

**OPENING WELCOME** 

Pastor Gerry Gardner

**ACCLAMATION** 

**WORSHIP SONGS** 

**COLLECT PRAYER** 

## **FIRST READING**

**ISAIAH 61:10-62:3** Pew Bible p. 1158

I delight greatly in the Lord; my soul rejoices in my God.

For he has clothed me with garments of salvation and arrayed me in a robe of his righteousness, as a bridegroom adorns his head like a priest, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the soil makes the sprout come up and a garden causes seeds to grow, so the Sovereign Lord will make righteousness and praise spring up before all nations. For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name

that the mouth of the Lord will bestow.

You will be a crown of splendor in the Lord's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

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

**PSALM 147** 

BCP p. 804

Recited Responsively

## **SECOND READING**

**GALATIANS 3:23-25; 4:4-7** 

Pew Bible p. 1813

Before the coming of this faith, we were held in custody under the law, locked up until the faith that was to come would be revealed. So the law was our guardian until Christ came that we might be justified by faith. Now that this faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian.

But when the set time had fully come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, that we might receive adoption to sonship. Because you are his sons, God sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, the Spirit who calls out, "Abba, Father." So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.

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

**GOSPEL SONG** 

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

**JOHN 1:1-18** Pew Bible p. 1645

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it. There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' ") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son, himself God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

This is Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.



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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE BCP p. 392

**CONFESSION OF SIN**BCP p. 359

**SHARING PEACE** 

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

**MINISTRY MOMENT** 

**OFFERTORY SONG** 

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**CLOSING PRAYER** 

FINAL BLESSING

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

**PRAYER TIME** 

**CLOSING WORSHIP SONGS** 

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.



## The Week Ahead | December 28 - January 4

Sunday 28 Liturgy of the Word | 10:00am | In Person &

Online

Tuesday 30 Reunion Group - Cursillo | 7:00pm | Zoom

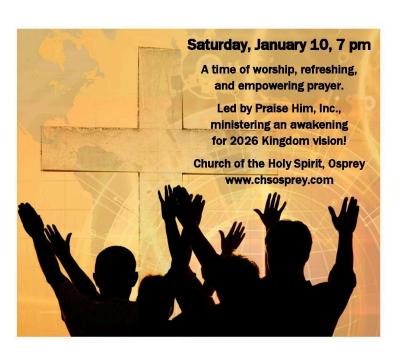
Wednesday 31 No Morning Prayer

**Thursday 1** Happy New Year!

Sunday 4 Liturgy of the Word | 10:00am | In Person &

Online









## The Church in Prayer – Prayer Requests & Praise Reports

If you have a prayer to be added to this list, visit the website under the Need Prayer tab, call the office, or email admin@chsosprey.com.

- Prayers for those traveling during the holidays.
- Prayers for Joanne as she settles into her new home.
- Healing prayers for Lisa and Michele.
- · Reconciliation for Rob to God and family.
- Reconciliation of family members.
- Prayers for a friend that needs to realize peace, healing & strength comes from Jesus.
- Safe travels for my granddaughter and her husband who are in New Zealand.
- Prayers for those who came to the community fun day, that they are led to join us in following Christ.
- Prayers for Howard and Bob as they heal from bypass heart surgery.
- Prayers for salvation for sister Karen.
- Prayers for my son that he may receive Jesus' grace and mercy.
- Prayers for my granddaughters as they face challenges.
- · Prayers for our country and leaders.
- Prayers for Jerry as he recovers and strength for Linda while Jerry gets stronger.
- Prayers for friend Annie, in WA who was just diagnosed with A-Fib.
- Prayers for son's marriage.
- Prayers for friends showing signs of dementia and needing clarity of mind and purpose.
- Prayers for Joseph and Carol.
- Prayers for Jason, may he experience peace, clarity and trust in God's plan regardless of the outcome.
- Prayers for friends who are adjusting to life without their loved ones.

- Peace for my sister, Deb.
- · Recovery for Cindy, and strength for Nancy.
- Prayers for Liz M. for direction & provision in God opening doors to where she should live and peace & fellowship of good Christian friends.
- Prayers for my nephew, Tyler.
- · Prayers for Jodie and Vicki.
- Prayers for Eric, Linda, Kathy, Bob and Darlene.
- Prayers for greater release of Holy Spirit within us.
- Prayers as I accept the loss of my vision.
- · Prayers for Julie's sons Dan & John.
- Healing for loved ones who are suffering with anxiety and depression.
- Prayers for all those overcoming cancer and their caregivers for strength, encouragement and faith to continue.
- Salvation for those who do not know Jesus: Jonathan, Michael, Amy, Kim, Karen, Todd & Linda.
- · Pray for Kathy to find peace with her family.
- Prayers for Jay's sense of taste to return.
- Prayers for grandchildren who have drifted away from going to church.
- · Prayers for Robin's mother-in-law, Judy.
- · A miracle for Julie and each member of her family.
- Healing prayers for Robin, Cindy, Judy, Peter, Audrey, Sue, Joni, Maureen, Tara, Bob, Betty, Erin, Daniel, Lisa, Aaron, Matthew, Evelyn, Art, Al, Donna, Todd, Owen, Haven, Bob, LouAnn, Gus, Ron, Tom, Linda, Sonia, Joyce, Holly, Suzanne, Dona, Judy & Danny.