

Sunday June 16, 2019 Trinity Sunday

1 Thessalonians: Practicing Resurrection "Blessing & Sending"

#### Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today in worship. We hope you find City Church to be a warm, welcoming community—regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout this guide.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

On pages 19-22, you'll find information about our community. We hope this helps you get to know us better and that, in turn, we can get to know you better. Help us welcome you by filling out the contact sheet on the back page and placing it in the offering basket or in our hands after the worship service.

All to say, we are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff

Tuck Bartholomew, Chris Currie, Jonathan Davis

# Sunday Info

#### **UCity**

Nursery, Room 111 Children 4 – 24 months for the duration of the service

Children's, Church Room 112–113 Children ages 2 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will return prior to communion.

**Adult Ed Class** No classes are currently meeting.

**Accessibility** A wheelchair ramp and elevator are on site. A greeter can assist you.

Coffee is available in the SE hallway at 10:15am and before Adult Ed classes when offered.

#### **Fairmount**

Nursery, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Blue Room Children 4 – 36 months for the duration of the service

Children's Church, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor Green Room Children ages 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> graders will return prior to communion.

**Accessibility** A wheelchair ramp is on site. A greeter can assist you.

## Reflection

It seems to me quite disastrous that the idea should have got about that Christianity is an other-worldly, unreal, idealistic kind of religion that suggests that if we are good we shall be happy... On the contrary, it is fiercely and even harshly realistic, insisting that... there are certain eternal achievements that make even happiness look like trash.

- Dorothy Sayers, Creed or Chaos?

# Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

GOD SUMMONS US AS HIS PEOPLE

As we meet together each week, we recognize in the preparation that God, through his word and Spirit, gathers us into his presence and calls us into his life and mission.

#### Prelude

# Preparation

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

All And also with you.

Let us bless the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

All Let us praise and bless God for ever.

# **Opening Song**

Trinity Song



Come, with your peace, with your in-vi-ta-tion, bind us to-geth-er in ho-ly love.

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# Opening of Worship

O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.
When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, who are mortals that you care for them?
Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.
You have given them dominion
over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet.
O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth.

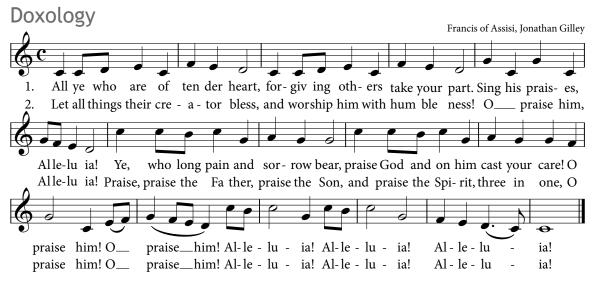
from Psalm 8

#### Gloria Patri

All

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

# Prayer of Adoration and Invocation



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GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness. In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this. we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

#### Confession of Sin

God the Father of heaven.

All have mercy on us.

God the Son, redeemer of the world,

have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit,

have mercy on us.

Holy Trinity, one God,

have mercy on us.

From all evil, sin, and pride,

deliver us, O Holy Trinity.

From all uncleanness, sloth, and love of riches,

deliver us, O Holy Trinity.

From every thought, word and deed contrary to your will, deliver us, O Holy Trinity.

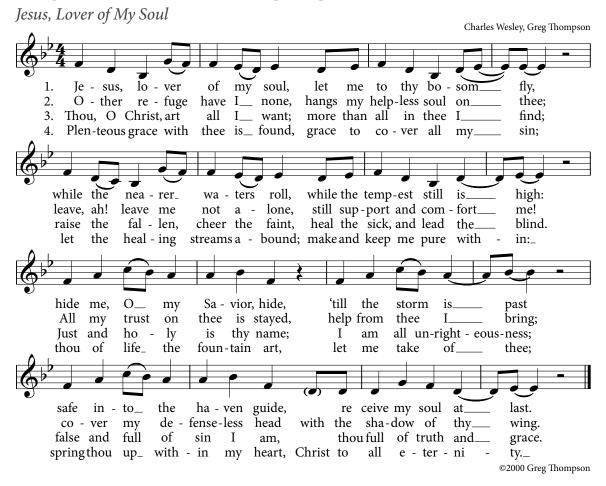
Silence is kept.

# Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit: forgive you for all your sins, heal your wounds, and renew your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

# Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving



### Wonderful, Merciful Savior



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# Baptism and Membership Reception

Catherine Marie Horvath
Cecily Quinn McDonald

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Do you renounce sin and the power of evil in your life and in the world?

Candidates & Parents: I renounce them.

Minister (to the candidates & parents):

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Candidates & Parents: Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Minister (to the candidates):

Will you be a faithful member of this congregation, and through worship and service seek to advance God's purposes here and throughout the world?

Candidates: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Minister (to the parents):

Do you promise to instruct this child in the truth of God's word, in the way of salvation through Jesus Christ; to pray for them, to teach them to pray; and to train them in Christ's way by your example, through worship, and in the nurture of the church?

Parents: I do, and I ask God to help me.

Minister (to the congregation):

Do you promise to love, encourage, and support these brothers and sisters by teaching the gospel of God's love, by being an example of Christian faith and character, and by giving the strong support of God's family in fellowship, prayer, and service.

Congregation: We do.

The sacrament of baptism is administered, and pastoral prayer is offered.

The congregation shall stand.

All Joyfully we receive you into the body of Christ.
Join with us as we give witness in the world to the good news, for we are all one in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia.

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. 1st - 5th graders are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

GOD SPEAKS TO US IN HIS WORD

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

# Passing of the Peace

The peace of the risen Christ be with you always. *All* And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

#### The Word of God

New Testament reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:11-28

<sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing. <sup>12</sup>But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labor among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; <sup>13</sup>esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. <sup>14</sup>And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. <sup>15</sup>See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. <sup>16</sup>Rejoice always, <sup>17</sup>pray without ceasing, <sup>18</sup>give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. <sup>19</sup>Do not quench the Spirit. <sup>20</sup>Do not despise the words of prophets, <sup>21</sup>but test everything; hold fast to what is good; <sup>22</sup>abstain from every form of evil.

<sup>23</sup>May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>24</sup>The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this. <sup>25</sup>Beloved, pray for us. <sup>26</sup>Greet all the brothers and sisters with a holy kiss. <sup>27</sup>I solemnly command you by the Lord that this letter be read to all of them. <sup>28</sup>The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: Matthew 28:16-20

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

<sup>16</sup>Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. <sup>17</sup>When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. <sup>18</sup>And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### Sermon

"Blessing & Sending" - Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

# Offering and Presentation of Gifts

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

The offering is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly. com/give. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.

GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's *Supper, is the family* meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included below). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with *Iesus Christ and with* his people, the church.

#### Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

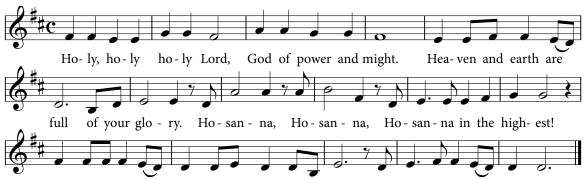
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All* It is right to give thanks and praise.

# The Eucharistic Prayer

Holy and right it is, and our joyful duty to give thanks to you at all times and in all places, O Lord our God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. You created heaven with all its hosts and the earth with all its plenty. You have given us life and being and preserve us by your providence. But you have shown us the fullness of your love in lesus Christ, the eternal Word, made flesh for us and for our salvation. For the precious gift of our mighty Savior who has reconciled us to you, we praise and bless you, O God. With your whole Church on earth, and with all the company of heaven we gladly thank you, praising you, and singing:

#### Sanctus



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the\_high-est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

#### Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

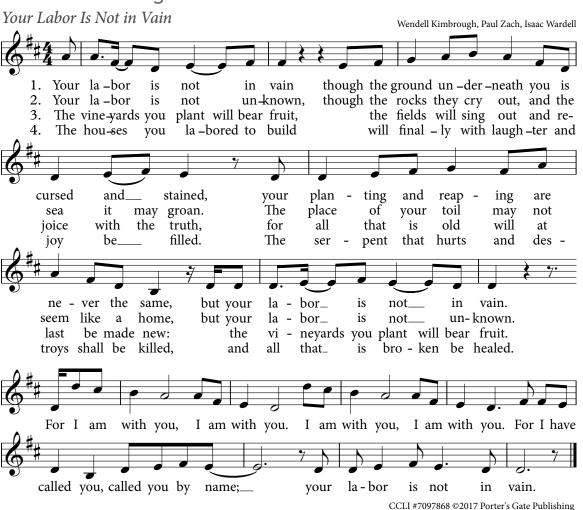
Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

If you would like prayer for healing and anointing with oil, please come to the back of the room after you have been served, and an elder will pray for you. This will be a time of liturgical prayer; you will not be asked to share your particular situation.

# **Communion Song**



# **Prayers for Reflection**

#### Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

#### Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

#### Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

# Prayer after Communion

All Gracious God,
we thank you for feeding us
at the table of our Lord Jesus Christ.
Grateful for your gifts
and mindful of the communion of your saints,
we ask that you would bind us together
in love, unity, and peace,
so that the world may know
that you have sent us,
and we may glorify your name:
Father, Son, and Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

# Blessing and Sending

and pos-sess, in

May the Grace

John Newton

1. May the grace of Christ, our Sav-ior, and the Fa-ther's bound-less love

2. Thus may we a - bide in u -nion with each oth -er and\_ the Lord



sweet com-mu-nion, joys which earth can - not af - ford.

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#### Benediction

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name, strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith and that, knowing his love, broad and long, deep and high beyond all knowledge, you may be filled with all the fullness of God; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen

#### Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

#### **West Philly**

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice Chad Brown: drums

Chad Brown: drums Natalie Harvey: vocals Jaron Olevsky: bass

#### CONNECT

**COMMUNITY GROUPS** range in size from 10-15 people and meet weekly in the home of a group member for spiritual formation and friendship. We encourage you to visit multiple groups to see which one might be a good fit. Contact a leader if you plan to visit. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly.com if you have questions.

#### **West Philly**

- 50<sup>th</sup> & Springfield, Tuesdays 7<sub>PM</sub> Jessie Taylor, jessie.f.taylor@gmail.com
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- 24<sup>th</sup> & Brown, Thursdays 7<sub>PM</sub>
   Katie Wildes, km.young.wildes@gmail.com
- 22<sup>nd</sup> & Poplar, Fridays 6:30<sub>PM</sub>
   Liz Voboril, voborils@gmail.com

#### **South Philly**

• 12<sup>th</sup> & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30<sub>PM</sub> Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

#### Roxborough

• Tuesdays 6:30<sub>PM</sub> Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

**FAMILY MINISTRIES** come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- Children's Ministry Our children's classes use a gospelcentered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to allow them opportunities to form spiritual friendships with their peers and teachers. See page 2 for site-specific details. Contact Ginger Hayes, ginger@ citychurchphilly.com.
- City Church Youth, Sundays 12:30-2:30pm. Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at a Woodland Presbyterian Church (42 & Pine) for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Lunch is provided each week. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly. com.

**UNIVERSITY STUDENTS** Ekklesia is our mid-week, liturgically oriented, worship space for college students. We meet together to pray, sing, confess, and hear from God's Word. Contact Natalie Harvey, natalie@citychurchphilly.com.

**55+** is a group of older people attending City Church who gather monthly after Sunday services for a shared meal and shared prayer. Contact Ginny Toliver, ginny. toliver@verizon.net.

**WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOOK STUDY** Tuesdays 9:30AM, Childcare available. Contact Eeva, eevaduddleston@gmail.com.

#### **GROW**

**City Church is a community committed to** growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, City Church focuses on eight practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Read about our approach to Spiritual Formation | citychurchphilly.com/spiritualformation
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer
- Check out current and upcoming Adult Ed classes | citychurchphilly.com/adult-ed

## **SERVE**

#### Church

#### Prepare the space for worship by joining one of our hospitality teams: setup, communion, coffee, greeters, and scripture readers. Contact Dan Cason (UCity), dan@citychurchphilly.com

Ryan McCormick(Fairmount),

rmmccormick@outlook.com

 Serve our children and youth. Contact Ginger Hayes (children), ginger@citychurchphilly.com Jonathan Davis (youth), jonathan@citychurchphilly.com

# City

#### Serve dinners with University City Hospitality Coalition on Friday evenings at Woodland Presbyterian Church, 42nd & Pine. Contact Julia Snyder, julia.a.snyder@gmail.com

 Tutor 1st graders at Lea Elementary. Contact Stacy Bartholomew, stacy. bartholomew@gmail.com

#### World

- Assist refugees
   with needs such as
   housing, employment,
   transportation, community
   resources, education, and
   social services through
   our partnership with HIAS
   Pennsylvania. Contact
   Esuga Abaya,
   esugaabaya@gmail.com
- Host international students for dinner.
   Contact Lyn Newbrander, Inewbrander@isionline.org

# **GIVE**

The intentional financial participation of those who consider City Church their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to City Church:

- Place cash or check in the offering basket on Sundays
- Give online | citychurchphilly.com/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select City Church Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: City Church, PO Box 30902, Philadelphia, PA 19104

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Women's Summer Studies In his book, Being Disciples, Rowan Williams challenges us to consider the calling of the church to be a learning community that helps followers of Jesus to grow. We invite the women of City Church to do just that this summer, using Being Disciples as the jumping-off point for our discussions. Purchasing the book is recommended but not required. Come as often as you are able!

- UCITY: Join us for four Tuesday nights in July (9, 16, 23, & 30) from 7-9 pm at the Bartholomew's house, RSVP to Stacy at stacy.bartholomew@gmail.com.
- FAIRMOUNT: Join us at the Cottrell's on Thursday nights in August (1, 8, 15, and 22). RSVP to Bonnie at bonnie.currie@ gmail.com.

Love Kids? Love Jesus? Love Summer? Come enjoy all three by serving as a volunteer at this year's Summer Celebration, July 10-12 from 5-8 pm at Children's Community School in West Philly. Opportunities are available to help with 1, 2 or all 3 evenings. Contact Ginger at ginger@citychurchphilly.com. (Note: clearances are required, so please inquire soon so we can get yours processed!)

# Summer Service Opportunity: Friday Night Meal Volunteers UCHC has asked City Church to organize volunteers for the Friday night meals from May-August. Volunteers help with serving the meal and cleaning up. You may also get your own plate and sit with guests between the first and second servings. There are lively conversations to be had! The meals are served at Woodland Presbyterian Church (42nd and Pine) between 5:45-7:00. Contact Julia Snyder at julia.a.snyder@gmail.com if you are interested.

**First Taco Truck: June 23!** The taco truck is coming back this summer, and once again we're underwriting a portion of the cost as an investment in community. Suggested donation will be \$7/adult, \$5/child -- and tacos are always free for visitors. Save these taco truck dates: June 23, July 28, and August 25.

Wanted: Youth Ministry Coordinator We're hiring a part-time Youth Ministry Coordinator. A job description is posted on our website. Applications are due June 30. Contact Chris at chris@citychurchphilly.com for more information.

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR

#### June

16 Trinity Sunday23 Taco Truck Sunday30 4th Sunday Prayer

#### July

10-12 Kids Summer Celebration28 Taco Truck Sunday

#### August

**25** Taco Truck Sunday

# June 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Prayer						1
2	3 Consistory Meeting	4	5	6	7	8
9 Pentacost Sunday	10	11	12	13	14	15
Trinity Sunday	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Taco Truck	23-29: Youth Mission Trip					
Sunday						

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f undergrad or grad student, school & year:					
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Vould you like to receive our weekly e-newsletter? ☐ Yes ☐ No					
lease contact me about:					
☐ Community Groups					
☐ Neighborhood Service Opportunities					
☐ Volunteering on Sundays					
☐ Children's & Youth Ministries					
☐ Meeting with a Pastor					
□ Other:					
Prayer Requests					
Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays.  Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.					

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