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# *Bethel Prayer Concerns*

*Sunday, December 5, 2021*

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## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Blessed are you, Lord God:  
for you have smiled on us this day  
and redeemed us from our sin.  
Give light to all who wait in darkness  
until we rest with you in perfect peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



## **REFLECTIONS**

Paul writes to the church at Philippi: "I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now" (Phil. 1:3-5). Think about people in your life for whom you give thanks, who have been in your prayers, and who have brought good news and joy to you this year. Consider writing them a letter or card to express your gratitude.

# Bethel Presbyterian Church Announcements

## **ANGEL TREE GIFTS DUE**

Reminder: All Angel Tree gifts should be turned in to the office **by today**. Please contact the office if your gift submission will be delayed. The gifts will be distributed Saturday, Dec 11.

## **Christmas Basket Helpers Needed**

Each Christmas, Bethel distributes approximately 50 food baskets and Angel Tree gifts to local families in need. This year, the Service Team will be picking up the food from Kroger at **3:30 pm on Fri, Dec 10** and packaging it in the Fellowship Hall until 6 pm (or whenever we can get finished). We will be doing a drive-through distribution of the Christmas baskets on **Sat, Dec 11 from 10 am to 1 pm**. All interested persons are welcome to come help. Please call or text Esther Parish at 865-405-5242 with any questions.

## **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING**

The Christmas Joy Offering provides assistance for those who have dedicated their lives to the service of the church and supports leadership development and education at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. We will receive the Christmas Joy offering in worship on 12/19.

## **HOME FOOD COLLECTION**

For the month of December our items are **Baby Supplies** (diapers, rash cream, baby wipes, lotion, shampoo, bath). Items may be placed in the yellow collection boxes in the Gathering Area.

