



# GRACE COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Awakening a Love for Christ in the Heart of Richmond*

July 17, 2016

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

10:55 a.m.

*Please fill out the communication card and place it in the offering plate during the offertory.*

*†Please stand for these parts of the service.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## WE GATHER TO GLORIFY GOD

### PRELUDE

*Chorale Prelude on a Welsh Hymn Tune: Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

### †CALL TO WORSHIP

Katie McCullough  
Ruling Elder

One: This is the day that you have made, Lord.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it!**

One: Remind us of the privileges we enjoy as your people:

**All: to come to you in worship**

**to confess our sins,**

**to receive forgiveness and give it,**

**to baptize and remember our baptisms,**

**to pray, sing, and listen,**

**to renew our strength and embolden our faith,**

**to rest in all of your promises.**

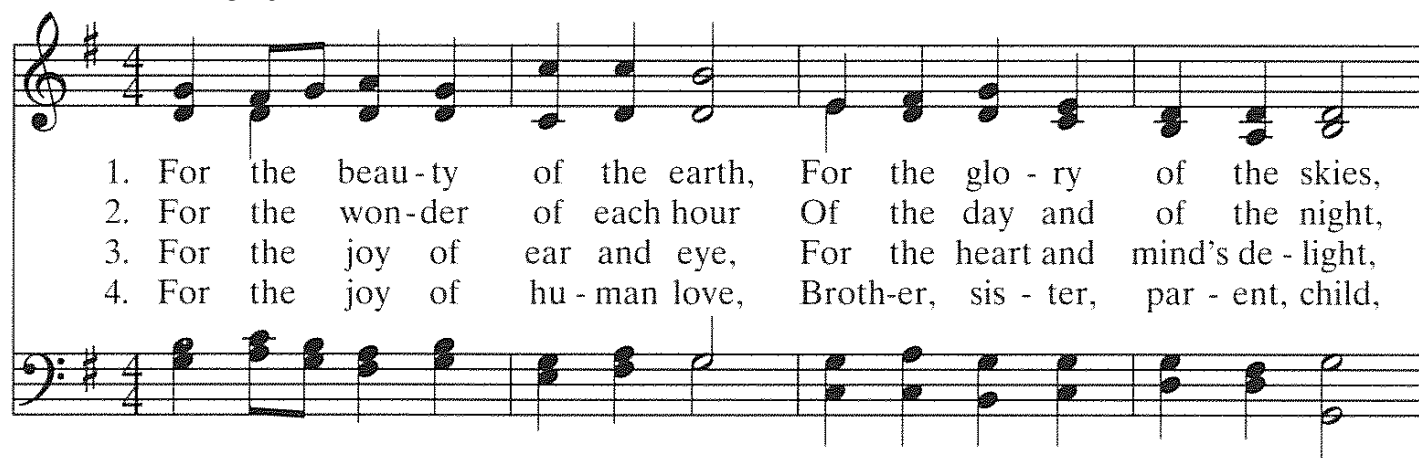
One: We are gathered to praise you, our gracious and holy God!

**All: Praise God from whom all blessing flows!**

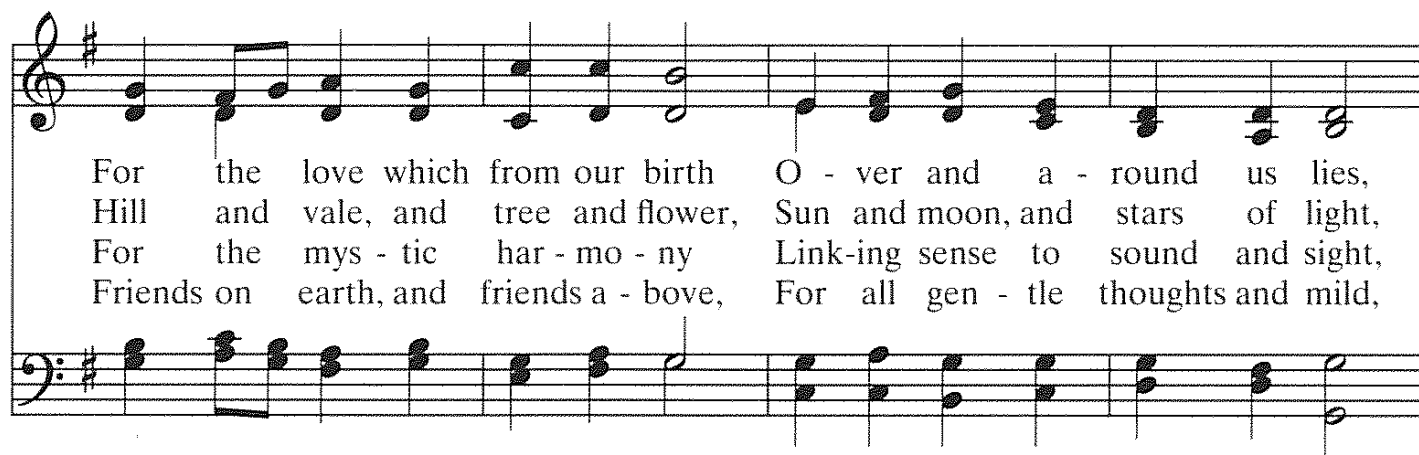
# †HYMN 473 (Blue Hymnal)

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Dix



1. For the beau-ty of the earth, For the glo-ry of the skies,  
 2. For the won-der of each hour Of the day and of the night,  
 3. For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and mind's de-light,  
 4. For the joy of hu-man love, Broth-er, sis-ter, par-ent, child,



For the love which from our birth O-ver and a-round us lies,  
 Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon, and stars of light,  
 For the mys-tic har-mo-ny Link-ing sense to sound and sight,  
 Friends on earth, and friends a-bove, For all gen-tle thoughts and mild,

*Refrain*



Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grate-ful praise.

5. For Thy church that evermore  
 Lifteth holy hands above,  
 Offering up on every shore

Her pure sacrifice of love,  
 Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
 This our hymn of grateful praise.

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## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

Gracious God,  
 Your Holy Spirit has made us new in the waters of baptism.  
 The burden of sin is forgiven,  
 the chains of death broken,  
 and the gift of new life is made known!

Yet we forget our baptism.

We live burdened, wondering if we are “good enough.”

We live our days anxiously, and we fear death above all else.

We act as if we do not have new life, and we fail to reflect your goodness, your justice, and your mercy in our world.

Help us to know anew the forgiveness, the freedom, and the love that is ours in Jesus Christ.

*Take a few moments of silent reflection.*

## †ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## †GLORIA PATRI 579 (Blue Hymnal)

Greatorex

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leo Joshua Hulme-Lippert

*Children's Church has wrapped up for the season and will not be meeting this Sunday or through the summer.  
Children's worship will resume on September 11, 2016. Know that there is, however, childcare available  
in room 102 throughout the service for children six and under.*

# WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Katie McCullough  
Ruling Elder

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 17:8-16

*Holy Bible*, p. 320

## SOLO

*O Lord, Most Holy*  
Dan Cook, baritone

Franz Abt, 1819-1885

O Lord most holy, O God most mighty, O loving Savior Thee would we be praising with joyful lips, for Thou hast redeemed us by Thy grace and mercy. Teach us to love Thee, make us to follow after holiness; so in temptation and in the hour of sadness, we shall find comfort and help in Thee. Guide us, O loving Savior, so in the hour of sadness, we shall find comfort and help in Thee. Amen.

## NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 6:25-34

*Holy Bible*, p. 884

## SERMON

“It’s Seeking What Matters”

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

# RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN 333 (Blue Hymnal)

*Seek Ye First*

Lafferty

The musical score is written for a piano and voice. It features a descant at the beginning, followed by two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in the right hand, and the voice melody is in the left hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4. The score includes a descant and two verses of lyrics. The piano accompaniment is in the right hand, and the voice melody is in the left hand. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 2/4.

**Chords:** D, F#m, G, D, G, D, Em, A7, D, F#m, G, D, G, D, A7, D

**Lyrics:**

*Descant* Al - le - lu - ia, Al -

1. Seek ye first the king - dom of God And His  
2. Ask and it shall be giv - en un - to you, Seek and

le - lu - ia, Al - le -

righ - teous - ness, And all these things shall be  
ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be

lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

add - ed un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!  
o - pened un - to you. Al - le - lu, al - le - lu - ia!

## †APOSTLES' CREED (IN UNISON)

Bobby Hulme-Lippert

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and  
buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he  
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jack Corley  
Ruling Elder

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, for ever. Amen.

# WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

## PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, AND GIFTS

### SOLO

*Wade in the Water*  
Dan Cook, baritone

arr. Mark Hayes

Wade in the water, children. God's gonna trouble the water.  
Down in the valley, down on my knees. Asking my Lord to save me please.  
Up on the mountain, Jehovah, he spoke. Out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
I heard a ramblin' up in the sky. Must-a been Jesus passin' by.

## †DOXOLOGY 592 (Blue Hymnal)

Old Hundredth

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.

## †PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

# WE GO FORTH TO LOVE AND SERVE

†HYMN 379 (Red Hymnal; hymn reprinted on opposite page)

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

†BENEDICTION


†POSTLUDE

*Jig Fugue in C Major*



Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637-1707

*Please join us in the Social Room following worship for a time of fellowship and celebration of Leo Hulme-Lippert's baptism. Cake and punch will be served as we glorify God on this wonderful occasion.*



The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul and Kathryn Wagner, Raymond and Katherine Brackett, and Arnold Deale by Kristi Wagner and Jacob Brackett, who were married here yesterday.





1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer, Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;  
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!


Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 And I hope, by Thy good pleas - ure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - dering heart to Thee:

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - dering from the fold of God;  
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;

Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, Mount of God's un - chang - ing love!  
 He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 Here's my heart, O take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove. A - MEN.



# WORSHIP NOTES

Hearing Aids and Large-Print Hymnals are available from the ushers.

We are grateful to have you join in worship with us this morning. We are a historic Presbyterian church, having celebrated our centennial anniversary in 2015. God has been immensely faithful for over 100 years, and we are eager to step faithfully into the future God has for us! We continue forward by walking in light of our mission which was adopted in 2012: to train grateful disciples of Christ, by doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with our God. May you be blessed through worship and fellowship this morning.

*As one body of Christ, composed of diverse individuals bound together by the Holy Spirit:*

We will **worship God** in a way that not only proclaims God's glory and identifies His presence in our lives, but also calls us to repent of our sins and kindles due thanks and awe for our creator, sustainer, and redeemer.

– from our 2012 Vision Statement

## Music Notes

**Dan Cook** has been the baritone section-leader in our Chancel Choir for three years. His wife, Erin, is the alto section-leader and is the accompanist for today's spiritual. Dan received his Bachelor's Degree in Vocal Performance from the University of Iowa and later earned his teaching certification from the University of Missouri—St. Louis. He currently teaches Elementary Music in Surry County.

### Grace Covenant Summer Music Ministry Schedule

Sunday, July 17	Dan Cook, baritone	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, July 24	Audrey Christesen, soprano	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, July 31	Dr. Michael Davison, trumpet	University of Richmond
Sunday, August 7	Dr. Lisa Edwards-Burrs, soprano	St. James's Episcopal Choir
Sunday, August 14	Erin Cook, alto	Grace Covenant Chancel Choir
Sunday, August 21	Handbell Quartet	Grace Covenant Handbell Choir
Sunday, August 28	Shawn Welk, oboe	Richmond Symphony
	Alana Carithers, violin	
Sunday, September 4	Vivien Chen, piano; Chris Martin, organ	Grace Covenant Presbyterian

**August Musicales** begins in a few weeks. All concerts are at 7:00 p.m. and held in the sanctuary.

Wednesday, August 10—An evening featuring well-known Richmond vocalists.

Wednesday, August 17—String ensemble; music of Brahms and Dvořák

Wednesday, August 24—*Sanctuary* (The Compline Choir from St. Stephen's Episcopal, Richmond)





# WELCOME TO GRACE COVENANT



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## General Announcements

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**Ordination/Installation of Christopher Tweel:** Join us this afternoon at 4:00 p.m. for the Ordination/Installation Service of Christopher Tweel as Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church's Associate Pastor. The service will be followed by a reception with cake and punch in the Social Room to celebrate this occasion.

**Summer Suppers:** Join us for a Wednesday evening meal this summer!

Wednesday, July 27 (6:00 p.m.) at the 'Tweels' house (7706 Anoka Rd., Richmond, VA 23229).

Meal TBD. *Suggested donation: \$3. Please RSVP to the church office or on your communication card.*

Friday, August 26 (6:00 p.m.) at the Davids' house (6000 McClellan Rd., Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Meal TBD. *Suggested donation: \$3.*

If you have any questions, contact Christopher Tweel at [christopher@grace-covenant.org](mailto:christopher@grace-covenant.org) or call the church office at 359-2463.

### **GCPC Summer of 2016 Book Discussion: *Gilead* by Marilynne Robinson**

If you are looking for a summer read, Pastor Bobby invites you to join him and read *Gilead*! It is a Pulitzer Prize winning novel written by "Narrative Calvinist" (as *Christianity Today* has called her) Marilynne Robinson. Once you read the novel (or even if you don't make it all the way through!), you are invited to join in for a time of light snacks, drinks, and hearty discussion and reflection on the novel. A discussion will take place on July 21 (7:00-9:00 p.m.) at the Bairds' home and July 28 (1:30-3:00 p.m.) at Will Madden's home. *Please RSVP to the church office or on your communication card. To help us prepare refreshments, also indicate which discussion you will be attending.*

**Quarterly Statements:** Second quarter statements are available for pickup in the Narthex. Any statements remaining will be mailed at the end of the month. If you want them mailed before then, please call Martha at 359-2463, ext. 205, and leave a message. Martha is in the office Tuesdays and most Fridays. Should you have questions regarding your pledge or anything related to your contributions, please call or email [bookkeeper@grace-covenant.org](mailto:bookkeeper@grace-covenant.org).

**Fifth Sunday Luncheon:** Let's celebrate summer by having lunch together after worship on July 31. Boxed lunches from Cuisine a la Carte will be \$8.00 (pay at the door). Call the church office at 359-2463 or e-mail [info@grace-covenant.org](mailto:info@grace-covenant.org) by Thursday, July 28, to RSVP and let us know your choice of boxed lunch.

**Option A – Santa Fe Vegetarian:** Havarti cheese, alfalfa sprouts, avocado, onion, lettuce, Dijon mustard and dill mayo on whole wheat bread.

**Option B – Turkey and Provolone:** Smoked turkey breast and provolone cheese with dill mayo, lettuce and tomato on soft Kaiser roll.

**Option C – Ham and Swiss:** Country style Smithfield ham with a honey-mustard spread with lettuce and tomato on rye bread.

**Gluten-free: Option D – Tossed Salad** – Green leaf lettuce, alfalfa sprouts, grated carrots, cucumbers, tomatoes and red onion.

*All boxed lunches come with a side of potato salad and dessert*

\*There will be gluten-free desserts available

**Called Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a Congregational meeting for Sunday, July 24, 2016, following Worship for the purpose of electing an Elder to fill an unexpired term in the Class of 2017, to elect a Trustee to fill the unexpired term of John Roberts, and to install the two new officers.

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## Mission and Justice

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**Shalom Farms:** Join us the third Saturday of the month at Shalom Farms– a local food access and community development ministry ([shalomfarms.org](http://shalomfarms.org)). We will help ensure everyone in our city has access to God's bountiful gifts of nutritious produce. We'll be out on the farm from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Please RSVP to Nelson Reveley at [nmr2uf@virginia.edu](mailto:nmr2uf@virginia.edu) or by calling 387-8094. The next visit will be August 20. A group will be carpooling from the church parking lot at 8:00 a.m. and will be returning by noon. Otherwise, you can meet us out on the farm at 9:00 a.m. **Address:** 1033 Rock Castle Rd., Goochland, VA

**Public Transportation in Chesterfield:** During July, Chesterfield is conducting a survey called Blueprint Chesterfield that asks what the county's priorities should be. If you live or work in Chesterfield, the missions committee invites you to take a moment to fill out the survey and write-in public transportation (especially along Rt. 1/Jefferson Davis Hwy., where so many are wrestling with poverty) as a priority and an important county service. The survey can be accessed at <http://blueprint.chesterfield.gov>. Help press forward the call to enhance access and mobility to jobs, job training, economic investment, nutritious food, routine health care, and flourishing life. For more info about grassroots efforts for a more interconnected and thriving region, please see [www.rvarapidtransit.org](http://www.rvarapidtransit.org) or contact Nelson Reveley at [reveley@grace-covenant.org](mailto:reveley@grace-covenant.org).

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## Christian Education and Discipleship

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The nursery crib room and Sunday School are available for children ages 2 and up.

*Sunday School is held every Sunday from 9:45-10:30 a.m.*

Presbyterians hold to certain essential tenets of the Christian faith. While we stand as sisters and brothers with all who believe in and follow Jesus Christ, we do have some distinctions! These distinctive tenets have anchored the way we understand and live out faith in this world. Join us this summer as we take a fresh look at those anchors and the ways that they intersect with our world today and inform how we are to live in these changing times. The class will meet weekly in the Fellowship Hall. Class begins at 9:45 a.m.

**July 17** - Election for Salvation and Service (Tom)

**July 24** - Covenant and Covenant Life (Bobby)

**July 31** - Sacraments (Bobby)

**August 7** - Polity (Charles)

**August 14** - Polity (Charles)

**August 21** – Priesthood of All Believers (Christopher)

**August 28** – Stewardship (Christopher)

### **Back to the Basics: Summer Fitness Challenge!**

We walk, jog, and go to the gym to keep up our physical fitness recognizing that repetition has a way of shaping us over time. And, being in shape ends up proving beneficial not only to our health but to others around us as we find we have more energy and focus when our body is healthy! How about a spiritual challenge this summer? This summer we are inviting you to do a simple exercise each week: **memorize a portion of Scripture**. Each week in worship we will be looking at a passage from Scripture that articulates something essential about the Christian faith. You are then invited to memorize that Scripture during the following week. The hope is that by letting God's word dwell in your heart over and over during the week you begin to see God alive and working in, through, and around your life. Here is the scripture to begin memorizing for next Sunday:

#### **John 3:16-17**

<sup>16</sup>“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

<sup>17</sup>Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

### **Back to the Basics: 50 Scriptures on One Bookmark:**

To assist you in the fitness challenge, we have provided bookmarks that highlight the 12 Scriptures that we will be memorizing this summer. There are 38 other Scriptures listed as well. Together, they make for 50 of the most foundational passages in all of the Bible. Bookmarks will be available in the Narthex and outside of the Social Room the rest of the summer.

**Additional Theological Readings:** As we continue to get "Back to the Basics" in our summer series, here are a few other theological suggestions on authors and theologians who might shed extra light on the subject of reformed theology. Many books by these authors are in our library, and a few others will appear on the Resource table over the summer months.

Amazon often has secondhand books for sale for a few dollars, so don't fear to check one or two out this summer, or keep them in your back pocket for when you have that upcoming long flight or train ride.

Suggestions: John Leith, Otto Weber, Meredith Kline, Shirley Guthrie, William Barclay, Frederick Buechner, Nancy J. Duff, Frederick Nymeyer, and Letty M. Russell.

## Sunday Morning Openers

July 17 - Rick Nochta

July 24 - Brian Baird

July 31 - Pete Sizemore

August 7 - Jake Savage

## Fellowship Hour

July 17- Brian and Katherine Baird

July 24 - Walter and RoseMarie Bundy

July 31 - Lisa and Kent Cardwell

August 7 - Bill and Cheryl Jacobs

**Our worship service is broadcast live** from 11:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon on WLES 590 AM and 97.7 FM and is streamed live on [www.truthnetwork.com](http://www.truthnetwork.com) (press “Listen Live,” then select “Richmond”).

For podcasts, go to [www.grace-covenant.org](http://www.grace-covenant.org), click on “**Worship**,” then the pull-down “**Sermons Online**” and select the **Full Service**, **Sunday Sermons**, or **Special Performances** you wish to hear. The podcasts are uploaded within an hour of the end-of-broadcast.

For Audio CDs, leave a note to the Radio Room in the Glass Office or call the main church office 359-2463. There is no charge for this service, but any contributions to “The Radio Fund” are greatly appreciated and will help to assure the continuation of this ministry.

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## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

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**Lord, hear our prayer for...**

**Jed Wilson**; the family and friends of **John Roberts** as they mourn his passing; **Jack Corley's** daughter, Suzanne Corley; family and friends of **Margaret Valentine** as they mourn her passing; **Jean Appich** in her recovery; **Rosie Turner**; **Ann Pais'** daughter-in-law, **Jane Pais**, with cancer; **Susan Farrell's** father, **Jim**, facing health issues; **Elizabeth Russell's** father, **Dr. William Russell**; **Cynthia Holmes'** mother, **Constance Lockman**; **George Turner**; **Dr. Carl** and **Mrs. Jo McMillin**; **Steve Cobb** and his family; Carol Ann Moorhead-George, daughter of **Logan R. Moorhead**, who is fighting Lyme Disease; **Stuart Chapman**, **David Russell**, and all who are serving in our nation's Armed Forces.

**Lord, we give thanks for...**

Caleb Gibson, who is now in remission.

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