

*Benediction

*Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past (vs. 1, 3, 6)* No. 67

Postlude *March of the Kings*
 Robert W. Thygerson
 David Williams, organ

**All who are able, please stand*

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(Disciples of Christ)
Decatur, Illinois

January 2, 2022

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sharing Christ. Changing Lives. Delivering Hope.

Prelude *We Three Kings* Lani Smith
David Williams, organ

Words of Welcome Michael E. Karunas

*Opening Hymn *We Three Kings* No. 172

*Responsive Reading Tina Miller

Leader: To live a Christian life is to put Christ first.

People: We desire to live a Christian Life.

Leader: Happy are those who obey the Lord,
who live by his commands.

People: In following Christ, we find joy of living for God.

**All: Let us obey our Lord, Jesus Christ,
and follow him in Christian living.**

*Invocation

*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.**

*Gloria Patri No. 35

Children's Moment David Martin

Prayer Hymn *As with Gladness* No. 173

Pastoral Prayer

Offertory Invitation

Special Music *As With Gladness* arr. John Purifoy
David Williams, piano

Scripture Reading Luke 9:23-24

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Daily Discipleship*

Invitation to Discipleship

*Communion Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (vs. 1, 3) No. 558

(In Christ's name we welcome all persons into membership into the church by confession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership. Please step to the front pew during the singing of this Hymn of Communion.)

Meditation Diana Ritter

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration Linda Virgil

(All believing Christians are invited to share in the Lord's Supper, regardless of church affiliation.)

Communion Music

Partita on St. Anne, Movement IV, Meditation

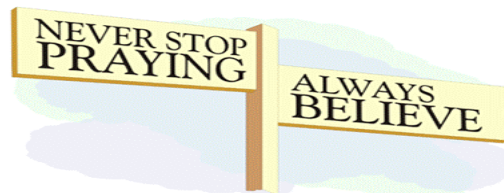
arr. David Lasky

David Williams, piano

One: The bread which we break is our communion in the Body of Christ.

**All: The cup of blessing for which we give thanks is our
Communion in the blood of Christ. Amen.**

Prayer List



Last updated 12/31/2021

Members

Jean Booher
Barbara Tyler
Karma Lynn Carpenter
Unique Hess
Evelyn Sanders
Gretchen Barron
Linda Kuhns
David Ash
Morris Birkhead
David Poisel
Herb & Duff Knudsen
Bob & Pat O'Connell
Larry Pepper
Susie Bean
Tessa McCoy
Sarah, Chad, & Amelia Jennings
Lauren McLemore
Dean Gray

Members in Nursing Home & Assisted Living

Arlene Penn (Imboden Creek)
Zettie Stern (Imboden Creek)
Warren Berner (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Elaine Hynds (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Wanda Poisel (Imboden Creek Gardens)
Marilyn Riley (Randall Residence)
Max Sperry (Randall Residence)
Glen & Arlone Dalluge (Randall Residence)
Doris Matey (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Ellen Sheffer (Hickory Pt Christian Village)
Joan Smith (Heritage Health)
Bess King (The Glenwood)

Friends & Family, continued

Sally Brown (friend of Roberta Gorden)
Ruth Albin (family of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Michelle Yeager (daughter of Gail Prince)
Mac Funk (son of Steve & Carrie Funk)
Dan Boynton (friend of Jim & Pamela Bednar)
Edna Straghan (mother of Kathy Kauzlarich)
Stacy Dill (friend of Donna Dash)
Jim Nuernberger (friend of Jim & Debbie Hoffert)
Vicky McGorray (friend of Connie Bordner)
Curt Jackson (cousin of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Ronald & Harriette York (David York's parents)
Ron Price (brother of Debbie Hoffert)
Vickie Jacobs (daughter of Maria Jacobs)
William Dayton Keyes (great-nephew of Gale Barnes)
Tracy Cearlock (friend of Brett Swallow)
Jeff Powers (son-in-law of Dave & Nita Phillips)
Jane Spires (friend of many CCC members)
Debbie Seitz (friend of Julie & Ken Jacoby)
Jackson (friend of Janelle Beedle)
Linda Doehring (cousin of Joy Adams)
Zac Penwell (son of friend of Maria Jacobs)
Mary Teller (cousin of Steve & Carrie Funk)

We Pray for Those in the Military:

Bobby Backes (nephew of Keith & Jeannie Backes)
Trysten Hall (son of Sheila & Charles Hall, great-grandson of Lawrence & Sally Thicksten)
Katy & Matt Holden (granddaughter & grandson-in-law of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Phillip Johnston (son of Becky Johnston)
Mitchell Lucas (grandson of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Jeremiah & Rachel Singletary (great-nephew of Marilyn Ward)
Preston Wade (son of Larry & Karen Wade)
Lucas Ward (grandson of Marilyn Ward)

Friends & Family

Misty Mochel (friend of Marci Baumann)
Diane Lockwood (Friends of Nancy Ellen Taylor)
Barb Disney (Friend of Penny Rutherford)
Shannon Francisco (Friend of Bob Smith)
Janet May Carpenter (mother of Karma Lynn Carpenter)
Anne Hostetler (friend of many CCC members)
Michael Moran (son in law of Larry & Marla Winkleblack)
Carter Goodman (nephew of Greg & Gale Barnes)
Jill Bolin (Larry & Marla Winkleblack's daughter)
Carrol Virt (father of Diana Ritter)
Juanita Churchill (mother of Theresa Fulk)

Worship Extras

January 2, 2022

Starter Question

What significant personal change do you want to make in the year 2022?

Daily Discipleship

Then he said to them all: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will save it.

Church is one place you will find encouragement to grow.

Life happens daily. Growth happens. Discipleship happens daily. I believe God wants continual growth for his followers.

In today's passage, we see three directives for our travels in daily discipleship.

Deny yourself

Take up your cross daily

Follow Jesus

Daily discipleship is the choice we make. We grow in discipleship as we deny the old self, as we daily choose God's will, and as we follow close to Christ.

My prayer is that your growth in discipleship and internal heart change made this year, are evident on the outside when you return to this place in January of 2023.

Luke 9:23-24 NRSV

²³Then he said to them all, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me. ²⁴For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will save it.

Notes:
