

Lord's Day Worship Service (11:10am)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

* THE INVOCATION

To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. (1Tim 1:17) You are the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To You be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. [1Tm 6:15-16 (mod)]

* GOD'S GREETING

To those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ in the power and fellowship of the Holy Spirit. (1Cor 1:2)

AMEN

* THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell.¹ The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

1. See Catechism Q/A # 44. His suffering on the cross in my place, rescuing me from hell.

Not a physical descent to a locality

2. "catholic" here means "universal",

affirming that there has always been and always will be only one true Christian Church.

* PSALM 19 v. 1-8: The Heavens Above Declare

THE READING OF THE LAW

The Word of God is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. (Ps 119:105) **In His Word He tells us what is good, and what He requires of us, to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God.** (Mic 6:8) **But instead we ignore the clear commands and perform acts not required by God, ceremonies, fastings, prayer vigils, making unnecessary vows, which have only the appearance of wisdom,** (Col 2:23) **but we will not humble ourselves** (Jms 4:10), **give up our sins,** (1Jn 2:1) **and obey the plain commands of God.** (Mat 7:21; 12:50) **All of us have sinned, and the wages of our sin is death.** (Rom 3:23; 6:23)

Ex. 20:2 *“I am Yahweh your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.*

12 “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you.”

What does God require in the fifth Commandment?

That I show all honor, love, and faithfulness to my father and mother,^[1] and to all in authority over me,^[2] submit myself with due obedience to all their good instruction and correction, and also bear patiently with their infirmities, since it is God’s will to govern us by their hand.^[3]

(Heidelberg Catechism, #104)

[1] Gen 9:24-25; Ex 21:17; Prv 1:8-9, 4:1, 15:20, 20:20; Eph 6:1-6, 22; Col 3:18, 20-24;

[2] Mt 22:21; Rom 13:1, 2-7; 1 Pt 2:18;

[3] Deut 27:16, 32:24; Prov 13:24, 30:17; Eph 6:4, 9; Col 3:19, 21; 1 Tim 2:1-2, 5:17; Heb 13:17-18

THE CONFESSION OF SIN

Can you keep all this perfectly?

No,^[1] for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbor.^[2]

(Heidelberg Catechism # 5)

[1] Rom 3:10-12, 23; 1 Jn 1:8, 10; [2] Gen 6:5, 8:21; Jer 17:9; Rom 7:23, 8:7; Eph 2:3; Tit 2:3

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death,^[1] am not my own,^[2] but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ,^[3] who with His precious blood^[4] has fully satisfied for all my sins,^[5] and redeemed me from all the power of the devil;^[6] and so preserves me^[7] that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head;^[8] indeed, that all things must work together for my salvation.^[9] Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life,^[10] and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live unto Him.^[11] (Heidelberg Catechism # 1)

[1] Rom 14:7-9; [2] 1 Cor 6:19-20; [3] 1 Cor 3:23; Tit 2:14; [4] 1 Pt 1:18-19; [5] 1 Jn 1:7; 2:2;

[6] Jn 8:34-36; Heb 2:14-15; 1 Jn 3:8; [7] Jn 6:39-40, 10:27-30; 2 Thes 3:3; 1 Pt 1:5; [8] Mt 10:29-31;

Lk 21:16-18; [9] Rom 8:28; [10] Rom 8:15-16; 2 Cor 1:21-22, 5:5; Eph 1:13-14; [11] Rom 8:14

(SILENT CONFESSION)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

* DECLARATION OF PARDON (Absolution of sin)

To you who by faith have confessed and repented of your sins, and trusted in Jesus' merit alone, I declare in the Name of Christ and by the authority of His Word that your sins are forgiven, the record of your transgressions is blotted away, and your everlasting salvation is hid now in Christ, who will resurrect you in the last day. (1Jn 2:12; Is 43:25; Col 3:3; Jn 6:39)

Since, then, we are redeemed from our misery by grace through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we do good works?

Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit after His own image, that with our whole life we show ourselves thankful to God for His blessing,¹ and that He be glorified through us;² then also, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by the fruits thereof;³ and by our godly walk win also others to Christ.⁴

(Heidelberg Catechism # 86)

[1] Rom 6:13, 12:1-2; 1 Cor 6:20; 1 Pt 2:5-10; [2] Mt 5:16; 1 Cor 6:19-20; 1 Pt 2:12;

[3] Mt 7:17-18; Gal 5:6, 22-24; 2 Pt 1:10-11; [4] Mt 5:14-16; Rom 14:17-19; 1 Pt 2:12, 3:1-2; 2 Pt 1:10

Matt. 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

* PSALM 19 v. 8-14: God's Radiant Commands

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

* O.T. TEXT: Genesis 18:16-21; Psalm 25:11-15; Amos 3:7

Gen. 18:16 Then the men set out from there, and they looked down toward Sodom. And Abraham went with them to set them on their way. 17 Yahweh said, “Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do, 18 seeing that Abraham shall surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.” 20 Then the LORD said, “Because the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great and their sin is very grave, 21 I will go down to see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me. And if not, I will know.”

Psa. 25:11 For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. 12 Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. 13 His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. 14 The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant. 15 My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.

Amos 3:7 “For the Lord GOD does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets.

* N.T. TEXT: John 15:12-17

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.... 14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the onlybegotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

6:44 “No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day.”

6:51 “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever. And the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him.”

14:1 “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.”

15:11 “These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.”

John 15:12 “This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command you. 15 No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. 17 These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

James 2:22 You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23 and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, “Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness”—and he was called a friend of God.

SERMON: You Are My Chosen Friends

* PSALM 22 v. 22-28: Amid The Thronging Worshipers

LORD'S TABLE

(Please respect our policy for participation in the Lord's Table, printed on the inside front cover. Note that cups in the center ring contain grape juice.)

FORMULARY

We read in the Scriptures, that *the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread; and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.* (1Cor 11:23-27)

The Lord's Supper is a sacrament instituted by our Lord Jesus Christ. Until His coming again it is to be observed for a perpetual remembrance of the sacrifice of Himself in His death, and a present communion with Him in heaven. The physical elements, representing the broken body and the shed blood of the Savior, are received by true believers as signs and seals of all the benefits of His sacrifice upon the cross. They signify and seal remission of sins and nourishment and growth in Christ, and are a bond and pledge of the communion of believers with Him and with each other, as members of His mystical body. Though we consume with our mouths mere bread and wine, by faith we are fed the true body and blood of Christ, by the Holy Spirit, which is a mystery we cannot understand. The sacrament signs and seals to us the covenant of grace, and declares that God is faithful and true to fulfill the promises of the covenant. This holy supper also summons us to all the duties of the children of God, and calls us to renewed consecration in gratitude for His salvation.

It is my solemn duty to warn the uninstructed, the profane, the scandalous, and those who secretly and impenitently live in any sin, not to approach the holy table lest they partake unworthily, not discerning the Lord's body, and so eat and drink condemnation to themselves.

Nevertheless, this warning is not designed to keep the humble and contrite from the table of the Lord, as if the supper were for those who might be free from sin. On the contrary, we who are invited to the Supper, coming as guilty and polluted sinners and without hope of eternal life apart from the grace of God in Christ, confess our dependence for pardon and cleansing upon the perfect sacrifice of Christ.

We base our hope of eternal life upon his perfect obedience and righteousness, and humbly resolve to deny ourselves, crucify our old natures, and follow Christ as is proper for those who bear His name.

Let us therefore, in accordance with the admonition of the apostle Paul, examine our minds and hearts to determine whether such discernment is ours, to the end that we may partake to the glory of God and to our growth in the grace of Christ.

Now, unto Him who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood, and has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. (Rev 1:5,6)

AMEN.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SERVING OF COMMUNION

Lift up your spirits and hearts on high.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

THE OFFERING

* DOXOLOGY: **Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;**

Praise Him all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen

* BENEDICTION

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. (Num 6:24-26)

In all your tribulations you are more than conquerors through Christ Jesus who loves you. Be assured that nothing will be able to separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Rom 8:38-39)

AMEN

Reach out to your Sisters and Brothers
in Christ, upholding them in prayer,
and encouraging one another
in the one true Faith

19A

The Heavens Above Declare

1. ¹The heav'ns a - bove de - clare the glo - ry of our God; and
 2. ³No lan - guage do they use, nor an - y spo - ken word; they
 3. God set a tent in heav'n, a dwell - ing for the sun, ⁵which,
 4. ⁶The sun goes forth in might from heav - en's far - thest end and
 5. ⁷The per - fect law of God will make the soul re - vive; his

what his hands have made the skies pro - claim a - broad. ²For day by
 ut - ter not a sound and yet their voice is heard. ⁴Through - out the
 • like a bride - groom, leaves his wed - ding tent at dawn, and like a
 runs, its course a - bove un - til the day is spent. Its path from
 stat - utes, sure and true, will make the sim - ple wise. ⁸The pre - cepts

day they pour out speech, and night by night their knowl - edge teach.
 world their voice re - sounds, their words to earth's re - mot - est bounds.
 • strong, he - ro - ic man, goes forth with joy his race to run.
 end to end com - plete—there's noth - ing hid - den from its heat.
 of the LORD are right and fill the heart with great de - light.

6. God's ra - di - ant com - mands shed light on what we see; ⁹the
 7. ¹⁰Of far more worth than gold— than much pure gold— they are; than
 8. ¹²Who can dis - cern his faults? For - give my hid - den sin. ¹³Pro -
 9. ¹⁴So let the words I speak be pleas - ing in your sight; and

fear of God is pure and lasts e - ter - nal - ly. The stan - dards
 hon - ey from the comb, than hon - ey sweet - er far. They warn the
 tect from will - ful sins; let them not reign with - in. Then blame - less
 let my in - most thoughts be in your judg - ment right. O LORD, you

of the LORD ex - press his per - fect truth and righ - teous - ness.
 ser - vant of the LORD; in keep - ing them is great re - ward.
 shall your ser - vant be, from great trans - gres - sion now set free.
 are a rock to me; you have re - deemed and set me free.

Amid the Thronging Worshipers

22C

1. A - mid the throng - ing wor - ship - ers Je - ho - vah will I bless;
 2. The bur - den of the sor - row - ful the Lord will not de - spise;
 3. He feeds with good the hum - ble soul and sat - is - fies the meek,

be - fore my breth - ren gath - ered there, his name will I con - fess.
 he has not turned from those who mourn, he heark - ens to their cries.
 and they shall live and praise the Lord who for his mer - cy seek.

Come, praise him, ye that fear the Lord, ye chil - dren of his grace;
 His good - ness makes me join the throng where saints his praise pro - claim;
 The ends of all the earth take thought, the na - tions seek the Lord;

with rev - 'rence sound his glo - ries forth and bow be - fore his face.
 and there will I ful - fill my vows 'mid those who fear his name.
 they wor - ship him, the King of kings, in earth and heav'n a - dored.

The God Who Sits Enthroned on High

PSALM 14

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Johann Hermann Schein, 1586-1630

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1 The God who sits' en - throned on high The fool - ish
2 From heaven the Lord with search - ing eye Looked down the
3 From right - eous - ness they all de - part, Cor - rupt are

in their heart de - ny; Not one does good; cor -
sons of men to try, To see if an - y
all, and vile in heart; Yea, ev - ery man has

rupt in thought, Un - right - eous works their hands have wrought.
un - der - stood And sought for God, the on - ly good.
e - vil done; Not one does good, not e - ven one.

4 Has knowledge with the wicked failed, 5 Thy lowly servant they despise,
That they My people have assailed, Because he on the Lord relies;
That they delight in works of shame, But they shall tremble yet in fear,
And call not on Jehovah's Name? For to the righteous God is near.

6 O that from Zion, His abode,
Salvation were on us bestowed!
When God His exiles shall restore,
They shall in song His grace adore.

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O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good



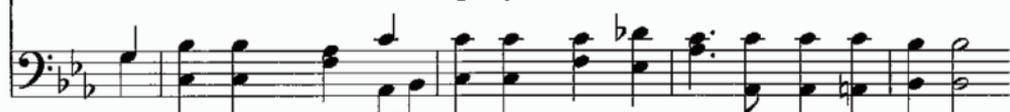
1. ¹O thank the LORD, for he is good, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 2. ⁵Praise him whose wis-dom made the heav'ns, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 3. ¹⁰He struck down E-gypt's first-born sons, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



- ²Give thanks un - to the God of gods, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
⁶Who o'er the seas the earth has spread, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹¹And brought out Is - r'el's cho - sen ones, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



- ³Give thanks un - to the Lord of lords, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
⁷Who made great lights for day and night, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹²With out - stretched arm and might-y hand, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



- ⁴To him a - lone who does great works, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
^{8/9}The sun and moon and stars on high, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹³Who split the Sea to form dry land, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



4. ¹⁴He brought all Is - r'el through the Sea, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 5. ¹⁹King Si - hon of the A - mor - ites, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 6. ²³He saw us in our low es - tate, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

¹⁵But drowned the Phar - aoh's com - pa - ny, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁰And Og who ruled the Ba - shan - ites, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁴And saved us from our foes who hate, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

¹⁶Who through the des - ert led his sons, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²¹On Is - r'el he be - stowed their lands, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁵Each crea - ture's food he does sup - ply, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

^{17/18}Who killed great kings, the might - y ones, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²²His ser - vant's own in - her - i - tance, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁶Give thanks to God en - throned on high, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

Lord's Day Worship Service (9:30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

* **PSALM 136 v. 1-13:** O Thank The LORD, For He Is Good

READING OF THE LAW and CONFESSION OF SIN

* **PSALM 14:** The God Who Sits Enthroned On High

PASTORAL PRAYER

* O.T. TEXT: Psalm 136

Psa. 136:1 Give thanks to Yahweh, for he is good,
for his steadfast love [covenant faithfulness] endures forever.

2 Give thanks to the God of gods, for his steadfast love endures forever.

3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords, for his steadfast love endures forever.

4 To him who alone does great wonders,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

5 to him who by understanding made the heavens,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

7 to him who made the great lights, for his steadfast love endures forever;

8 the sun to rule over the day, for his steadfast love endures forever;

9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

10 To him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

11 and brought Israel out from among them,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

13 to him who divided the Red Sea in two,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

16 to him who led his people through the wilderness,

for his steadfast love endures forever.

17 To him who struck down great kings,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

18 and killed mighty kings, for his steadfast love endures forever;

19 Sihon, king of the Amorites, for his steadfast love endures forever;

20 and Og, king of Bashan, for his steadfast love endures forever;

21 and gave their land as a heritage, for his steadfast love endures forever;

22 a heritage to Israel his servant, for his steadfast love endures forever.

23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

for his steadfast love endures forever;

24 and rescued us from our foes, for his steadfast love endures forever;

25 he who gives food to all flesh, for his steadfast love endures forever.

26 Give thanks to the God of heaven, for his steadfast love endures forever.

* N.T. TEXT: Luke 1:46-55; John 1:1-5, 14-18

Luke 1:46 And Mary said,
“My soul magnifies the Lord,
47 and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
48 for he has looked on the humble estate of his servant.
For behold, from now on all generations will call me blessed;
49 for he who is mighty has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.
50 And his mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.
51 He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts;
52 he has brought down the mighty from their thrones
and exalted those of humble estate;
53 he has filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he has sent away empty.
54 He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,
55 as he spoke to our fathers,
to Abraham and to his offspring forever.”

John 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the onlybegotten Son from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 (John bore witness about him, and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.’”) 16 For from his fullness we have all received, grace in place of [against] grace. 17 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God; the onlybegotten God, who is at the Father’s side, he has made him known.

SERMON: His Covenant Love Continues Through Eternity

* **PSALM 136 v. 14-26:** O Thank The LORD, For He Is Good

OFFERING

* TRINITARIAN DOXOLOGY (tune: Praise the Savior)

For his favor, praise forever unto God the Father sing.

Praise the Savior, praise him ever, Son of God, our Lord and King.

Praise the Spirit; through Christ’s merit he doth us salvation bring.

* BENEDICTION

OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS

Matters for Prayer

Prayer for our Church and personal matters

1. Pasadena URC
 - a. Ministry: preaching, absentees, sins, unity, love
 - b. Member's needs: health, finances, family, intimacy
2. Concerns about friends and family

Prayer for the growth of the Kingdom

3. Local evangelism
 - a. Neighbors
 - b. Schools
4. URCNA, sister Churches
5. Domestic Church plants
6. International missions

Please utilize the prayer maps you were provided showing the mission works and Church planting of the United Reformed Churches in North America.

Pray for the Church's mission to the world, this week focusing on unreached peoples groups.

1. Sudan and South Sudan (11/8-11/10) Muslim hatred of Christians and Animists has led to wars and slaughter, need for true peace and reconciliation, massive increase of Christians in center and south
2. Suriname (11/11) Church must teach the Gospel to its own and evangelize the large number of Hindus and Muslims, growth among native peoples
3. Swaziland (11/11) many Christian in name only, deep need for work with families devastated by AIDS, sizeable faithful Church also
4. Sweden (11/12) secularism, spiritual decline in Church and people, many Muslim immigrants, pray for faithful ministers to preach the Gospel
5. Switzerland (11/13) stagnation and decline in the Church, faithful preaching is uncommon but present, missionary zeal remains
6. Syria (11/14) ancient Christian traditions decimated by recent wars, news of Muslims hearing the Gospel in refugee camps

Pray for our nation and state

1. That Christian Churches preach the pure word of the Gospel
2. That Christians understand orthodox doctrine and live Christ honoring lives of gratitude
3. Those who are in positions of power serve with humility and wisdom
4. That wars will cease, and peace will come
5. Christians will rise up to minister to the men and women whose lives are destroyed due to gross immorality and sinful lives.

Among our own congregation:

1. Faithfulness to our membership vows
2. That we learn to love Christ's body, the Church, our fellow believers, and practice this love tangibly

Please inform the Church of matters for prayer.