

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Sunday, December 22, 1996

VISITORS / GREETING

We take this moment to greet the visitors worshipping with us.....delighted to have... and we hope that.....be free in the sharing....fill out a visitor card, or sign one.....COME, WORSHIP with us.....COME, WORK with us.....

Doing the Lord's work at this busy corner of God's Kingdom since 1837.....fourth building....roots are deep in the soil....minister here in the name of Christ and it is in HIS LOVING SPIRIT...

Members: wear name tags. Make some new friends....welcome some of the visitors....

ALSO WELCOME

This time of year brings loved ones and friends from other parts.....here to the city...for special visits and holiday reunions. Wonderful to welcome back friends....also some of the students who have grown up here.....Greetings to the parents and to the grandparents....

MERRY CHRISTMAS

A Merry Christmas to all of you. Some of you will be leaving the city to spend Christmas in other parts of the country....but wherever you may go and be....MERRY CHRISTMAS to you in the fullest sense of those treasured words. May the Christmas lights of PEACE, HOPE, JOY AND LOVE flood your life....

WELCOME BACK

How wonderful to welcome Bill Bonwitt back to the church this morning...following quadruple by-pass surgery on his birthday....November 26th....three and a half weeks ago. We missed you Bill and followed you with our prayer concern....if you don't get to welcome him back today with a personal word....there will be sufficient time in the weeks ahead.

CHRISTMAS EVE

The Christmas Eve Service of Carols and Candles will be at eight o'clock....well attended...church is usually filled. Beautiful service. Bring a friend along with you.....get here early....hopeful that we'll have a time of fellowship following the service from 9 to 10...but will need some helpers.....be in touch with Fran Ellison, Helen Wilkinson or the church office if you can lend a hand.

CANVASS

Canvass continues. Like to wrap it up as soon as possible. Year end givers are now making their move....cards still coming in. Sarah and Mavis have done a great job....they'd like to get on with their Christmas shopping so help them out....get your card in "today". We have gratefully received.... totalling \$ _____ and feel there is a potential for still another 75 pledges....that should help us reach our goal of \$ 185,000.

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

We're deeply grateful for the many Christmas gifts that have been received in recent days.....thank you. Envelopes for the Christmas appeal are in the pews....and will be there again on Christmas Eve and also next Sunday for any last minute, year end gifts.

OFFERING

Jesus said:

"It is more blessed to give than it is to receive....." In this spirit let us show our love for the Child of Bethlehem and for all he represents in our world with our Christmas gifts....

*Bill
Alan
Son!*

FIRST INTRODUCTION

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MEDITATION

We rest our hearts in the Promise of Jesus who said:

"Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn of Me, for My yoke is easy and My burden is light".

"Ask, and it will be given you. Seek and you will find. Knock, and it will be open unto you."

"I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father, but by Me. If you love Me, you will keep my commandments"

"For I tell you...do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat...or drink..nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food? And the body more than raiment."

"But seek ye first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well."

"For I am persuaded that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present...to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature - shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus, Our Lord."

7. ~~CHARITO~~, nurse at Beth Israel. 8. Anna Kostanuk. 9. Daphne, friend of Walter.
 10. ~~Donna Funnish~~ 11. Richard Huntley, father of Kristin Raker. 12. ~~Glady's, mother of~~
 13. Sarah King, sister of Frances Ellison. 14. ~~Catherine Council.~~ ~~Jean Lloyd.~~
 14. Ginny Oates, "And all things...whatsoever you shall ask in prayer, believing...you shall receive. And as many as touched : daughter of Him were made whole!"
 John and Jean

"Wait on the Lord. Be of good course and He shall strengthen thine heart. For we dwell in the shelter of the Almighty. He is our refuge and our strength."

"We know that in everything, God works together for good with those who love Him!"

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength. They shall mount up with wings as eagles. They shall run and not be weary. They shall walk and not faint".

"God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life".

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits: who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases".

"Thou wilt keep Him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in thee".

"In the name of Jesus Christ, I share with you the Good News: We are forgiven".

PRAYERS / LORD'S PRAYER

O Thou, who hearest prayer, hear our prayers...for others, as well as for ourselves. Touch with healing, O God...Father of us all, those whom we mention in our prayers this hour:

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| 1. <u>MARNEY KLIEVER</u> | 2. <u>DAVID THOMPSON</u> | 3. <u>CHRISTINE DAY</u> |
| 4. <u>DAISY HERRICK</u> | 5. <u>ERIC DE FREITAS</u> | 6. <u>PERTTI TERVAKALLIO</u> |

...beloved members and friends of this congregation. Comfort the bereaved and the broken hearted among us...and especially be close to ~~Fran Ellison~~ who in recent days has lost a loved one. Abide among us as a healing benediction. Heal each of us at the point of our deepest need. ~~Brother-in-law~~

Answer the upspoken prayers now offered to thee on the altars of our hearts, spoken in the name and spirit of Jesus, who taught us to say when we pray.... For we ask all of this in the powerful name and lifting spirit of Jesus who taught us to say when we pray...

"Our Father, who art in heaven. Hallowed be 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"

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TOP SECRET

INTRODUCTION From the rushed, demanding pace of life in this great city, we have come to this quiet place this hour - here to be quieted....to be guided and strengthened as we ready ourselves for the tasks of another week.

Let us begin by quieting our own minds...entering into a time of silent meditation....a time in which we prepare ourselves expectantly that the SPIRIT of the LIVING GOD may fall afresh on us.

In silence, let each pray as the heart may prompt.

MEDITATION Let us be still and remember Jesus as He was then.... powerful to heal - to speak - to save. Think of Him as He is now....powerful as the spirit of God at work among us, to lift us up out of the low place and to set our feet once again on the high road of life.

Deliver us from smallness when we worship Thee. Swallow up our pride and pettiness in the grandeur of Thy truth and spirit.

Draw us more and more to Him who is the perfect incarnation of thyself that our power may more and more be tamed by the power of his great love.

LORD'S PRAYER O Thou, who art the source of all life and love, touch Thee. with thy healing blessing those whom we mention before

Grant them courage - faith - newness of life. Answer the unspoken prayers offered to thee this hour, prayers spoken in the name and spirit of Jesus of Nazareth, who taught us to say when we pray:

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Jean Lloyd

Robert, brother of Norma.

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Joe Weddington, Sr...father of Lynn....

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Betty Stagemyer

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| 4. <u>Larry Morales</u> | 5. <u>Jo Garcia</u> | 6. <u>Charles Scardino</u> |

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