

SPECIAL ELECTION EVE PRAYER SERVICE TO EMPHASIZE  
PEACE, RECONCILIATION AND LOVE OF NEIGHBOR

The Memorial Church of the Prince of Peace, Gettysburg's Episcopal parish, will hold a special election eve prayer service on Monday, November 7 at 7 p.m. The church is located at 20 W. High Street in Gettysburg.

All are welcome.

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Sprouse, Prince of Peace's Rector said: "This election cycle has awakened levels of anxiety and concern that many of us have never experienced in a national election before, and therefore presents a very special need for us to gather for a service of peace, quiet and contemplative prayer." He added: "In this campaign season, we have seen the boundaries of civil speech and respectful discourse widely breached, so we are gathering to pray for peace, reconciliation, and for one another--without a partisan agenda--and without regard to the outcomes of the voting."

"The service is being held because after all the votes are counted, we are still called upon to love our neighbor," said Father Sprouse.

"Peace and national reconciliation are at the very core of Prince of Peace's existence, Sprouse noted, "as the parish church was built in the late 19<sup>th</sup> Century as a memorial to all who had served in the Civil War." It was established as a place where former opponents on the battlefield could come together to reflect and pray in a spirit of forgiveness and unity. The church houses some 150 memorials to soldiers and units, both Union and Confederate.

"Perhaps not since the Civil War has the nation been more in need of that kind of reconciliation," said Father Sprouse. "This cycle has been a difficult challenge for many voters, so we will pray for guidance, renewal and strength as well," he said.

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