



St. David's Episcopal Church and School
Ashburn, VA
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer
August 31, 2025 10:00 am

OPENING HYMN

"Immortal, Invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio (H 423)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

OPENING SENTENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. (*Philippians 1:2*)

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Officiant Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

THE INVITATORY AND PSALTER

Please stand as you are able.

Officiant Lord, open our lips.
People **And our mouth shall proclaim your
praise.**

Officiant and People

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

Officiant The earth is the Lord's for he made it: Come let us adore him.

VENITE

"Come, let us sing to the Lord!"

Psalm 95:1-7

Come, let us sing to the Lord
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
Come before his presence with thanks,
raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For God is a great God,
and a great King above all gods;
In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
the heights of the hills are his.
The sea is his, for he made it,
his hands formed the dry land.
Oh, come, let us kneel to the Lord,
and bow down before the Lord our maker;
For he is our God, and we are his people
and the sheep of his hand.

Officiant Our God is glorious in all the saints: O come let us worship.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16

- ¹ Sing with joy to God our strength *
and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.
- ¹⁰ **I am the LORD your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
"Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it."**
- ¹¹ And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
and Israel would not obey me.
- ¹² **So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
to follow their own devices.**
- ¹³ Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
that Israel would walk in my ways!
- ¹⁴ **I should soon subdue their enemies *
and turn my hand against their foes.**
- ¹⁵ Those who hate the LORD would cringe before him, *
and their punishment would last for ever.
- ¹⁶ **But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
and satisfy him with honey from the rock.**

People **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:***
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 2:4-13

A Reading from the book of Jeremiah.

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel.
Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me
that they went far from me,
and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves?
They did not say, "Where is the LORD
who brought us up from the land of Egypt,

who led us in the wilderness,
in a land of deserts and pits,
in a land of drought and deep darkness,
in a land that no one passes through,
where no one lives?"

I brought you into a plentiful land
to eat its fruits and its good things.

But when you entered you defiled my land,
and made my heritage an abomination.

The priests did not say, "Where is the LORD?"

Those who handle the law did not know me;
the rulers transgressed against me;
the prophets prophesied by Baal,
and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD,
and I accuse your children's children.

Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look,
send to Kedar and examine with care;
see if there has ever been such a thing.

Has a nation changed its gods,
even though they are no gods?

But my people have changed their glory
for something that does not profit.

Be appalled, O heavens, at this,
be shocked, be utterly desolate,
says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils:
they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water,
and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns
that can hold no water.

God did not make death,
And he does not delight in the death of the living.
For he created all things so that they might exist;
the generative forces of the world are wholesome,
and there is no destructive poison in them,
and the dominion of Hades is not on earth.

For righteousness is immortal.

God created us for incorruption,
and made us in the image of his own eternity,
but through the devil's envy death entered the world,
and those who belong to his company experience it.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle 15: The Song of Mary

Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *

for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *

the Almighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

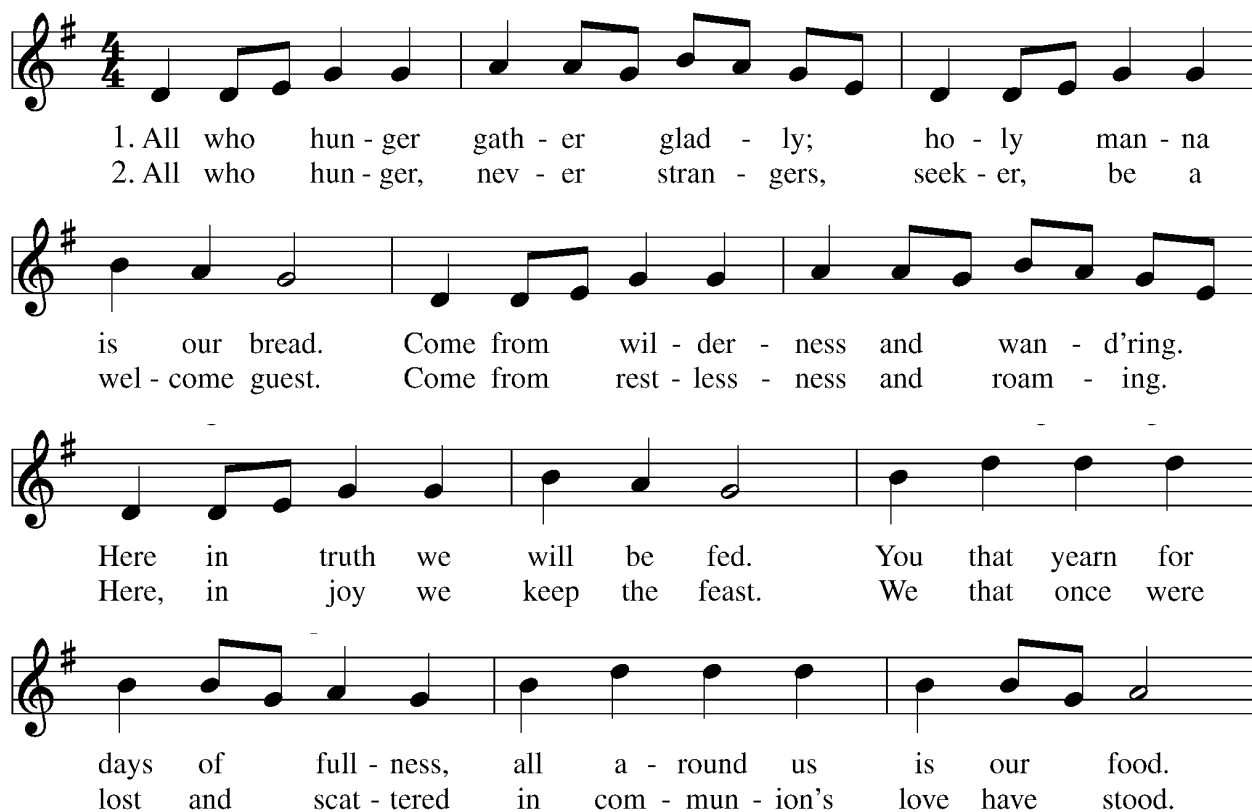
The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

"All who hunger gather gladly"

Holy Manna (WLP 761)

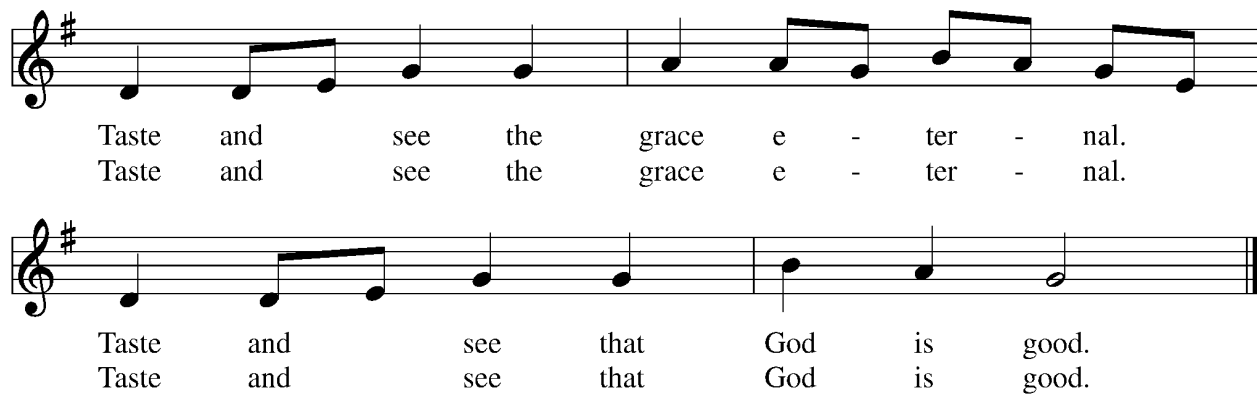


1. All who hun - ger gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na
2. All who hun - ger, nev - er stran - gers, seek - er, be a

is our bread. Come from wil - der - ness and wan - d'ring.
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing.

Here in truth we will be fed. You that yearn for
Here, in joy we keep the feast. We that once were

days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
lost and scat - tered in com - mun - ion's love have stood.



THE GOSPEL: Luke 14:1, 7-14

A Reading from the Gospel of Luke.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

"When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, "My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live." So he went with him.

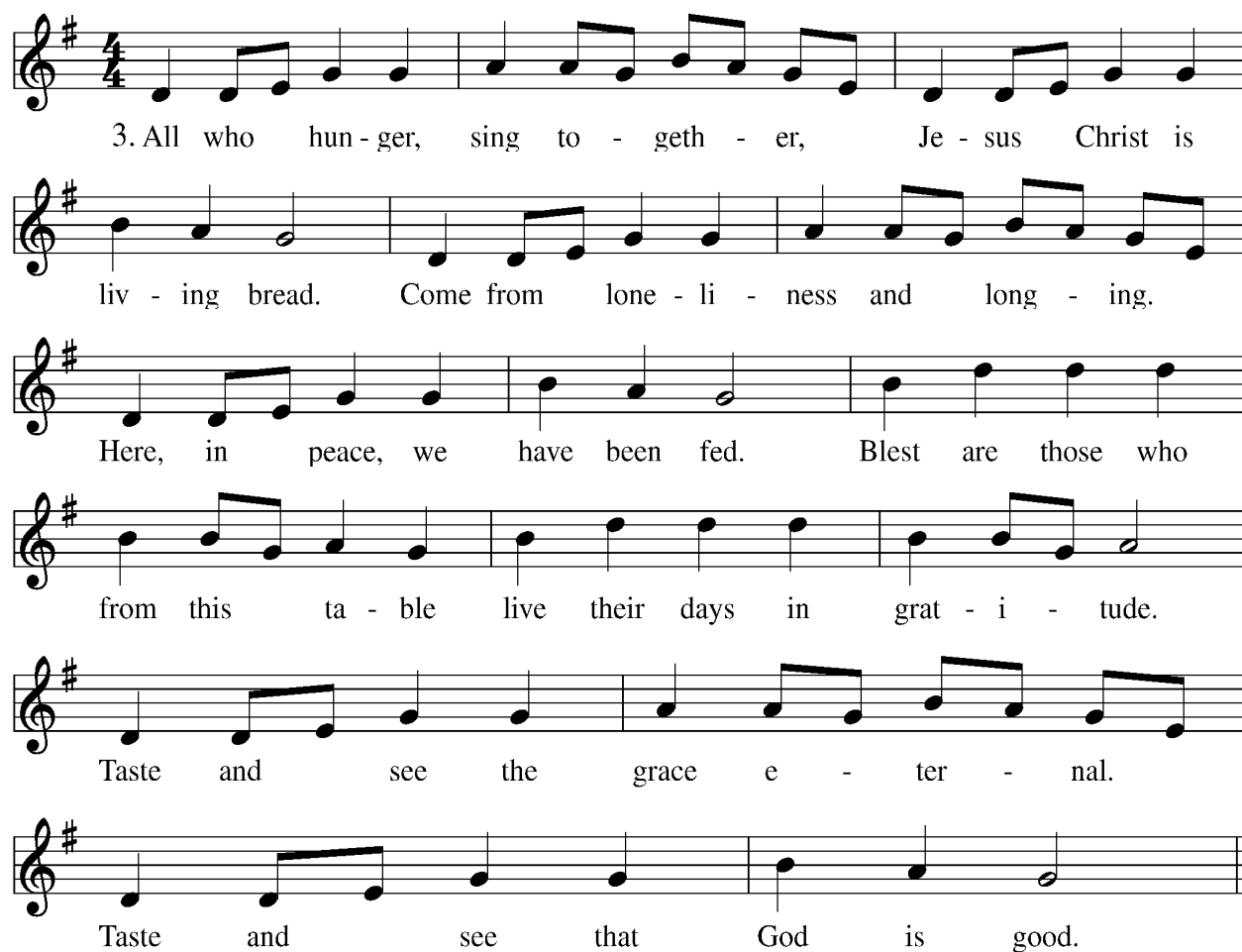
And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, "If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well." Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, "Who touched my clothes?" And his disciples said to him, "You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, 'Who touched me?'" He looked all around to see

who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease."

While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?" But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, "Do not fear, only believe." He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, "Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child's father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, "Talitha cum," which means, "Little girl, get up!" And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (cont.)



3. All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.
Here, in peace, we have been fed. Blest are those who
from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal.
Taste and see that God is good.

HOMILY

Maureen Carey, *Lay Pastoral Assistant*

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Officiant Let us pray.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 and ever. Amen.

SUFFRAGES

- V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;
R. **And grant us your salvation.**
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;
R. **Let your people sing with joy.**
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;
R. **For only in you can we live in safety.**
V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;
R. **And guide us in the way of justice and truth.**
V. Let your way be known upon earth;
R. **Your saving health among all nations.**
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;
R. **Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.**
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;
R. **And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.**

Almighty God, you have so linked our lives one with another that all we do affects, for good or ill, all other lives: So guide us in the work we do, that we may do it not for self alone, but for the common good; and, as we seek a proper return for our own labor, make us mindful of the rightful aspirations of other workers, and arouse our concern for those who are out of work; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ, you stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace: So clothe us in your Spirit that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your Name. **Amen.**

All invited to share prayers for intercessions and thanksgiving silently or aloud.

THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us
and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.**

And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
not only with our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up our selves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

A PRAYER OF ST. CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Officiant The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. **Amen.**

RECESSIONAL

"Tell out, my soul"

Woodlands (H 438)



1 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord!
2 Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of his Name!
4 Tell out, my soul, the glo-ries of his word!



Un - num - bered bless - ings give my spi - rit voice;
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
Firm is his prom - ise, and his mer - cy sure.



ten - der to me the prom - ise of his word;
his mer - cy sure, from age to age the same;
Tell out, my soul, the great-ness of the Lord



in God my Sa - vior shall my heart re - joice.
his ho - ly Name— the Lord, the Might - y One.
to chil - dren's chil - dren and for ev - er - more!

Holy Happenings at St. David's

Week of August 31, 2025

Upcoming Events

- September 1st Labor Day – Church Office Closed
- September 2nd – Preschool Parent Orientation
- September 3rd – 4th – Preschool Meet the Teacher Days
- September 4th – Centering Prayer
- September 4th – First Choir Rehearsal
- September 7th – Master Singers of Virginia Rehearsal
- September 8th – 9th – First Days of Preschool
- September 13th – Men's Fellowship
- September 14th – Margaret Mercer Celebration
- September 14th – Parish Potluck Luncheon

30 Good Minutes will not be held on August 31st

30 Good Minutes for Adults will resume on September 7th upon the return of Reverend Stephen.

Backpack Blessings, Dedication of The Meadow, and Preschool Open House

On Sunday, September 14th, during the worship service, we will be offering a Backpack Blessing, including students and professionals. After the service, the community will recess out together over to the Meadow for a Dedication of the space being opened to a new Kindergarten class.

These events will be followed by a Preschool Open House, and all are welcome!

Margaret Mercer Celebration

Please join us during and after service on September 14th, as we celebrate Margaret Mercer's legacy at St. David's and how we continue her mission as we grow St. David's Episcopal Church and School! Learn more about St David's history as well!

Fall Parish Potluck Lunch

Please join us on September 14th, after the worship service at 11:15 am, in the narthex, for our third Parish potluck of 2025. Keep an eye out for more details and a QR code/link for signups coming soon!

30 Good Minutes for Children

Beginning Sunday, **September 21st**, following the 10:00 am service, while Rev. Stephen meets with adults for "30 Good Minutes for Adults," which is an in-depth discussion of the scripture lessons and sermon for that Sunday, at the same time, children ages preschool 4+ - 5th grade age 11, will take part in their own formation activity, which we are rebranding as "**30 Good Minutes for Children.**" It is our hope that these simultaneous formation activities—where adults and children meet at the same time—will provide a strong foundation for further family faith discussions during the week. Registration will take place August 5th – September 14th. Please visit our website under Children's Ministry to find the link to the registration form.

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Prayer List

Pray for those who suffer in body, mind or spirit: H.L. Norwich, Peg Nugent, Jim Nugent, Wilma and the Colon Family, Sandy and The Martin Family, The Family of Everett Clowes, Dotty, Pat, Fred C, The Family of Marie McCann, David, Isaiah, Judah, The Stone Family, Richard, The Capps family, The Solomon family, Erin and Vinnie, Peter, Richard and the McCoy family, Erin, Maurice, Michael, Bob, Peter, the Linden Family, Jean-Marie, the Frank Family, the Elliot family, Cheryl, Norma, Amy, Baby Miles Gray, The Gray Family, Winston, Catherine, Ben, Sarah, Thomas, Connor, John, Michele, Beth, Zachary, and Akachi. We pray for the deceased, Ofelia, and our clergy, vestry, ministries, church staff, school staff, parents, and children. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.