St. Peter's Episcopal Church

The Last Sunday After Pentecost
Christ the King Sunday
November 22, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

As the altar candles are lit prior to the service and the chimes are played,
we are invited to observe a time of quiet, to gather our hearts in a spirit of prayer.
The people's responses are in bold print.
Music for the hymns can be found in the blue book in the pew racks, The Hymnal 1982

Welcome The Rev. Myrna Koonce

Prelude Pastorale Ovid Young

All stand for the

Hymn in Procession #494 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own;
awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Son of God
before the worlds began,
and ye, who tread where he hath trod,
crown him the Son of man;
who every grief hath known
that wrings the human breast,
and takes and bears them for his own,
that all in him may rest.

3. Crown him the Lord of life,
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious in the strife
for those he came to save;
his glories now we sing
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

4. Crown him of lords the Lord,
who over all doth reign,
who once on earth, the incarnate Word,
for ransomed sinners slain,
now lives in realms of light,
where saints with angels sing
their songs before him day and night,
their God, Redeemer, King.

5. Crown him the Lord of heaven,
enthroned in worlds above;
Crown him the King, to whom is given
the wondrous name of Love.
Crown him with many crowns,
as thrones before him fall,
crown him, ye kings, with many crowns,
for he is King of all.

All remain standing for the

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

All pray

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria



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The Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

All are seated for

The Lessons

The First Lesson *Ezekiel 34:11-16,20-24*

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice. Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm *Psalm 95:1-7a*



[1]Come, let us sing to the /LORD;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal/vation.
[2]Let us come before his presence with thanks/giving
and raise a loud shout to him with /psalms.

[3]For the LORD is a great /God,
and a great King above all /gods.
[4]In his hand are the caverns of the /earth,
and the heights of the hills are his /also.

[5]The sea is his, for he /made it,
and his hands have molded the /dry land.
[6]Come, let us bow down, and bend the /knee,
and kneel before the LORD our /Maker.

The last two measures of the psalm tone are repeated
[7]For he is our God, and we are the people of his
pasture and the sheep of his /hand.
Oh, that today you would hearken to his /voice!

The Second Lesson *Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Lector The Word of the Lord. *People* **Thanks be to God.**

All stand to sing the

Sequence Hymn #435 "At the Name of Jesus" *The Hymnal 1982*

1. At the Name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.

2. Humbled for a season,
to receive a Name
from the lips of sinners,
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed;

3. bore it up triumphant,
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

4. Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
name with awe and wonder
and with bated breath;
he is God the Savior,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshiped,
trusted, and adored.

5. In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true;
crown him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.

6. Christians, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory
o'er the earth to reign;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

All remain standing for the

Gospel *Matthew 25: 31-46*

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord. *People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Homily The Rev. Emily Keniston

After a period of silence, all stand for the

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified
under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son
he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

All are seated or kneel for the

Prayers of the People

The Leader and People pray responsively.

Serve the Lord with gladness and come before God's presence with a song. Let us pray together, saying, "In your mercy, hear our prayer."

Christ the King, you have been made head over all things for the Church: may we worthily live as your body in our world. Work your great power in and through us. From our diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray for St. Margaret's, Belfast, and for the spouses, companions, and families of clergy in the diocese. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Christ the King, you gather all the nations of the world to yourself: bless the world's suffering with your everlasting mercy. May the oppressed be fed with your justice. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Christ the King, it is from your hand that all are fed: inspire righteousness in all people that the hungry may be fed and the thirsty given clean water to drink. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Christ the King, you care for those in prison: give us hearts for all those who are incarcerated. Where there is crime and violence in our city, offer your peace. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Christ the King, you are good: we pray you seek the lost, bind up the injured, and strengthen the weak. Let us pray for our own needs and for those on prayer list, especially Jim Halsted, Janice, Dory, John Lazarczyk, Paul Loven, Michael and Linda Ash Ford, Sheldon Gaard and those others we name, either silently or aloud. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Christ the King, your faithfulness endures from age to age: may all your saints, at work and at rest, know the hope to which you have called us and the riches of your glorious inheritance. *Pause.*

In your mercy, **hear our prayer**, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

Presider offers a collect
People **Amen**.

then bids the

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.
Silence may be kept.

God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.

The Absolution

Those who wish may come forward for

Healing Prayer and Anointing

Hymn Response: Heal Me, Hands of Jesus



Words: Michael Perry. Music: *Sharpe*, Carl Haywood (b. 1949), from *Tunes for Grace*.

All stand and the Presider bids the

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Offertory Sentence

The Offertory Hymn #325 "Let Us Break Bread Together " *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise God together on our knees;
when I fall on my knees,with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.

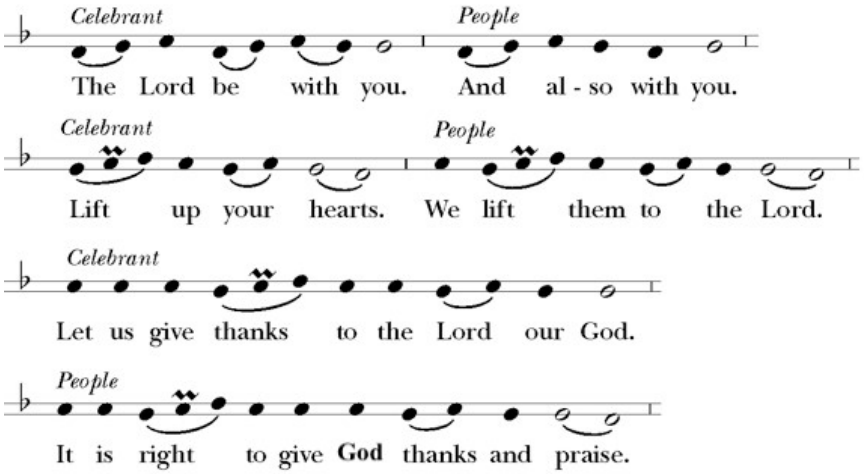
The Presentation Hymn

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.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer C, BCP

The Sursum Corda



God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
All **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

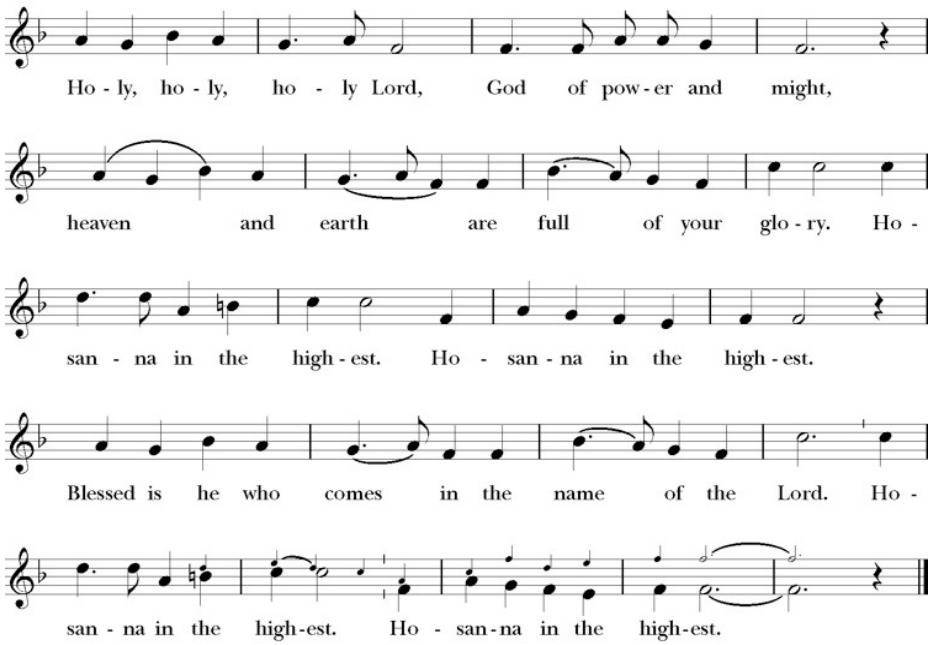
At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
All **By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
All **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages, you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
All **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore, we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

The Sanctus



The People kneel or sit. The Presider continues giving thanks to God on behalf of the people,
And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
All **We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers: God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebecca, Jacob and Rachel and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.
All **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

After a period of silence, all join in singing the

Fraction Anthem #S 155 *The Hymnal 1982*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Administration of Communion

All are invited to come forward as directed by the user and stand or kneel at the altar rail to receive communion. Please let an usher know if you would like to receive communion in your pew. Gluten-free consecrated bread is available; simply ask the priest when you are being served if you would like one.

Those who cannot be with us to partake in communion in person are invited to pray the

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Let nothing separate me from you; let me serve you in this life until, by your grace, I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.

All stand for

The Postcommunion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father,**
you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn in Procession #460 "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" *The Hymnal 1982*

1. Alleluia! sing to Jesus!
his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! his the triumph,
his the victory alone;
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion
thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2. Alleluia! not as orphans
are we left in sorrow now;
Alleluia! he is near us,
faith believes, nor questions how:
though the cloud from sight received him,
when the forty days were o'er,
shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you evermore'?

3. Alleluia! bread of Heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay!
Alleluia! here the sinful
flee to thee from day to day:
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,
where the songs of all the sinless
sweep across the crystal sea.

4. Alleluia! King eternal,
thee the Lord of lords we own:
Alleluia! born of Mary,
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:
thou within the veil hast entered,
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:
thou on earth both Priest and Victim
in the eucharistic feast.

5. Alleluia! Sing to Jesus! his the scepter, his the throne;
Alleluia! His the triumph, his the victory alone;
Hark! The songs of holy Zion, thunder like a mighty flood;
Jesus out of every nation hath redeemed us by his blood.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude Great Is Thy Faithfulness William M. Runyan

Ministers Serving Today

The People of God, called to be St. Peter's Episcopal Church, *Celebrants*
The Rev. Myrna Koonce, *Presider (Communion)*
The Rev. Emily Keniston, *Deacon, Presider (Service of the Word) & Preacher*
Mr. Terry Foster, *Organist,* Ms. Lenita Richard, *Crucifer*
Mr. Tom Ainsworth & Ms. Pam Mack, *Eucharistic Ministers*
Ms. Anica Hickey, *Lector*, Mr. Bob Simmons, *Videographer*,
Ms. Lenita Richard, *Altar Guild*
Ms. Meredith Tipton & Mr. Wayne Franklin, Counters
Ms. Kate Murrane, Ms. Jane Noone, Mr. Dan Warren, Coffee *Hour Hosts*

Announcements

Welcome to all of you joining us this morning. If you are new to St. Peter's and want to learn more about us, please fill out one of the pew cards and place in the offering plate or give to an usher. You also can contact our priest, Rev. Myrna Koonce at: stpetersrevkoonce@gmail.com.

Offering our gifts to God is part of our worship whenever we gather. Offerings are received during the Offertory. You may also mail your gift to: St. Peter's Church, 10 Alton Street Portland, ME 04103, or you can give online directly to St. Peter's by going to our website. Offerings can also be made through Venmo. See the back page of this leaflet for information about Venmo. The second offering plate is for donations to Project Feed, our local emergency food pantry.

Our stewardship season concludes today an ingathering during the offertory. If you did not receive the stewardship mailing, there are envelopes at the back of the church.

Join us for Coffee Hour in the undercroft after Mass.

This Week at St. Peter's

Youth Service Corps, Sun. Nov. 22, 12-2 pm, Preble Street Food Security Hub, South Portland
Vestry, Tue. Nov. 24, 6:30 pm, Zoom
Compline, Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 pm, Zoom

Coming Up at St. Peter's

Advent 1, Sun. Nov. 29, 9 am Liturgy & Monthly Breakfast

Please remember these parishioners, friends and family members on our parish prayer list:
Parishioners: Ann Marie Cady, Allison Schroth, Francisco Andreu, Dino Rice, Robert Stillings, Pat and Fred Fowler, Mary Ann Hoy, Fred Madore, Alan Biagiotti, Jane Noone, Marc Lombe and family, Linda Foster, Anita Chandler, Melodie Gage, Herb Taylor, Rob Ingham and Cindy Sherwood.

Friends and Family: Peter Haskell, Martha Gagliardi, Tommy Valente, Jane Reiha, Stephen and Rebecca Seraniche, Marge Devine, Jimmy Devine, Fuji Sprott, David Turner, Tammy, Beth, Pam, The Kutasi Family, Kelly Marie Bell, Earle, Grace, Kay Gross, Lisa Gorham, Anita Talbot, Peter Munro, Todd Cheney, Jay Sprout, Sandy Woolley, Amanda and Chris Conant, Pam, Michael and Sue King, Joe Kennedy, Mary Jo Floyd, Frank Beal, Cathryn Buckley, John Richard, Jim Halsted, Janice, Dory, John Lazarczyk, Paul Loven, Michael and Linda Ashe Ford, and Sheldon Gaard.

If you wish to add, remove, or return persons to the prayer list, please contact our Prayer Ministry Coordinators: Allison Schroth, at: 207-807-1315 Aschroth207@gmail.com or Emma Bond at: 207-619-3662 emma.e.bond@gmail.com

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