

First Church Family

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Your prayer requests are being prayed over by your pastors, staff and prayer teams. To submit your prayer requests call the church office at **605-336-3652**; go online at **sfumc.org/prayer-requests**; or email Pam at **knuthp@sfumc.org**. Prayer requests submitted without direct permission from the person you are requesting prayer for will remain confidential. Be sure to mark the online prayer request form appropriately.

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Katherine Mickelson
(daughter of David & Val Mickelson)
- Court *(requested by Cornell Lyotte)*
- Tricia *(requested by Pastor Sara)*
- Deckert Family
(requested by Caitlin Marsh)
- Anna Gilbertson & Conner Gilbertson
(daughter and son of Tracy and Brad Gilbertson)
- Mike McConniel
(husband of Cynthia McConniel)
- Troy Baltzer *(husband of Rhonda Baltzer,
son-in-law of Larry & Sue Engeltjes,
brother-in-law of Pam (Nate) Knuth)*
- Cort Schepeler
(brother of Bill (Renita) Schepeler)
- Roberta Callaghan

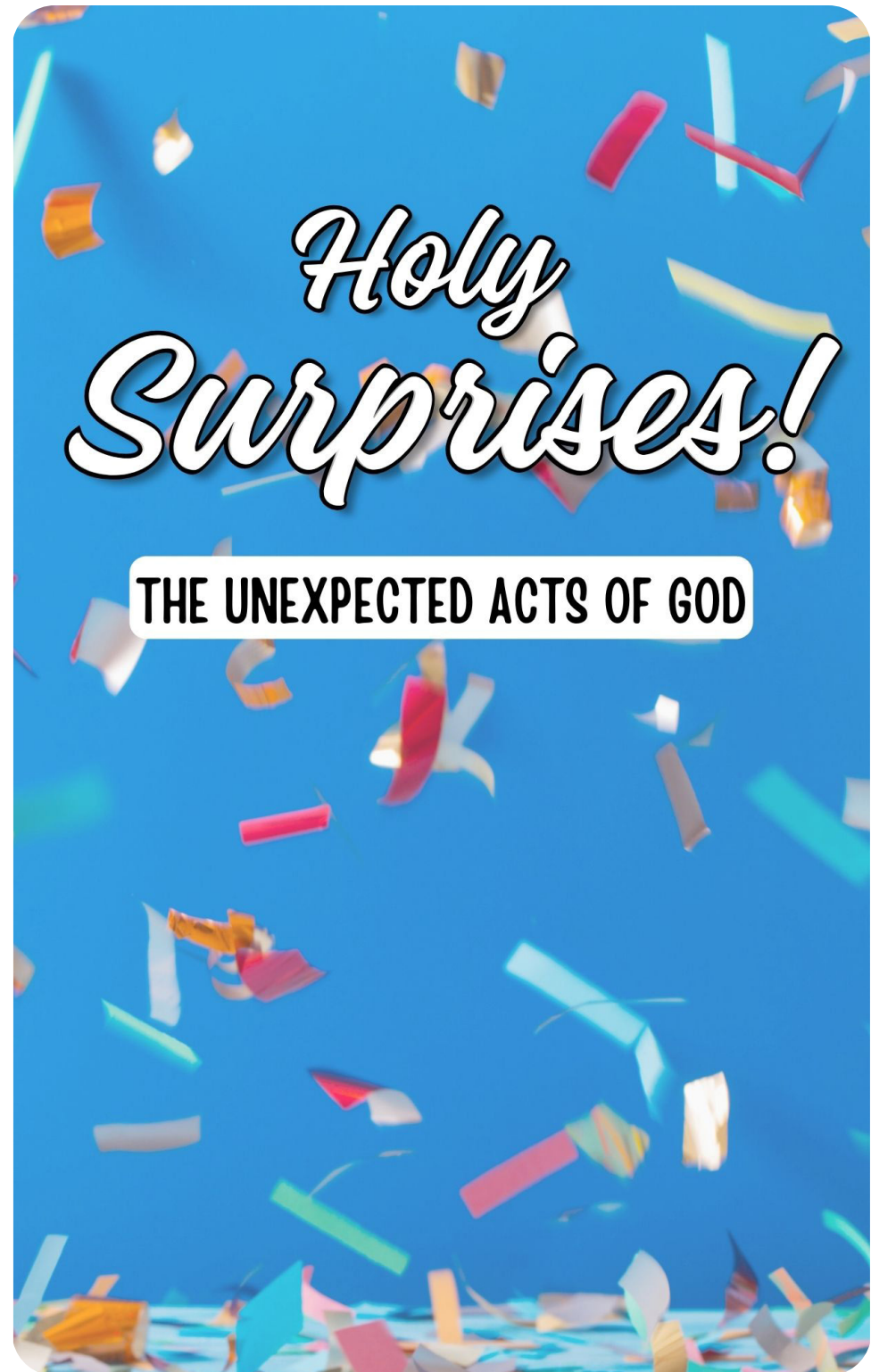
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Worship @ First, April 14, 2024

Holy Surprises!

8:30 Traditional Service

Prelude Marcia Klimes

Opportunities and Greetings

Time of welcome and greeting - please complete the online or in-person Connect Card.

Call to Worship †

One: Here in this space, we gather to sing!

ALL: Praise be to God! Sing with all you got!

One: Here in the morning, we gather to pray.

ALL: Praise be to God! God is with us!

One: Here in this space, we gather to grow.

ALL: Praise be to God! Holy Spirit, transform us today. Amen!

Capital Campaign “Forward in Faith: A Sanctuary for Today and Tomorrow”

Hymn of Praise † *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name*, No. 79

Invitation to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession †

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / Lord’s Prayer †

Gift of Music *Ring to the Lord a New Song*, Les Cloches

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer †

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all that you have given us in this life.

Take these gifts on the altar now and transform them into hope. Hope in eternal life with you but also hope in resurrection life now. Guide our hands and feet as we become your hands and feet in the world. In Jesus’ name, we pray. Amen.

Hymn of Faith † *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*, No. 381

Scripture † Acts 9:1-20 (NLT)

Message “An Unlikely Friendship”, Pastor Sara Nelson

Hymn of Commitment † *We Are Called*, FWS 2172

Sending Forth †

Sending Song † *Take My Life and Let It Be (v. 1)*, No. 399

Postlude Marcia Klimes

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Holy Surprises!

9:45 Unity Service

Centering *Ring to the Lord a New Song*, Les Cloches

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Call to Worship †

Surely The Presence Unity Band

L: Let us pray

Capital Campaign “Forward in Faith: A Sanctuary for Today and Tomorrow”

Time of Music †

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name No. 79

Blessed Be Your Name Unity Band

Kids Connect

Tithes and Offerings

Offering

Before the Throne of God Above Unity Band

Prayers of the People / Lord’s Prayer †

Sacrament of Baptism Phoebe Louise Wilkinson

daughter of Shane & Susan Wilkinson

With God’s help we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Phoebe Louise Wilkinson, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal. Amen.

Gift of Music *Make Me An Instrument of Thy Peace*, Chancel Choir

Scripture † Acts 9:1-20 (NLT)

Message “An Unlikely Friendship”, Pastor Sara Nelson

Closing Song † *This Beating Heart*, Unity Band

Sending Forth †

As we go from here, we go into the world to live as disciples of Jesus Christ to be a sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement in the heart of Sioux Falls. Be encouraged. God is with us. Amen.

Sending Song † *This Beating Heart (reprise)*, Unity Band

Postlude Marcia Klimes