

MADISON AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT December 12, 2021

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| Prelude | <i>O Sing a Song of Bethlehem</i> | Lani Smith, arr. |
| Announcements and Welcome | | Rev. Susan Sparks |
| Introit | <i>When God Is a Child</i> | Brian Wren, Joan Collier Fogg |
| Call to Worship | | |
| Hymn | <u>"One Candle is Lit"</u> | No. 128 |
| Advent Wreath Ritual | | MABC Children |

LEADER: Hear afresh the words of John's prologue, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." We light this candle as a sign of the coming light of Christ. We are preparing ourselves for the coming days:

PEOPLE: The days when the Lord will give us a sign. "Look! The young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and she shall name him Immanuel, that is, 'God is with us.'"

LEADER: Brothers and Sisters, God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

PEOPLE: In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us; and if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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Madison Avenue Baptist Church Prayer List

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Please include the following in your prayers this week:

- Healing prayers for Susan Sparks, who is recovering from surgery.
- Prayers for the four people killed and those wounded in a Michigan school shooting recently. Prayers for an end to gun violence in this country.
- Prayers for the kidnapped 12 missionaries still being held in Haiti. Prayers of thanks for the five people released.
- Prayers for those battling the coronavirus and for those who have died. Prayers for the medical staff who are treating patients and administering vaccines.
- Prayers for the people of Afghanistan and for the U.S. citizens still there.
- Prayers for the people of Haiti as they continue to recover from a devastating earthquake.
- Prayers for Jamie Rodriguez as she starts a new semester in seminary and begins student ministry.
- Prayers for the people of Vietnam, where a major Covid outbreak continues. Prayers for Hanh Nguyen, a member of our global family, who lives in Ho Chi Minh City.
- Prayers for Rev. Dr. Cheryl Dudley's mother.

- Prayers for Juan Nunez's mother, Isabel Nunez.
- Prayers for Brad Blevins' mother, Vickie.
- For the virus of racism to be eradicated from our hearts and our world.
- Prayers for an end to the violence against Asians in the U.S.
- Prayers for Juanita Barr, Debra Barr's mother.
- Prayers for Doug Shapiro.
- Prayers for Jacki Friedmann.
- Prayers for Shakia Farrington and her family.
- Prayers for Melvin Bell who is having health issues.
- Prayers for Adom Crew and his family.
- Prayers for a dear friend of George Lane who is fighting cancer.
- Healing prayers for Michele Grimes, a pastor ordained by MABC, who is struggling with Stage-4 breast cancer.
- Prayers for Meliza Romillo, a lifelong friend of Joseph Pilla and his family, as she fights cancer. May her fierce spirit and determination guide her when she needs it most.
- Healing prayers for Jane Claudio, diagnosed with a return of cancer.
- Prayers of healing for Raquel Tresvant and her family.
- Marti Law, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
- Jerrold Owens, Richard Binder's work colleague, who is undergoing treatment for brain cancer.
- Prayers for Linda Mydland, suffering from Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Prayers also for her husband Dave and sister Carmella Grill.