

Announcements – Jordan

Good morning, and thank you for joining us today, in person or by livestream!

The church office will be closed Monday in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr., day.

If you are a member of the Nurture Committee – or would like to be part – you can attend their Zoom meeting on Tuesday. They will be talking about plans for the upcoming Easter season.

We announced last Sunday that the Health Department is making appointments for the Covid-19 vaccine. As some of you are aware from trying to schedule an appointment, it is very hard to get through on the phone. The Health Department serves 4 counties, which brings a large number of phone calls into their system. At present, they only schedule appointments when they have the vaccine on hand. They do not schedule appointments ahead of getting the vaccine. The Health Department recommends that you visit their website – ncdhd.com – to make your appointments and to fill out the forms you must complete before receiving the vaccine. The website also provides updates on the status of their supply of the vaccine. Printed information about the vaccine is available in the church foyer, on the welcome desk. Included in that information are copies of the form that must be completed in order to receive the vaccine.

Call to Worship – I Corinthians 1:18-21 - Jordan

¹⁸ For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

¹⁹ For it is written: “I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.”

²⁰ Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world?

²¹ For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe.

Kid’s Korner – Jordan

Hymn – Holy, Holy, Holy, 3 verses

Joys and Concerns – Jordan

Mandy Nation has been diagnosed with stage one breast cancer. She will be having further testing and surgery will be scheduled.

Duanne Puckett continues as a patient at Norton Brownsboro Hospital.

Eric McClain was dismissed from Frazier Rehab on Wednesday and is now at home.

Copies of the prayer list are available on the church web site or the church office.

Morning Prayer – James Powell

Special Music – Wanda Stivers

Scripture Reading – I Corinthians 2:1-14

¹ *And so it was with me, brothers and sisters. When I came to you, I did not come with eloquence or human wisdom as I proclaimed to you the testimony about God.*

² *For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified.*

³ *I came to you in weakness with great fear and trembling.*

⁴ *My message and my preaching were not with wise and persuasive words, but with a demonstration of the Spirit's power,*

⁵ *so that your faith might not rest on human wisdom, but on God's power.*

⁶ *We do, however, speak a message of wisdom among the mature, but not the wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nothing.*

⁷ *No, we declare God's wisdom, a mystery that has been hidden and that God destined for our glory before time began.*

⁸ *None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.*

⁹ *However, as it is written: "What no eye has seen, what no ear has heard, and what no human mind has conceived"—the things God has prepared for those who love him—*

¹⁰ *these are the things God has revealed to us by his Spirit. The Spirit searches all things, even the deep things of God.*

¹¹ For who knows a person's thoughts except their own spirit within them? In the same way no one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God.

¹² What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us.

¹³ This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words.

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit.

Message – Dave

A New Heart for A New Year: Give Me Wisdom to Direct Me

Invitation Hymn – Take Time to Be Holy, 2 verses

Stewardship Meditation – Dave

Charles Haddon Spurgeon once said, you say, “If I had a little more, I should be very satisfied.” You make a mistake. If you are not content with what you have, you would not be satisfied if it were doubled. Spurgeon echoes the words of Paul, in Philippians 4:11, I have learned to be content whatever the circumstance.

Stewardship Prayer – Dave

Ever-faithful Lord, we gratefully acknowledging your mercy and humbly admit our need. We answer your call by shaping our lives in imitation of Christ. We have received your gifts and as stewards, we will cherish and tend them in faithfulness, and share them in love with others. As you have begun this good work in us we trust that you will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen

Doxology – played, but no singing

Communion Meditation

A friend of mine said to me the other day, *silence has something to do with wisdom. It takes silence to hear that still, small voice.* As we gather at the table this morning, let us enjoy moments of silence, and let us commit to times of silence beyond this table, so we can indeed hear the voice of God, which so often comes to us in the stillness and the silence.

Prayer for the Bread and Cup – Sally McClain

Prayer for the bread.

Prayer for the cup – The Lord's Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.*

Words of institution – *when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, "this is my body which is broken for you. This do in remembrance of me."*
And he took the cup also and said, "this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Benediction Song

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*May God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit,
give you a contrite heart.
May Christ, who bore our sins in His body on the tree,
heal you by His wounds.
May the Holy Spirit, who leads us into all truth,
speak to you words of pardon and peace.
In the name of Christ we pray, amen*

Full Prayer List

Below is the current prayer list. Please contact the church office by phone or email if you have any additions or deletions. Thank you.

Ashby, Michelle side effects to new medication

Bailey, Helen homebound

Baker, Jeanie cancer

Baxter, Johnny stomach cancer, son of Jessie Baxter

Beagle, Susan Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville

Beckley, Greg, Alzheimer's, moving to a nursing home soon

Bolden, Michael health concerns

Broadway-Amrien, Anne diagnosed with COVID and pneumonia, Rick Broadway's sister

Carpenter, Karen liver and lung cancer, friend of Suzi and Bob Roth

Clausen, Rich continuing cancer treatment, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Donahue, Barbara MS

Donahue, Buddy cancer

Farris, Ben cancer

Griffith, Linda health issues

Harris, Gloria health, Julie Mulcahy's mother

Howell, Brooks infant with incurable disease

Hower, Tommy health

Hudson, Chris wound on leg

Hundley, LaMar and Valorie health

James, Marsha recovering from valve replacement surgery

Jennings, Harriet health

Keefer, Tom cancer and begins treatment Monday

Lancaster, Grant heart issues, friend of Vicki and Glen Wright

Lassley, Laurie gall bladder cancer - undergoing IV treatments

Leismer, Jim stroke, brother-in-law of Nancy Kirk

Lisby, Emily Covid

Long, Annie cancer

Long, Terry lung cancer (Marsha James's sister)

Loprindi, Kristina stage 4 ovarian cancer

Lyons, Ida Crescent Place

McClain, Eric, is now at home, continuing his recovery

McGuire, Thelma health

Minner, Pat chemo treatments for lung cancer, friend of Diann and Al Cook

Moffatt, Bruce health issues

Nation, Nellie Amber Oaks

Newton, Mary Jo treatment for breast cancer (Ken Slucher's sister)

Puckett, Duanne suffered a brain bleed and is in ICU

Roach, Larry Crescent Place, Linda Griffith's brother

Sanders, Cindy cancer

Shaver, Marty Crescent Place

Smith, Michelle surgery and recovery

Smith, Nell Legacy at English Station

Smith, Teresa dialysis patient with issues regarding her shunt

Smither, Lily

Smither, Norma and Morris

Stivers, Lisa Bels-Palsy, Judy Floyd's daughter

Taylor, Nancye homebound

Tipton, Barbara Crescent Place

Wainscott, Diana breast cancer, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law

Warren, Ruth suffered a fall and broke several vertebrae (Brian Warren's mother)

Webb, Devon seriously injured in car accident

Williams, Jay juvenile diabetes

Williams, Linda cancer

Wright, Tommy recovering from a severe head injury

Wright, Vickie broken femur and other health issues

the Diersen Center staff and residents

SCPS students, staff and faculty