

## **Announcements – Jordan**

Good morning, and thank you for joining us for the livestream of our worship service. At the conclusion of this morning's service, we will vote on the 2021 church budget. Early last week we emailed the budget, and in that email, we included a link where you could vote online, if you were unable to join us in person. We also sent copies of the budget and printed ballots to those who do not use email. If you did not receive the email or a printed copy of the budget, you can vote today, if you are here. Otherwise, let us know in the church office.

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## **Kid's Korner – Jordan**

### **Carol –**

## **Joys and Concerns – Jordan**

Please remember the following families, who have lost loved ones –

Please remember the family of Tom Hodge, Vickie Fields' and Melissa Newton's father, who passed away last Sunday.

Marsha James is recovering from heart valve replacement.

Eric McClain continues as a patient at Jewish Hospital, Louisville.

If you would like a copy of the complete prayer list, copies can be downloaded from the church web site.

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## **Morning Prayer – Farrel Hill**

### **A Requiem for 2020**

As I have been saying in the past few weeks, today's service has the theme of a *Requiem for 2020*. As we have been through so much this year, it seemed a good idea to have a service where we speak the names of those we have lost, where we speak of the elements of life that we have lost, and to look forward in hope.

We will light 4 candles this morning. They are the Candle of Grief, the Candle of Strength, the Candle of Promise, and the Candle of Eternal Life.

### The Candle of Grief – Dave

Compounding the loss that so many have experienced this year were that limitations that were placed on funeral and memorial services. We understand those limitations were necessary, but the result was that many families could not receive friends during a visitation and many people could not attend the service of their loved one. The first funeral I officiated after the beginning of the pandemic was a graveside service, limited to 10 people, including myself. As I conducted the service, a person held an iPad so that other family members could watch the service. I'm grateful they were able to see the service, but it was painful as well, knowing that so many could not be there in person. And in other services, to look out at a gathering of people who had to sit apart, which made it harder for them to comfort one another, made the process of grief so much harder.

A passage that I read at many funerals is the 23<sup>rd</sup> psalm, which I will read at this time –

*<sup>1</sup> The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*<sup>2</sup> He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*<sup>3</sup> He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*<sup>4</sup> Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

*<sup>5</sup> Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

A number of people turned in names they wanted to add to the list of those lost in 2020. Here are the names we received –

All the patients I lost to Covid-19, many of whom I got to spend their last moments with,  
but some went without comfort

Anna Harrod Albright

Auhmad Arbery

James Beach

Mary Ellen Beagle

Jo Ann Bishop

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Carole Brown  
Mark Chadwell  
Betty Martin Chapman  
Becky Martin Cobb  
Ronnie DeWitt  
Ralph Dunbar, Sr.  
Sue Englebrecht  
Carl Falk  
George Floyd  
Michael Foss  
Don Frantz  
Christine Gaddie  
Kitty Harrod  
Grant Hays  
Brenda Henderson  
Tom Hodge  
June Jennings  
Clint Kimbrough  
Susannah Lindsay  
Deanie Logan  
Paige LuAllen  
Cyndi McHolland  
Danny Moffett  
Teresa Perry  
Rochelle Phillips  
Roland Renegar  
Burdetta Rossow  
Sherrie Rothenberger  
Glenn Rowlette  
Tom Runyan  
David Shelton  
Barb Singleton  
Essie Skaggs  
Barbara Stivers  
Jerry Stivers  
Helen Harrod Stratton  
Major "Eddie" Stratton  
Donald Sturgeon

Breona Taylor  
Lillian Taylor  
Glenn “Stevie” Thomas  
Trish Tindall  
Rod Whitaker  
Bill Willis  
Martha Wilson  
Paula Wilson  
Tish Wilson

We light the Candle of Grief this morning, a reminder of the many losses we have shared, and as we light it, we turn to God for the needed and promised comfort (LIGHT CANDLE).

### **The Candle of Strength – Jordan**

It was not only family, loved ones, and friends that we lost in 2020. We suffered many other losses as well. With so much loss, it is easy to believe we do not have the strength to continue. God promises, however, to provide the strength we need to continue, and we turn to Isaiah 40:1, 28-31 as a reminder of that promise.

*<sup>1</sup> Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.*

*<sup>28</sup> Do you not know? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.*

*<sup>29</sup> He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.*

*<sup>30</sup> Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;*

*<sup>31</sup> but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Asking people to share what they have lost in 2020, we received these responses –

I grieve the lost opportunity in 2020 to help needy people because of the fear of Covid. I am praying the virus will soon be just a memory and I can reach out when needed.

That also includes being more involved with my church

Church camp

A lot of our mercy and kindness

Vacation Bible School

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Trip to the Christian Appalachian Project

18 Sundays of worship services

The Wednesday evening fellowship meals were a great blessing, and I look forward to them resuming

The choir

Mary Lu Dempsey, and her loss of memory

I have missed having communion. I'm tired of my communion element substitutions.

Goldfish crackers just don't seem right.

I missed my loved one's funeral

My family could not take a vacation

Easter Sunday and all the activities

The Easter play

In-person Sunday School

I lost my job

The Easter sunrise service and breakfast

My kids have lost a year of school

Maundy Thursday

Not being able to visit in the hospitals or nursing homes

The warmth of a firm handshake or a friendly smile, or even a hug

Wednesday night potlucks

I did not get to go see my mom

Live praise band music filling the room

Smiles, handshakes, and hugs

Going out to eat with friends and family

Enjoying the fellowship at Easter breakfast

The Easter Sunrise service

I'm mourning the loss of time: time with friends, grandkids, church. Time we will never have again.

I did not get to visit with my family who live out of state

Visits with my 92-year-old dad who lives in a western Kentucky assisted living facility.

My only contact with him for nearly a year is emails and phone calls.

Physically being in church on Sunday.

Not being able to participate in many Outreach ministries because of new safe-health rules and regulations.

Monthly breakfasts with my sisters and four-hour car rides (one way) to visit our dad.

Family gatherings. There are nearly 40 of us. I haven't seen most since last Christmas.

Monthly lunches with college roommates.

Doing spontaneous activities. Now everything needs to be coordinated to ensure

minimum contact with crowds.

I have lost far too much of my idealism, my hope, and my positive outlook.

We light the Candle of Strength this morning, a reminder that while the year has been so trying, God provides the strength we need (LIGHT CANDLE).

### **The Candle of Promise – Kathy Nichols**

All of us have faced the difficulty of separation this year. We have been separated from our friends and loved ones. We have been unable to visit with friends and family members, unable to go out to dinner, unable to shake someone's hand or enjoy a hug of greeting. We were not able to sit with those we love while they were hospitalized, and we could not hold their hand as they passed from this life to the next. We have so longed to be together, and to end the separations.

As Paul reminds us in Romans chapter 8, we are never separated from the care and the love of God. We will be able to gather again, the separations will end, and it will be a testimony to God's promise of us bringing together.

*<sup>28</sup> And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.*

*<sup>31</sup> What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*<sup>32</sup> He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?*

*<sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword?*

*<sup>37</sup> ...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.*

*<sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers,*

*<sup>39</sup> neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

We light the Candle of Promise this morning, a reminder that though we have been separated, the bond of God's love reminds us that we are never truly apart (LIGHT CANDLE).

### **The Candle of Eternal Life**

The great hope that faith brings to us is that this life is not the end. There is more for us than just the brief sojourn that we have in this temporal world. At our final breath in this life, we take our first breath in eternity. When we close our eyes in this life, we open our eyes to all the beauty of eternity. When we step from this life into the next, we enjoy the blessed reunion with those who have gone on before, where all is made new, and all grief comes to an end. As John writes in Revelation 21:1-7,

<sup>1</sup> *Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea.*

<sup>2</sup> *I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.*

<sup>3</sup> *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.*

<sup>4</sup> *‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death<sup>[b]</sup> or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’*

<sup>5</sup> *He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.”*

<sup>6</sup> *He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.*

<sup>7</sup> *Those who are victorious will inherit all this, and I will be their God and they will be my children.*

We light the Candle of Eternal Life this morning, as a reminder death is not the end, and that God has the final word, and that word is life! (LIGHT CANDLE).

### **Special Music –**

### **Message – Dave Charlton**

Message Title – *Remember, Always Remember.*

Scripture Reading – Philippians 4:4-9

<sup>4</sup> *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!*

<sup>5</sup> *Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near.*

<sup>6</sup> *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.*

*<sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.*

*<sup>8</sup> Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.*

*<sup>9</sup> Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

“Remember...Always Remember,” and the text is Philippians 4:4-9. Kind of Paul’s farewell address, calling them to remember. We want to forget much about 2020, but there is much we must remember, good and bad

### **Invitation Hymn –**

### **Offering Meditation – Dave**

I am a fairly compulsive list maker. I have a long, printed “to-do” list that I always keep with me, but I keep a mental list as well, and it is a list that is more important. It is a list of the people, and the experiences for which I am thankful. Even though it has been a difficult year, that list has had many additions, and I am grateful it has. Those additions, the kindness, the grace, and so much more, have kept me going. I hope your list of blessings has been one that has had additions made to it, and I hope and pray that it has provided you with much strength. Let us give thanks, here at the end of the year. Even though it has been a tough year, let us give thanks.

### **Offering Prayer**

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### **Doxology – played, but no singing**

### **Communion Meditation**

We end the year in worship where we began, at the Lord’s table. It is a good place to be as we prepare to end the year. It is a good place to be as we prepare to begin a new year. As it has strengthened our faith, as it has strengthened our hope, as it has strengthened our love, may it continue to strengthen us in all ways as we enter into the new year.



Prayer for the bread and cup.

**Prayer for the Bread and Cup –**

The Lord’s Prayer

*This we pray in the name of Christ, who taught us to pray,  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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.*

Words of institution – *when Jesus met with his disciples for the Last Supper, he took the  
bread and broke it. As he broke it, he said, “this is my body which is broken for you.  
This do in remembrance of me.”  
And he took the cup also and said, “this cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this as  
often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”*

**Benediction Song –**

**Benediction**

*Go forth to love and serve God in all that you do. In God’s strength, comfort the afflicted,  
stand with those who weep, and defend the oppressed. And may the grace of our Lord  
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit abide with you, now  
and always, even unto ages the end of the age. Amen.*

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Below is the updated prayer list.

**Arrington, Kim** recovery from hip replacement surgery

**Bailey, Helen** homebound

**Baker, Jeanie** cancer

**Baxter, Johnny** stomach cancer, son of Jessie Baxter

**Beagle, Susan** Signature Healthcare, Taylorsville

**Beckley, Greg,** Alzheimer's

**the family and friends of JoAnn Bishop** Alzheimer's, Henrietta Hardin's sister

**Bolden, Michael** health concerns

**Carpenter, Karen** liver and lung cancer, friend of Suzi and Bob Roth

**Clausen, Rich** continuing cancer treatment, friend of Diann and Al Cook

**Donahue, Barbara** MS

**Donahue, Buddy** cancer

**Farris, Ben** cancer

**the friends and family of Glen Floyd** Judy Floyd's brother-in-law

**Griffith, Linda** health issues

**Harris, Gloria** health, Julie Mulcahy's mother

**Hipple, Mary Dale** recent surgery and recovery

**Howell, Brooks** infant with incurable disease

**Hower, Tommy** health

**Hudson, Chris** wound on leg

**Hundley, LaMar and Valorie** health

**Jennings, Harriet** very sore after recent fall

**Lancaster, Grant** heart issues, friend of Vicki and Glen Wright

**Lassley, Laurie** gall bladder cancer, second treatment Monday

**Leismer, Jim** stroke, brother-in-law of Nancy Kirk

**the family and friends of Deanie Logan**

**Long, Annie** cancer

**Loprindi, Kristina** stage 4 ovarian cancer

**Lyons, Ida** Crescent Place

**Mackens, James** back surgery, son-in-law of Rochelle Phillips

**Mattson, Chad** heart attack and stents

**McGuire, Thelma** health

**Miles, Donna** recovery from surgery

**Minner, Pat** chemo treatments for lung cancer, friend of Diann and Al Cook

**Moffatt, Bruce** health issues

**Nation, Nellie** Amber Oaks

**Newton, Mary Jo** treatment for breast cancer (Ken Slucher's sister)

**Ratliff, George** military

**Roach, Larry** Crescent Place, Linda Griffith's brother

**Sanders, Cindy** cancer

**Sandy** surgery and treatment for breast cancer, Henrietta Hardin's nephew's significant other

**Shaver, Marty** Crescent Place

**Deborah Smith's Aunt Lonja** diagnosed with COVID and pneumonia

**Smith, Michelle** upcoming knee replacement surgery

**Smith, Nell** Legacy at English Station

**Smith, Teresa** dialysis patient with issues regarding her shunt

**Stivers, Lisa** Bels-Palsy, Judy Floyd's daughter

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**Taylor, Nancye** homebound

**the family and friends of Trish Tindall**

**Tipton, Barbara** Crescent Place

**Tom and Nicole** Covid diagnosis (brother and niece of Joanne Burke)

**Wainscott, Diana** breast cancer, Elizabeth Slucher's sister-in-law

**the family and friends of Lois Warren** Aunt of Brian Warren

**Webb, Devon** seriously injured in car accident

**Whitmer, Chuck** failing health Brother-in-law of Janet Childress

**Williams, Jay** juvenile diabetes

**Williams, Linda** cancer

**Wright, Tommy** recovering from a severe head injury

**Wright, Vickie** broken femur and other health issues

**the Diersen Center staff and residents**

**SCPS students, staff and faculty**