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**Our Prayer List**

**Jon Barton, Rhonda Hale, Robert and Katrine Cole, Rayfus Parham, James English, Ruth Claytor, Joshua Blankenship, Todd Muse, Jim Slaughter, Tonya Price, Rev. Terri Cornwell, Elease Wilson (on the passing of her brother and sister-in-law)**

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**Mark 12: 28-34**

**28**One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, “Of all the commandments, which is the most important?”

**29**“The most important one,” answered Jesus, “is this: ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. **30**Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.’ **31**The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

**32**“Well said, teacher,” the man replied. “You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. **33**To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices.”

**34**When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions.

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Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

**Sunday, May 5, 2024**

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**We Gather**

**Musical Prelude** … Frederick Bolden

**Greetings/Call to Worship** … Lisa Robinson

The Lord calls us out of our isolation to join with one another in a community of faith. The Lord calls us out of our confusion to hear a word of inspired truth and wisdom. The Lord calls us out of our past to lead us towards the divine kingdom full of purpose and possibilities. The Lord calls to us and together we say thank you, hallelujah, and AMEN.

**Blessed Break** *(Let us greet one another in the name of Jesus)*

**We Call Upon the Lord**

**Congregational Hymn** … What A Friend We Have in Jesus … #435 (Red Hymnal)

**Call to Confession** *(from Cole Arthur Riley)*… Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

Caring God, we confess that we have not loved this world well. Lord, we do not always love others or ourselves and we confess that at times we are afraid, lacking the courage to risk ourselves on love for fear of losing it. Loving Lord, help us to love and to be loved.

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

Precious and kind God, you have shown us how to love ourselves and reject our shame. You have revealed to us that even in the dust and dirtiness of our mistakes and missteps, “if we confess our sins, then you are faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.” Let us believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven…

**Prayers of the People**

**The Lord’s Prayer**… *Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, the 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. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. AMEN.*

**Gloria Patri** … Frederick Bolden

**We Share God’s Word**

**Scripture Reading** … Mark 12: 28-34 (back of the bulletin) … Brooke Stephens

**Reflect in Music** … Joyce Bolden

**Sermon** … *Treat Important Things Importantly* … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

**We Respond**

**Respond in Song** … Avery Bolden

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

* **Meditation**
* **The Bread and Cup** (Let Us Break Bread … Frederick Bolden)
* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Song to Move Us**… Janie Bolden

**Affirm Our Faith** (1 Corinthians 13) … Rev. Dusty Fiedler *If I can talk like MLK, but do not speak love, I am eloquent noise.****2****If I have the IQ of a genius and know a whole lot of things, and if I come to church every week and jump and shout in praise, but do not have love, that stuff doesn’t mean much.****3****If I give my money to charity and let you know how tired I am because of all my volunteer work, but do not love the people I am working with, what is that about?* ***4****Love is patient, love is kind. Love is not jealous, it doesn’t brag about itself, nor is it satisfied with itself.****5****It doesn’t disrespect others, it is not transactional or angry, it doesn’t hold on to hurt.****6****Love is not happy with foolishness but finds joy in the truth.****7****Love always protects, trusts, hopes, and love stays strong…* ***13****Faith, hope and love are great, but the most important is love.*

**Sounds of Joy** … Avery Bolden

**We Tell the Good News**

**Benediction** … Rev. Vernie L. Bolden, Jr

**Step Out in Song** … Rev. Ellen Woodworth

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**We count it a joy that you shared with us today!**

**May the Lord bless you and keep you,**

**May the face of the Lord shine upon you and be gracious to you,**

**May the Lord turn to you and give you peace…**