

Membership, Baptism and Confirmation

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What is the chief end of man?

The chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy him forever.
-Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 1

What do we do when we go to church?

We come to church to experience God in a way we are not able to individually. When we gather to worship God at church, the body of Christ collectively experiences and gives worship to the God of the universe. We do this by hearing directly from God reading Scripture, speaking to him through by praying, worshipping him by singing songs, receiving his love and grace through celebrating the Lord's Supper, and learning about him by hearing the Word of God interpreted through the sermon. We may or may not feel anything different here, but we believe that whatever it is that we experience when we are at church is the closest thing we have to experiencing an encounter with the living God. We're glad you're joining us.

The Way
(*New Horizon*)

Chorus:

I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life
I believe You are
The way, the truth, the life

I believe
Through every battle
Through every heartbreak
Through every circumstance
I believe
That You are my fortress
Oh, and You are my portion
And You are my hiding place
I believe

Chorus

I believe
Through every blessing
Through every promise
Through every breath I take
I believe
That You are provider
And You are protector
And You are the One I love

Chorus

It's a new horizon and I'm set on You
And You meet me here today with
mercies that are new
All my fears and doubts,
they can all come too
Because they can't stay long when I'm
here with You

Chorus

Call To Worship

Psalm 95: 1-3

1 Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! 2 Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! 3 For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions they fail not
As Thou has been Thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter,
and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide.
Strength for today
and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

Chorus

I'll gaze upon my Jesus, and
thank Him for the cross
Yes, I'll thank You for the cross

Chorus

Welcome & Announcements

Get Connected



The following are opportunities to connect with others in the church. If you are interested in more information, please email Beth Goss (beth.goss@brookhavenpres.com).

A. Connections Groups: Monthly or quarterly gatherings for relational connection.

B. Cohorts: Groups that meet bi-monthly for the sake of exploring or growing in areas of similar interests or life circumstances.

C. Discipleship Groups: Small groups in which people are growing in their knowledge of Jesus in the context of meaningful community.

D. Serving on Leadership: The mechanism in which we are encouraging our people to invest in others as Christ has invested in us. For more information on the various leadership teams, please go to the BPC website (www.brookhavenpres.com/serve).

Membership, Confirmation and Baptism

About Membership:

“The Church which the Lord Jesus Christ has erected in this world for the gathering and perfecting of the saints is His visible kingdom of grace” (PCA Book of Church Order 1.1-2). “Yet, the Church is not only a society of external things and rites, but principally a society of faith and of the Holy Spirit in the hearts” (Apology of Augsburg Confession, arts. 7-8). In the modern individualization of society where we are left to our own devices in navigating life, formal church membership is a way for us to bind ourselves together as a spiritual community. Church membership brings the accountability of responsibility, but it also brings us the security, safety and stability of meaningful connection. It is, in effect, a foreshadowing form of our engagement to be married to Christ on the day of His return.

About Confirmation:

After walking through a season of mentoring and deep conversations, young members of our congregation are taking an important step in their faith journey. In our congregation, confirmation is more than a rite of passage; it is a profound moment in the ongoing formation of the faith of these young members. It is not the culmination of the confirmation process but the beginning of a deeper and ongoing relationship with Christ and with the church community. As they continue to explore the ways God is leading them, we, as a church family, are honored to walk alongside them in truth, love and grace. It is our privilege to support and nurture them as they journey forward, discovering and living out their faith in unique and meaningful ways.

About Baptism:

“The sacrament of baptism is a washing with water in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, which is a sign and seal that we are joined to Christ, that we receive the benefits of the covenant of grace, and that we are engaged to be the Lord’s” (Westminster Confession of Faith, Shorter Catechism Q.94). Baptism is a poignant expression of our relationship with God through our savior, Jesus Christ, by whom it was instituted. It functionally serves as God’s sign to us, and the world around us, that we belong to Him and the body of his people in the church. As we observe the beautiful symbol that is the washing with water, we remember that it is only by Christ’s sacrifice for sinners like us that we can be washed clean and united to God and His covenantal community of grace. The baptism of our infants

particularly reminds us of our own baptism story. Just as the infant brings nothing to the table and is unable to provide for its own needs, so too does God work through His promises to do for us that which we cannot do for ourselves. In these ways, baptism is a covenantal sign that the Holy Spirit wants to use to build a unified spiritual community based on the grace and promises of God.

New Members: Confirmand: Baptisms:

Robert Abbott
Raasha Gutierrez

Molly McGee

Adult:
Robert Abbott

Grace Ascar
Christine Ertley
Timothy Ertley
Gunnar Gronholm
Hannah Gronholm
Claire Jansen van Rensburg
Allison Keegan
Chris Keegan

Children:
David Mitchell "Bear" Bishop
Miles Griffin Buser
Emery Ann Heston
Mary "Myers" King
Finley "Finn" Richard Nelson
Charlotte Anne Smith
Emerson "Emmy" Anne Starkes
Noah Jonathan Surls
Ella Catherine Winkler

Vows

Membership:

- 1) Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
- 2) Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is ordered in the gospel?
- 3) Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
- 4) Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
- 5) Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

Baptism

Parents:

- 1) Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
- 2) Do you claim God's covenant promises on their behalf and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for their salvation, as you do for your own?
- 3) Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

Congregation:

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Prayer

Congregational Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom and the power
and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Matthew 6: 9-13 (NIV)

Children of all ages are welcome in the service at all times. Anyone going to class may do so now.

Sermon

2nd Kings 18:1-19:19

1 In the third year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Hezekiah son of Ahaz king of Judah began to reign. 2 He was twenty-five years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem twenty-nine years. His mother's name was Abijah daughter of Zechariah. 3 He did what was right in the eyes of the Lord, just as his father David had done. 4 He removed the high places, smashed the sacred stones and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke into pieces the bronze snake Moses had made, for up to that time the Israelites had been burning incense to it. (It was called Nehushtan.)

5 Hezekiah trusted in the Lord, the God of Israel. There was no one like him among all the kings of Judah, either before him or after him. 6 He held fast to the Lord and did not stop following him; he kept the commands the Lord had given Moses. 7 And the Lord was with him; he was successful in whatever he undertook. He rebelled against the king of Assyria and did not serve him. 8 From watchtower to fortified city, he defeated the Philistines, as far as Gaza and its territory.

9 In King Hezekiah's fourth year, which was the seventh year of Hoshea son of Elah king of Israel, Shalmaneser king of Assyria marched against Samaria and laid siege to it. 10 At the end of three years the Assyrians took it. So Samaria was captured in Hezekiah's sixth year, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel. 11 The king of Assyria deported Israel to Assyria and settled them in Halah, in Gozan on the Habor River and in towns of the Medes. 12 This happened because they had not obeyed the Lord their God, but had violated his covenant—all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded. They neither listened to the commands nor carried them out.

13 In the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah's reign, Sennacherib king of Assyria attacked all the fortified cities of Judah and captured them. 14 So Hezekiah king of Judah sent this message to the king of Assyria at Lachish: "I have done wrong. Withdraw from me, and I will pay whatever you demand of me." The king of Assyria exacted from Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 So Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the temple of the Lord and in the treasuries of the royal palace.

16 At this time Hezekiah king of Judah stripped off the gold with which he had covered the doors and doorposts of the temple of the Lord, and gave it to the king of Assyria.

17 The king of Assyria sent his supreme commander, his chief officer and his field commander with a large army, from Lachish to King Hezekiah at Jerusalem. They came up to Jerusalem and stopped at the aqueduct of the Upper Pool, on the road to the Washerman's Field. 18 They called for the king; and Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went out to them.

19 The field commander said to them, "Tell Hezekiah:

"This is what the great king, the king of Assyria, says: On what are you basing this confidence of yours? 20 You say you have the counsel and the might for war—but you speak only empty words. On whom are you depending, that you rebel against me? 21 Look, I know you are depending on Egypt, that splintered reed of a staff, which pierces the hand of anyone who leans on it! Such is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all who depend on him. 22 But if you say to me, "We are depending on the Lord our God"—isn't he the one whose high places and altars Hezekiah removed, saying to Judah and Jerusalem, "You must worship before this altar in Jerusalem?"

23 "Come now, make a bargain with my master, the king of Assyria: I will give you two thousand horses—if you can put riders on them! 24 How can you repulse one officer of the least of my master's officials, even though you are depending on Egypt for chariots and horsemen? 25 Furthermore, have I come to attack and destroy this place without word from the Lord? The Lord himself told me to march against this country and destroy it."

26 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah, and Shebna and Joah said to the field commander, “Please speak to your servants in Aramaic, since we understand it. Don’t speak to us in Hebrew in the hearing of the people on the wall.”

27 But the commander replied, “Was it only to your master and you that my master sent me to say these things, and not to the people sitting on the wall—who, like you, will have to eat their own excrement and drink their own urine?”

28 Then the commander stood and called out in Hebrew, “Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria! 29 This is what the king says: Do not let Hezekiah deceive you. He cannot deliver you from my hand. 30 Do not let Hezekiah persuade you to trust in the Lord when he says, ‘The Lord will surely deliver us; this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.’

31 “Do not listen to Hezekiah. This is what the king of Assyria says: Make peace with me and come out to me. Then each of you will eat fruit from your own vine and fig tree and drink water from your own cistern, 32 until I come and take you to a land like your own—a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olive trees and honey. Choose life and not death!

“Do not listen to Hezekiah, for he is misleading you when he says, ‘The Lord will deliver us.’ 33 Has the god of any nation ever delivered his land from the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? Where are the gods of Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah? Have they rescued Samaria from my hand? 35 Who of all the gods of these countries has been able to save his land from me? How then can the Lord deliver Jerusalem from my hand?”

36 But the people remained silent and said nothing in reply, because the king had commanded, “Do not answer him.”

37 Then Eliakim son of Hilkiah the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary, and Joah son of Asaph the recorder went to Hezekiah, with their clothes torn, and told him what the field commander had said.

1 When King Hezekiah heard this, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and went into the temple of the Lord. 2 He sent Eliakim the palace administrator, Shebna the secretary and the leading priests, all wearing sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz. 3 They told him, “This is what Hezekiah says: This day is a day of distress and rebuke and disgrace, as when children come to the moment of birth and there is no strength to deliver them. 4 It may be that the Lord your God will hear all the words of the field commander, whom his master, the king of Assyria, has sent to ridicule the living God, and that he will rebuke him for the words the Lord your God has heard. Therefore pray for the remnant that still survives.”

5 When King Hezekiah's officials came to Isaiah, 6 Isaiah said to them, "Tell your master, 'This is what the Lord says: Do not be afraid of what you have heard—those words with which the underlings of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Listen! When he hears a certain report, I will make him want to return to his own country, and there I will have him cut down with the sword.'"

8 When the field commander heard that the king of Assyria had left Lachish, he withdrew and found the king fighting against Libnah.

9 Now Sennacherib received a report that Tirhakah, the king of Cush, was marching out to fight against him. So he again sent messengers to Hezekiah with this word: 10 "Say to Hezekiah king of Judah: Do not let the god you depend on deceive you when he says, 'Jerusalem will not be given into the hands of the king of Assyria.' 11 Surely you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the countries, destroying them completely. And will you be delivered? 12 Did the gods of the nations that were destroyed by my predecessors deliver them—the gods of Gozan, Harran, Rezeph and the people of Eden who were in Tel Assar? 13 Where is the king of Hamath or the king of Arpad? Where are the kings of Lair, Sepharvaim, Hena and Ivvah?"

14 Hezekiah received the letter from the messengers and read it. Then he went up to the temple of the Lord and spread it out before the Lord. 15 And Hezekiah prayed to the Lord: "Lord, the God of Israel, enthroned between the cherubim, you alone are God over all the kingdoms of the earth. You have made heaven and earth. 16 Give ear, Lord, and hear; open your eyes, Lord, and see; listen to the words Sennacherib has sent to ridicule the living God.

17 "It is true, Lord, that the Assyrian kings have laid waste these nations and their lands. 18 They have thrown their gods into the fire and destroyed them, for they were not gods but only wood and stone, fashioned by human hands. 19 Now, Lord our God, deliver us from his hand, so that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone, Lord, are God."

NOTES

Lord's Supper

For Christians, the Lord's Supper is the most sacred thing we do all week. We believe as Presbyterians that though the bread and wine do not become the physical body and blood, nevertheless something mysterious and spiritual happens when we eat and drink by faith, so that we are spiritually nourished and our union with Christ and one another is signified and sealed. For that reason, anyone who is not a Christian and does not see this as sacramental may feel free to abstain, as we do not want to force you to do something with your body that is inconsistent with your heart. However, the Heidelberg Catechism says that for those who are displeased with themselves because of their sins, and yet trust that they are forgiven, the Supper is a sign and reminder of the unconditional love of God for them, and that their weakness and sin are covered by the suffering and death of Christ.

If this is where you find yourself, we invite you to come forward to participate in the supper. When the music starts, please go to the center aisle of the section where you are sitting and return on the outside aisle of your section. When you come forward, please take a gluten-free cracker and dip it into the white grape juice or red wine. For anyone who may find it easier to remain seated during communion, single-use communion cups are available on the table in the front right of the sanctuary. Please feel free to ask any BPC member for assistance. If you think your child is ready to go through confirmation and receive communion, please contact Blythe Coker, Director of Youth Ministry (blythe.coker@brookhavenpres.com).

Whether you are coming forward to participate in the Lord's Supper or choose to abstain, we have people in the front corners of the church who would love to pray for you.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven. He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

Confession

Almighty God, we confess that while you love us, we do not love you fully. You call, but we do not always listen. We often walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. God of grace, help us to examine our hearts that we may be quick to repent of our sin, and quick to know the depth of your grace and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

-Psalm 103: 11-12

Prayer & Reflection

We encourage you to use the time before and after you receive communion to be still with God. For each of us this may look different, but you can use this time to read back over the scripture, reflect on God's love and forgiveness for you, sing along with the song or pray through the following prompts:

-For God to give you deep rest in Him.

-For God to give you a hunger to know and be with Him.

-For God to show you how He wants you to respond to anything from the service today that convicted, encouraged, or compelled you to action.

-For anyone in your life who may be struggling.

Offering

An offering box is located on the left of the stage as an opportunity to give back to God. You may also donate online through Church Center.

Communion Song

All Shall Be Well

Tell the righteous that it shall be well with them, for they shall eat the fruit of their deeds.

-Isaiah 3: 10

Thank you for the sun
Thank you for the moon
Thank you for the stars at night
And the darkness too

Bless you for your peace
Bless you for your grace
Bless you for your perfect love
And your perfect ways

Chorus:

*And all shall be well,
All shall be well
All manner of things shall be well*

Use me as you will
Remove my selfish pride
Create in me a servant's heart
To bless your holy bride

And when my work is done
And the seeds are sown
Please receive my spirit Lord
And welcome me home

Chorus

We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

On this mountain the Lord of
hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of
well-aged wine, of rich food full of
marrow, of aged wine well refined.
-Isaiah 25: 6

He will wipe away every tear from
their eyes, and death shall be
no more, neither shall there be
mourning, nor crying, nor pain
anymore, for the former things
have passed away.”

-Revelation 21: 4

Chorus:

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

“He has done great things.”

We will say together.

We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire;

He is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood

Upheld, protected, gathered up.

Chorus

In the dark of night before the dawn,

My soul be not afraid;

For the promised morning, oh how long!

O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Chorus

Every vow we've broken and betrayed,

You are the faithful One;

And from the garden to the grave,

Bind us together, bring shalom.

Chorus

Benediction

*From Revelation
21:5 and 22: 20*

He who was seated on the throne said, “I am
making everything new!” Amen. Come, Lord
Jesus!

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Amen.

HEADLINES

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MEMBERSHIP, AND BAPTISM



Connect With Us: If you would like prayer for something specific, are new to the church, or would like to meet with a church leader, please text your information to 770-241-8131 or scan the QR code to fill out the contact card.

UPCOMING DATES -

Sun, September 27th: Community Lunch at 11:30am (BPC - Gathering Space)

Sun, September 27th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Sun, September 27th: Mid-Century Moderns Dinner at 6:30pm (Barrs Home)

Tues, September 29th: Session Meeting at 7:30pm (BPC - Room 204)

Thurs, October 1st: Diaconate Meeting at 7:15pm (BPC - Room 100)

Sun, October 4th: Playground Playdates for 2s and 3s at 9:30am (BPC - Playground)

Sun, October 4th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Mon, October 5th: Creative Cohort from 7:30-9:00pm (Location TBD)

Sun, October 11th: Sunday School: Worship at 8:30am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, October 11th: Kids Church Open Gym at 9:30am (BPC - Gym)

Mon, October 12th: Creative Cohort from 7:30-9:00pm (Location TBD)

Sat, October 17th: BPC Housing Workday from 9:45am-1:00pm (Meet at BPC!)

Sun, October 18th: Sunday School: Worship at 8:30am (BPC - Room 204)

Sun, October 18th: Youth Group at 6:00pm (BPC - Gym & Backyard)

Sun, October 18th: Working Moms Social at 7:00pm (Newk's in Town Brookhaven)

You can find all the details and any relevant registrations for each of these events on the Events page on the BPC app or website!

1) PRAYING THROUGH OUR CHURCH VALUES: INCARNATION

For the last several years, at the start of each new ministry year, we have prayed through the values of our church: Generosity, Renewal, Incarnation, and Prayer.

For this week, we will be praying through our value of **Incarnation**.

Through **Incarnation**, we move to meet people where they are because God meets us where we are.

Pray with us as we long for the following list to be a reflection of who we are as we seek to embody the value of **Incarnation**:

We meet people who are new to us on Sunday mornings to facilitate relational connection in the church.

We submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

We consider the needs of others as greater than our own.

We embody Jesus in our community through our faithful presence.

2) BOOK DISCUSSION: THERE'S NO PLACE FOR US

On Sunday, November 1st, Zach will lead a book discussion on *There's No Place for Us: Working and Homeless in America* by Brian Goldstone.

This book takes us into the lives of people in Atlanta who are working but still experiencing homelessness. Through their stories, we get a closer look at what it means to try to make ends meet, find stable housing, and build a secure life in a city where housing can be difficult to afford.

Our discussion will give us a chance to think together about homelessness in our own community. We'd love for you to join us!

We will meet in Room 204 from 8:30-9:45am on Sunday, November 1st.

3) SUNDAY SCHOOL: WORSHIP CLASS

Why do Christians worship, and why do we worship the way we do? In this two-part Sunday School class taught by Stefan Cashwell, BPC's Director of Worship and Design, we'll explore the biblical meaning of worship and uncover the purpose behind the songs, prayers, Scripture, sacraments, and rhythms of our Sunday gathering. Come discover how worship forms us and draws us more deeply into relationship with God.

We will meet on Sundays, October 11th and 18th from 8:30-9:45am in Room 204.

You can RSVP and register for childcare by scanning the QR code.



4) CREATIVE COHORT

Discover and develop your creative voice in BPC's Creative Cohort: a space where artistry and worship meet. Through the format of an AWA (Amherst Writers & Artists) Writing Workshop, we'll gather to practice writing in community, without pressure or judgment. Our goal is to cultivate a program that helps our church family embrace their God-given creativity, deepening authenticity in their relationship with God and self. Whether you're a seasoned artist or simply curious, you're invited to join us in exploring how creativity can shape worship and spiritual formation.

Our next Creative Cohort will begin on Monday, October 5th from 7:30-9:00pm. We will meet for 4 weeks. If you are interested, please email Stefan (stefan.cashwell@brookhavenpres.com).

5) PRAYERS FOR CONFIRMATION, MEMBERSHIP, AND BAPTISM

Prayers for New Members and Confirmand:

Molly McGee (confirmand)

Robert Abbott

Raasha Gutierrez

Grace Ascar

Christine Ertley

Timothy Ertley

Gunnar Gronholm

Hannah Gronholm

Claire Jansen van Rensburg

Allison Keegan

Chris Keegan

- Pray that each of these new members find deep community in our congregation.
- Pray for them to continue to grow in their understanding of God's love for them in such a way that every aspect of their lives is changed by God's grace.
- Pray for them to find joy in using the gifts that God has given them to serve in the ways that God has called them to.
- Pray that they would become more like Jesus as they spend time with God.

David Mitchell "Bear" Bishop (Michelle and David): Our prayer for Bear is that he grows up to love the Lord as his Father and what the Lord has set before him as good. We pray that Bear grows into a man that pursues the Lord above all else and that he seeks to serve faithfully in the kingdom of God.

Miles Griffin Buser (Morgan and Griffin): We pray that Miles walks confidently as a man of God, experiences the freedom of His grace and that he seeks acceptance and guidance from Christ instead of the ways of this world.

Emery Ann Heston (Kat and Wesley): Our prayer for Emery comes from Matthew 5:16. We pray that Emery will shine God's light before others bringing glory to Him.

Mary "Myers" King (Kelly and Lee): Our prayer is that Myers would come to know Jesus and find her identity as a child of God. We pray that she would know she is loved and chosen by God and use her gifts to love others and advance God's kingdom here on earth.

Finley “Finn” Richard Nelson (Elizabeth and Matthew): We pray that Finley will come to know, love and trust God deeply. That he would remain joyful and curious, using those gifts to grow in his faith. We pray that God will uphold and strengthen him each day, protecting his life and ensuring he never goes a moment without knowing God’s deep love for him.

Charlotte Anne Smith (Meg and James): Our prayer for Charlotte is that she would walk with God, know the love of her Father, and find that the joy of the Lord is her strength. May she live courageously in who God made her to be, steward her gifts well, and believe with all her heart that God alone is enough.

Emerson “Emmy” Anne Starkes (Macy and Luke): Our prayer for Emmy is that she would find her hope, joy, and identity fully in Jesus. That she would not conform to the ways and comforts of this world, but instead live with a heart and life that reflect Jesus to everyone she encounters. We pray that she would have a deep love for others, always be an advocate for those who are hurting or overlooked, and use her voice to stand up for what is good and true.

Noah Jonathan Surls (Sarah and Jon): We pray that Noah would walk closely with God all the days of his life. May his heart be drawn to God’s purposes, and may he joyfully seek to be a part in God’s work of redemption and restoration in the world.

Ella Catherine Winkler (Shelley and Austin): Our prayer for Ella is that she will find her hope and identity in Christ rather than the things of this world. We pray she will use her gifts to build God’s kingdom and bless others, and that she will be filled with the joy and peace of Jesus