

January 29, 2022

4th Sunday after Epiphany



Come Worship the Living



PRELUDE

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE

NRSV

Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. 2 And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables.

3 Therefore, brothers and sisters, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, 4 while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." 5 What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. 6 They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. 7 The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

NLT

But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food.

2 So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. 3 And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. 4 Then we apostles can spend our time in prayer and teaching the word." 5 Everyone liked this idea, and they chose the following: Stephen (a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit), Philip, Procorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas of Antioch (an earlier convert to the Jewish faith). 6 These seven were presented to the apostles, who prayed for them as they laid their hands on them. 7 So God's message continued to spread. The number of believers greatly increased in Jerusalem, and many of the Jewish priests were converted, too.

SINGING OUR PRAISE

PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

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 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.

CONSECRATING OUR TITHES & OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him all creatures here below,

Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

PRAYER REQUESTS

Virginia Abbott	Mitch Early	David Pittman
Alice Alford	Sherry Fox	Sara Katherine Reid
Matt Amason	Cicero Gainer	Vance Richardson
Betty Lou Brame	Jackie Gray	Amy Salley
Peggy Burch	Sibyle Harmon	Janet Sheek
Mabel Campbell	Elnora Holmes	Nell Simmons
Melinda Campbell	Nancy Hulon	Fred Snyder
Justin Chamberlain	Brittany Johnson	Darlene Thomas
Mitzie Conner	Judy McDaniel	Helen Wallace
Ralph Conner	Andrew Miles	Curtis Walsh
Lois Crafton	Joe Miller Sr.	Iris Ward
Dot Davis	Debbie Mullins	Sally Wheat
Jimmie Early	Frances Owen	

UPCOMING EVENTS

Full calendar can be found at www.ramseymemorial.org

February 2	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
February 5	5th Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
February 9	Prayer group	(11:00am)
February 12	6th Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)
February 16	Prayer Group	(11:00am)
February 19	7th Sunday after Epiphany	(10:00am, Sanctuary)

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TURNING OUR PRAYER LIST INTO A CARE LIST

Prayer is one of the most important things Christians can do for one another, especially during times of life's difficulties and struggles. We have the opportunity to consider doing more by turning our prayer list into a "Care List." Several members of Ramsey have looked into the possibility of beginning a Stephen Ministry which would give us the ability to reach out to individuals here at church and, potentially, in the community, who would appreciate having someone walk beside them during times of a life difficulty or crisis. Stephen Ministry is a proven and effective way to organize, equip, and support a team of congregation members (called Stephen Ministers) to provide high-quality, one-to-one, Christ-centered care to those experiencing life difficulties. Some of these include:

- Grieving the loss of a loved one
- Those experiencing a medical crisis or terminal illness
 - Divorce (before, during, or after)
- Families with children who have disabilities

These are just a few of the many challenges or needs for care in any congregation. Stephen Ministers do not act as professional counselors, but as Christians willing to commit to those for a time who are in need of support. Stephen Ministers will receive their training and support by Stephen Leaders here at Ramsey. If you are interested in learning more about becoming a Stephen Minister and what is involved or just more about the ministry and what we hope to offer, a question and answer session will be held following the 10 am service on Sunday, January 29. If you have any questions or need clarification prior to that meeting, please contact Sherry Price at 804-920-8066 or Sherry.price@gmail.com or Beverly Rugani at 804-338-0682 or bhrugani@gmail.com.

For more information visit their website at stephenministries.org.