

# Beecher Life December 11, 2022

## ***Prayer for today***

Holy God, your prophets have long spoken of the one who would come to save us. Now the promise is fulfilled; now your kingdom has come near. Send us as messengers of your way, to go and tell all the world of the wonders we have seen and the good news we have heard; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## ***Upcoming events:***

- ✚ Dec. 10 Ring the Bell for the Salvation Army at the west door of Kroger's. We still have 6pm-8pm available!
- ✚ Christmas Eve Service at Aurora First, 7PM.

## ***Hymn Story:*** Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

The German pastor, George Weissel, was inspired by Psalm 24 to write this hymn.

That psalm says:

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
yes, lift them up, you everlasting doors,  
and the King of glory will come in.

Who is this King of glory?

Yahweh of Armies is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:9-10).

In that psalm, David was calling the people of Jerusalem to prepare for the coming of the Ark of the Covenant into the city--the Ark that was destined to reside in the Holy of Holies, the holiest part of the temple--the Ark that represented the presence of the Lord among the people. David was calling his people to open the gates so that the Lord could enter their city--so that God could dwell among them and be Lord of their lives.

In like manner, this hymn calls us to open the gates of our hearts so that the Lord can enter there. It calls us to make our heart a temple--a holy place fit for the Lord's presence--a place "adorned with prayer and love and joy."

As we sing this hymn, consider whether you have invited God to dwell in your heart. Consider whether you have invited God to dwell in your home. Consider whether you have welcomed God to be a part of your life.

## ***Prayer List***

Please pray for: the leaders of our nation, the churches of our presbytery, Gene Crabtree, Dick Ernest, Madeline Siebert, Anita Trennepohl, Charity Vanosdol, Collin Schmidt, Aaron Smith, Jerome Roell, Beth Daugherty, Mary Schulte, Paula, Pete Eckerle, Bruce's uncle Joe, Roy Heitman, Jerry Henry, Mike & Hila Illing, the Stryker's, Margie Oelker, Bob Oelker, Alicia Smith, Daphne House, Ry Wessels, Rick Lowes, Jackie Rhodes, the Clearinghouse, Glen Wiesmann, Phillip Smith, Steve Wessels, Terry Wilson, Deborah McLaughlin, Jim Thompson, Jeri Smith, the congregation of Beecher Presbyterian Church.

### ***Questions for Reflection***

What does the kingdom of heaven have to do with the signs that Jesus describes for John's disciples: "the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them" (Matt. 11:5)? Where have you seen or heard such things?

### ***Thought Provoker***

The greatest thing is to be found at one's post as a child of God,  
living each day as though it were our last,  
but planning as though our world might last a hundred years.

C. S. Lewis



## **Chili Christmas at Beecher PC**

**Sunday, December 11, 2022**

*Immediately following Worship  
(11:30 AM) in the meeting room.*

Please bring your favorite pot of chili.  
Drinks and deserts are being provided.

Join us for some great food and fellowship!

**Antacids will be available upon request!!!**

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