#### <u>Announcements – Jordan</u>

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

If you have anything to add to next week's edition of the church newsletter, the *Cup*, please submit the information to the church office by tomorrow.

## Call to Worship -- Jordan

# <u>Kid's Korner – Jordan</u>

## Hymn – Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee – 3 Verses

# <u>Joys and Concerns – Jordan</u>

The family of Mary Beth Amyx Burgin, who passed away on Wednesday. She was a lifelong member of our church.

Duanne Puckett is scheduled to be dismissed from the Frazier Rehab on Tuesday, and will come home with palliative care. Marsha James, her sister, continues her recovery at home from heart valve replacement surgery. Please remember their sister Terry as well, who has been diagnosed with cancer.

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> "Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand.

 $<sup>^{27}</sup>$  The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash."

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

### **Morning Prayer - James Powell**

#### **Special Music – Amy Bramblette**

#### Scripture Reading – Joshua 1:5b – 9

### Message - Dave

A New Heart for A New Year: Give Me Courage to Strengthen Me

# <u>Invitation Hymn – How Great Thou Art – 2 verses</u>

## <u>Stewardship Meditation - Dave</u>

Phillip Brooks was an Episcopal priest who lived in the  $19^{th}$  century, and is best remembered as the lyricist for *O Little Town of Bethlehem*. But he offered some other power words as well, particularly this line – do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for powers equal to your tasks.

That probably doesn't sound like a line for a stewardship meditation, but it is a great line, and remind us that we offer God not only our resources, but our courage as well. Be courageous today. Be courageous tomorrow. Be courageous next week. Be courageous always.

# <u>Stewardship Prayer – Dave</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup>Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup>"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup>Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup>Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

### Doxology - played, but no singing

#### **Communion Meditation**

Willa Cather once said, where there is great love, there are always miracles. Jesus did miracles everywhere he went because of his great love. What are the miracles the world needs today. What is the miracle you need? God holds those miracles for you.

## Prayer for the Bread and Cup - Sally McClain

Holy God,
"In the bleak mid-winter...
Earth stood hard as iron
In the bleak mid-winter
Water like a stone"
In our times of greatest despair when all seems so very desperate...
Hope is born..
Not fragile wishful thinking
But a deep abiding faith always present...often hidden..
For we know our Creator who nourishes us daily
With the bread of Heaven
Given that we might know life.
(No amen)

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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Until we meet again...

May the kindness of God precede you.

May the wisdom of God be with you.

May the light of God follow you.

May God hold you in the palm of His hand.

May you allow God to mold you into what you were created to be.

May you joyfully fill the role God has given to you and

may you feel the peace of God always in your soul. (Adapted)

### **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