyone hide himself in secret places, so I shall not see him?" says the LORD; "Do I not fill heaven and earth?" says the LORD.

For the Christian, these words provide great hope and encouragement. God is always there. He is

with us wherever we go and in whatever we do. Whether we're in the comfort of our own home, at work, driving on the highway, traveling in some distant land, or flying in a Boeing 747 at 35,000 feet in the air—He is there!

And we can take Him at His word when he says: "I will never leave thee nor forsake thee." So, we may boldly say: "The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?" (Heb 13:5-6). We can also take to heart the inspiring words God spoke to Joshua so long ago: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9). Amen! — **Terry Schmidt** ✍



## WORSHIP ASSIGNMENTS for MARCH

Preaching: Terry Schmidt

Song Leader: Terry Schmidt

Opening Prayer: George Cuvellier

Scripture Reading: Louis Bureau

Lord's Supper:

Jim Miller (lead) & David Larrabee

Announcements & Closing Prayer:  
Jason Kennedy

Alternates: Wayne Sampson/  
Jeremy Raymond/ Mike Doucette

Lord's Supper Prep: Pat Miller

## ☺ Welcome Visitors! ☺

*We are glad you have come to worship with us and 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. Also, please fill out one of our visitor's cards before you depart.*



# ★HAPPY★ BIRTHDAY!

Erica Raymond — March 4th

Jeremy Raymond — March 21st

Kelly Bureau — March 26th

Demas, the Apostle Paul's "fellow worker," forsook Paul and abandoned the ministry. Paul later wrote: "Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world" (2 Tim 4:10). The Greek verb used here implies that Demas had abandoned him in a time of need. Demas had chosen the world over heaven (Mt 16:26). We should learn an important lesson here: Past service is no guarantee of future faithfulness (1 Cor 10:12). And faithfulness isn't about how you start the Christian race, but how you finish (2 Tim 4:7). "Let us therefore be diligent...lest anyone fall after the same example of disobedience" (Heb 4:11). †

## Visits to Our Web Page

Last Week: 6,817

This Month: 28,987



## SNACKS!

Feb 22: Pat

Mar 1: Erica

## Attendance & Contribution

for February 15, 2026

Attendance — 19

Contribution — \$967

## Order of Worship

February 22, 2026

*"What is it then? I will pray with the spirit,  
and I will pray with the understanding  
also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will  
sing with the understanding also."*

📖 - 1 Corinthians 14:15 - 📖

Song Leader: *Terry Schmidt*

Song—17

Opening Prayer: *Louis Bureau*

Song—114

Scripture Reading: *Jim Miller*

~ 2 Timothy 4:9-11 ~

Song—179

The Lord's Supper

*Jason Kennedy (lead) & Jeremy Raymond*

Song—89

Sermon: *Terry Schmidt*

"The Disloyal Disciple"

Song—522

Announcements & Closing Prayer

*Wayne Sampson*

Alternates: *George Cuvellier;*

*Mike Doucette; David Larrabee*

Lord's Supper Prep: *Jan Sampson*

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

## February 22, 2026

**Meeting on the Lord's Day:**

9:30 am — Bible Class

10:30 am — Worship

*"Let us consider one another in order  
to stir up love and good works, not  
forsaking the assembling of ourselves  
together, as is the manner of some, but  
exhorting one another, and so much the  
more as you see the Day approaching."*

- Hebrews 10:24-25 -

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