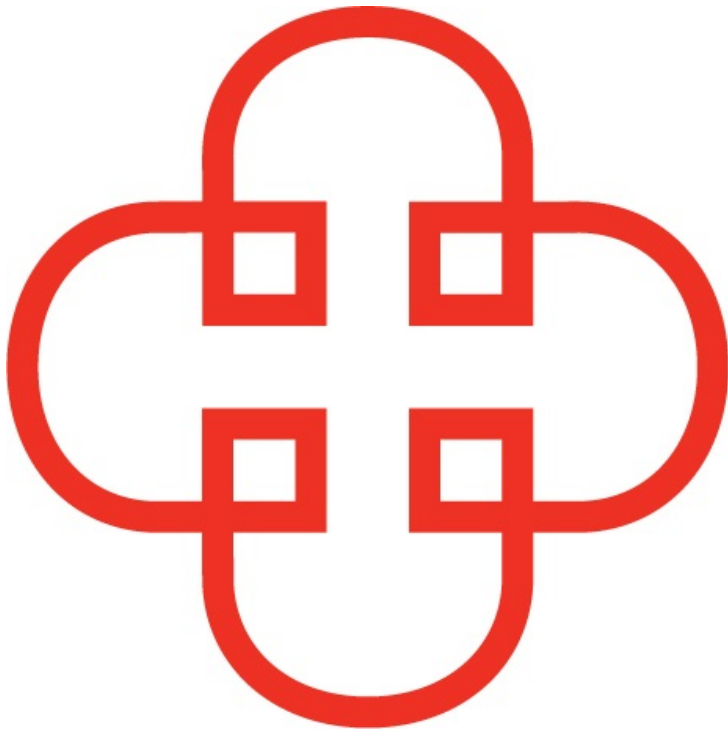


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Morning Worship December 26, 2021

Prelude *In the Bleak Mid-Winter* Gustav Holst;
Mark Hayes, arr.

Welcome and Passing of the Peace Rev. Susan Sparks

Introit *From Heaven Above* Martin Luther,
Jenny Lindsey Valentin Schumann

Call to Worship Alisha Carderella

Hymn [“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice”](#) No. 164
Brian Long

Solo *Mary's Soliloquy* Lucy Vessey,
Karen Rich Cecil Effinger

Morning Prayers

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. Amen.

Hymn [“It Came Upon the Midnight Clear”](#) No. 153
Alexandra de Suze

Scripture	Matthew 2:1-3,7-12	Juan Nunez, Brad Blevins
Sermon	“Starstruck”	Rev. Susan Sparks
Meditation	<i>Angels We Have Heard on High</i>	Mary McDonald, arr.
Offering		Sam Suzuki
Offertory	<i>This Christmas</i> Doug Shapiro	Rick Bowles
Hymn	“Angels We Have Heard on High” Richard Binder	No. 155
Benediction		Rev. Susan Sparks
Postlude	<i>Same as Prelude</i>	

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to go to the Chalice Hymnal page.***

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Madison Avenue Baptist Church Prayer List

Sunday, December 26, 2021

Please include the following in your prayers this week:

- Prayers for those affected by last week's devastating tornadoes in the South and Midwest, especially the families of the estimated 88 people killed and those still missing.
- Healing prayers for Susan Sparks, who is recovering from surgery.
- 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 Haiti.
- Prayers for Jamie Rodriguez.
- 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.
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