

“O God of Hosts, look down from Heaven, and visit this vine which, we trust, Thy right hand hath planted. Watch over, protect, and defend it. Nourish it with the dews of divine grace, and cause it to grow and spread and flourish...”

Also, refer to John 15:5 — “I am the vine, ye are the branches.”

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction or distress or persecution or fam-

Prayer requests September 12, 2024

- *Brian Milam
 - *Tom Robertson
 - *Paul Wilkie Sr.
 - *Linda Wilkie
 - *Jennifer Bridges, daughter of Allen and Patti Jenkins
 - *Mark Dolny—Linda Lister’s step-son
 - *Amy Lister
 - *Charlsie Cox
 - *Virginia Bonner
 - *Evelyn Dupree Watkins— Patti Jenkins’ mother palliative care
 - *Patti Jenkins
 - ***Cyn Coakley**
 - *Linda Murphy
 - *Kaye Richard
 - *Kim Lister Tyson at Home
 - *Allen Jenkins
 - *Mary Hamilton Burris
 - *Shepard Williams—at home
 - *David Bonner
 - ***Ray Bell— knee surgery**
- Martha Franks Residents:**
Erle & Betty Aiton, Marilyn Bronson, Betty Dailey
Nancy Cook Smith
Presbyterian Communities
Jerry Stoddard
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Bold print = new people added to the list

Dear Saints of First Presbyterian Church:

Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.”- Luke 11:1

I don’t know anyone that prays who is 100% satisfied with their prayer life – and I might have a question or two for someone who asserts that they are. Sometimes we feel that our prayers are lacking or somehow missing the mark; we wonder if we are going about it in the right way. The disciples felt the same way, so they asked Jesus to teach them to pray. Over the next several weeks we will explore what Jesus says about prayer and how we approach our own prayer life. Between now and Sunday, consider the prayer we pray each week in worship – *The Lord’s Prayer*. Try to read between the lines and think about what it really means, for ourselves and others. God wants to be in conversation with you! That’s a sure way to know that you are loved.

A Note from Sarah Grace:

Youth Sunday will be October 13th! We will be preparing for that special day during WOW.

Special note: If you feel called to help with the youth, please call Sarah Grace and let her know. You are also welcome to call the office.

10 years ago on 9-11-2014, Nigatwa Disasa had a kidney transplant. She received a healthy kidney! She is thankful for being able to qualify for a new kidney after waiting for years to receive one. She wants everyone to know that she is still thankful for everyone’s prayers before and after her surgery. God is good!

Mark your calendars for coming events:

October 6th—Fellowship Supper at 6:00. Bring a dish to share with others!

October 27th—Kirkin’ of the Tartans. Lunch will be immediately following Worship!

November 3rd - All Saints Day. Desserts will be in Hunter Hall following Worship!

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Christmas isn't far away!

We are asking people to sign up to volunteer for the Advent Devotional booklets. We have a spreadsheet that outlines the dates needed, themes for each week, suggested scripture and prayer themes. We will accept written devotionals (ideally less than 200 words), drawings or even photos, so long as they can be tied to the theme or a scripture verse.

Tom Malone will be happy to help you with verses, dates, and anything else pertaining to scripture. You can send your devotional to Tomalone@windstream.net and/or to marion@crawford.agency.

USHERS

September 15, 2024

**Ephesians
Scott Holland*
Janice Holland
Daniel Lauer
Eli Lauer**

September 22, 2024

**Philippians
Robert Thomason*
Betty Jo Bell
Ernie Segars
Marion Robinson**

September 29, 2023

**Colossians
Chris Edwards*
Ryland Edwards
Paul Wilkie, Jr
Shawn Brown**

October 3, 2024

**Thessalonians
Julian Pafford*
Lesley Mitchell
Walter Todd
Neal Todd**

Flowers for the Church

September 8, 2024

Margaret and Curtis Fuller

September 15, 2024

Jeanette & Brian George

September 22, 2024

Martha Gilcrest

September 28, 2024

Safety Team Duty - Scott Holland