

You are precious and honored in my sight I love you.
Isaiah 43:4

READ: Isaiah 43:1-4

As a child, Tenny felt insecure. He sought approval from his father, but he never received it. It seemed that whatever he did, whether in school or at home, it was never good enough. Even when he entered adulthood, the insecurity remained. He continually wondered, Am I good enough?

Only when Tenny received Jesus as his Savior did he find the security and approval he'd long yearned for. He learned that God—having created him—loved and cherished him as His son. Tenny finally could live with the confidence that he was truly valued and appreciated.

In Isaiah 43:1–4, God told His chosen people that, having formed them, He would use His power and love to redeem them. “You are precious and honored in my sight,” He proclaimed. He would act on their behalf because He loved them (v. 4).

The value God places on those He loves doesn't come from anything we do, but from the simple and powerful truth that He's chosen us to be His own.

These words in Isaiah 43 not only gave Tenny great security, but also empowered him with the confidence to do his best for God in whatever task he was called to do. Today he's a pastor who does all he can to encourage others with this life-giving truth: we're accepted and approved in Jesus. May we confidently live out this truth today.

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REFLECT: How do you think God sees you? What does John 1:12 tell you about your relationship with Him? What comfort do you find in that knowledge?

PRAY: *Heavenly Father, I know You love me, accept me, and cherish me. Thank You for adopting me as Your child and loving me without conditions.*

PRAYER SUGGESTIONS:

- Praise God for His presence in our lives! Pray that His Spirit may shine through you more and more and show you opportunities to encourage others.
- Pray for all of our returning snowbirds. May they be blessed in their worship and service here during the winter season.
- Weather events remind us how small we are compared to the forces of nature. Continue to pray for folks who live in areas that have been impacted by weather events, especially western North Carolina. Pray for those who are affected by wildfires in California and the Northeast U.S.
- Pray for Presbyterian Disaster Assistance workers and leaders as they bring help and healing to troubled areas around the world.
- Pray for Rev. Wood and Session as they meet today. May they have wisdom to make good decisions under the guidance of our Good Shepherd, Jesus.

CHURCH AT PRAYER

Current Health Issues:

Joyce Anderson's daughter Cheryl & grand-daughter Kim
Ben Ashton, & his aunt Minnie
John Atta & friend, Don
Ed Bachus
Brian Banks' daughter
Jean (Les) Bell
Karen Bowser's grandson, Elija
Clark & Jean Brillhart's friend, Shirley
Dwight (Sandy) Campbell
Pat Carroll's daughter, Jennifer
Sally Clark
Charlie Costello
George Chamberlin
Diane Cooper's friends Jamie B. & Ed F.
Dawn Durling
Barbara Eisenbach's friends, Mike K. & Rev. Richard Adams
Diane (Richard) Grant, her sister, Barbara, & brother-in-law, Herb
Ray & Gayle Green's daughter, Samantha & grandson Melvin
Barbara Harding
Mildred Hartman
Rev. Sandy Hill
Ron Kelly
Mary Keogh's friends, Beth & Debbie
Joan Kraftchak's neighbor, Chris
Sharon Layman's friend Bill & friend Robin
Juanita Leioatts' sister Shirley, & friend Teri
Lulu Llewellyn's friend Daniel B.
Doreen Lynch's brother Richard, friends; Jessica, Judy, Chris, & neighbors Linda & Al
Marshall (Patsy) McCammack
Cornelia Mills' friend Sharon
Kathy Morrison
Dave (Christine) Pierson
Dan Sharrow
Ralph Smith
Rev. Jim Spanogle
June Taylor's daughter, Cheri
Norma (Al) Tebbs' friend, Esther

Juanita & Bill Welsh
Jane Wilson
Carol Wise's son Jimmy
Julie Wylie, and grandson, Austin

Persistent/Chronic Illness:

Pam Carter
Pat (John) Carroll
Stan (Helga) LaVoque

Homebound/Care facilities:

Patci Blackwood
Ray Bratberg
Nancy Hart

Grieving:

Family and friends of Judy Nafziger, on the death of her husband, Richard (Dick) Nafziger (9/28/24)

Family and friends of Karen Rose, on the death of her husband, Irv (10/4/2024)

Family and friends of George Hall, on the death of his wife, Roxie (10/19/2024)

Family and friends of John Atta, on the death of his wife, June (10/23/2024)

Family and friends of Barbara Harding, on the death of her husband, Wayne (11/13/2024)

Family and friends of Bebe Rowe, upon her death (11-15-24)



Team Members: Joyce Anderson, Clark Brillhart, Jane Capo, Pat Carroll, Sally Clark, Barbara Eisenbach, Juanita Welsh (Rev. Jeff Wood)

Pray with us: Tuesdays at 9:15 a.m. To request prayer, contact the office or speak to a team member.

Prayer Teaching— CAP's 4th Tuesday of the Month at 9:30 a.m.