



Pray

Family of Jeanne Spaulding; Connie Necaster (recovery and healing); **Joanne McKenzie's** sister-in-law, **Mary Jane** (recovery from surgery); **Chris Pires** (Cancer and healing); **Leanna Shirley's** sister-in-law **Nora** (healing); **Anne Greco** (healing); **Steve and Laurie Wenthe's** friends, **Jim and Angela** (healing); **Connie Harper** (healing); **Rose Leonard** (back pain); **Gretchen Young's** brother **Larry McKenzie** (health), **Patricia Floyd** (health); **Rev. Peter Grinion's** friend **Lorna; Joyce Shutts'** (health); **Ginny Chase** (accident/illness); **Clara White** (Nursing Home); **Josina McCarroll** (back and leg pain); **Valerie Bandemer's** brothers **Terry** (stem cell transplant recipient) and **Neil** (stem cell donor); **Chris Statts; Connie Necaster's** husband **Keith**, brother **Karl** and friends, **John and Mary Ann** (healing); **Della VanDoren; David Chase; Evy and Evie**, son-in-law **Ron**, **Evy's** son **Jim**, cousin, **Lorraine, Tom** (stroke); **Kathy Gosnell** (healing), **Family and friends; Loretta Hirschman** and niece **Judy**, brother **Dick** and **Family and Dick Leahy** (Cancer treatments; **Virginia Bliss's** nephew **Travis Burkhard; Linda Becker's** great-grandson, **David**, granddaughter **Chrissy**, great-grandson **Jamal; Ukraine; Israel; Rush United Methodist Church/United Methodist Council**

If you look for me at Christmas,
You won't need a special star.
I'm no longer just in Bethlehem,
I'm right there where you are.
You may not be aware of Me,
Amid the celebrations.
You'll have to look beyond the stores,
And all the decorations.
But if you take a moment,
From your list of things to do,
And listen to your heart, you'll find
I'm waiting there for you.
You're the one I want to be with,
You're the reason that I came.
And you'll find Me in the stillness,
As I'm whispering your name.

love,
Jesus

104.9 River



To access the sanctuary hearing loop, set your hearing aide to the T setting or help yourself to one of the receivers available inside the front door. One of the ushers can help you.

Joy

*Hear the angels still rejoicing.
And I will lift my voice
to You and sing,
My Savior, God,
and the King
of Kings is born.*



*I bring you good tidings of great joy....
Unto you is born this day...a Saviour. Luke 2:10-11*

West Henrietta Baptist Church

5660 West Henrietta Road (P.O. Box 336), West Henrietta, New York 14586
585-334-0497 church@whbaptist.org whbaptist.org

December 17, 2023

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion

pastor@whbaptist.org ~ 585-278-8520 (Pastor's cell)

Violet (Oliphant) Smith, Organist Dr. Roger Smith, Choir Director

INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

Prelude

Violet (Oliphant) Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION

(Read responsively)

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion

LEADER: And the ransomed of the Lord shall return

ALL: And come to Zion with singing;

LEADER: Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;

ALL: They shall obtain gladness and joy,

LEADER: And sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

ALL: O Shout for joy, all you people. Amen!

WELCOME & COMMUNITY MATTERS

Joys & Concerns, News of the Fellowship

Mrs. Leanna Shirley

*PRAISE & WORSHIP

***HYMN #349 (Blue Hymnal) "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" [Sing twice]**

INTERCESSORY AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion

(Remain seated during the congregational singing of the Lord's Prayer)

Lyrics: "Our Father which 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"

***HYMN #196 (Blue Hymnal)**

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 35:4-10; St. John 16:22-24

Valerie Bandemer

OUR OFFERINGS AND BLESSING

Deacon Connie Necaster

Offertory

***DOXOLOGY (HYMN #95)**

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE:

***HYMN # INSERT**

Michael Shirley

"The Advent Candles" (v.3)

CHOIR ANTHEM:

SERMON:

"CHRISTIAN JOY"

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion

***HYMN #246 (Blue Hymnal)**

"Joy to the World"

CLOSING PRAYER & BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Peter E. Grinion

POSTLUDE

Violet (Oliphant) Smith

**Sung standing if possible. Service being videoed.*

Please stay for Fellowship.

This Week	Birthdays
Monday – LINK deadline for January 2024 Saturday – Prayer Group at 9:00 am Saturday – Choir Practice at 10:00 am Sunday – Choir Practice at 9:30 am	
Today	Next Sunday
Welcome – Leanna Shirley Scripture Reader – Valerie Bandemer Offering – Connie Necaster Fellowship – Advent Potluck Luncheon Greeter – Connie Frank	Welcome – Leanna Shirley Scripture Reader – Sharon Scurlock Offering – Kathy Gosnell Fellowship – Valerie Bandemer Greeter – Connie Frank