

IN OUR PRAYERS

Imogene Giles, Ruth Payne, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother), Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson), Lee Harker (Friend of Jan Walsh).



LENT

Call to Worship
(inspired by Matthew 4:1-11)

Jesus began his ministry to the world, led by the Spirit into the wilderness.

As we begin our Lenten journey, let us be led by the Spirit, even into the uncomfortable places.

In those forty days, and in that place, Jesus was faced with hunger, doubt and temptation.

As we seek to follow Jesus, we would be led, even into the uncomfortable choices.

Jesus left the wilderness, faithful and obedient to God, rejoicing in the One in whom he trusted.

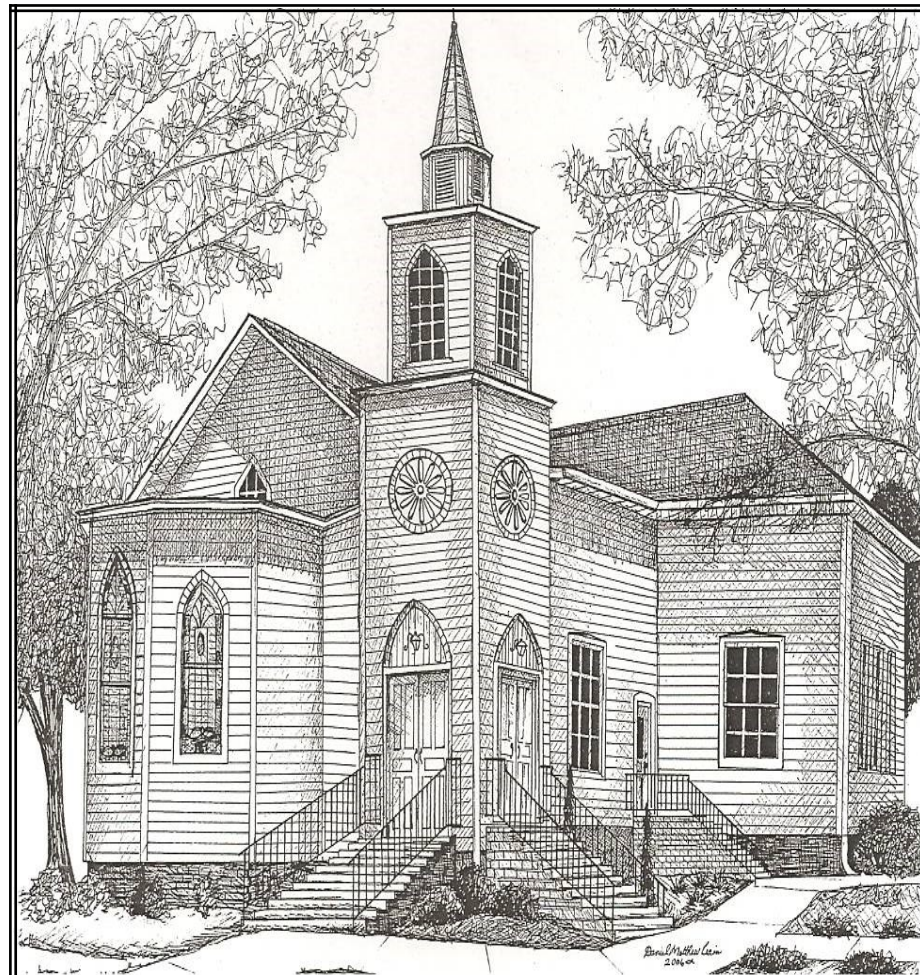
As we continue on our path to faithfulness, we will be led by our Christ, rejoicing in the Lord our God.

MEMORIAL

A memorial for Mary Quinn has been received from Dr. Virginia and Mr. Henry Gordon.

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil
Mission/Outreach: Trish McCoy
Worship: Virginia Gordon
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Property: John Merritt
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First Sunday of Lent

February 21, 2021

11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: "In the Garden"Miles

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (See back of bulletin)

Extinguishing the Lent Candle

"I Will Come to You"*I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear. You will hear My voice, I claim you as My choice. Be still, and know I am near. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me, I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.*

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 166:**"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days"Psalter

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dear Heavenly Father, Forty days alone, a wilderness of thoughts, tempting and inviting thoughts, which could so easily have distracted you from your task, your mission, your vision. Yet you emerged, stronger and more attuned to all that had to be done, despite a time constraint that to our eyes would have seemed hopeless.

We too live in stressful times. Demands are made of our time, that leave so little for the important things of life. We are easily distracted in the wilderness of our lives, by every call to go this way or that, to turn stone to bread, leap from mountains, and do all that would keep us from the truth.

We listen to the voices of this world, and ignore the one who endured all this and so much more, and emerged triumphant, that we might not have to suffer so. Forgive us, Father, when we get distracted from our task. Forgive us those times when we try to be all things to all men, and fail to be anything to anyone.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: "Be Still My Soul"Sibelius

Be still, my soul: The Lord is on thy side; With patience bear thy cross of grief or pain. Leave to thy God to order and provide; In ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul: Thy best, thy heav'nly Friend. Thru thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: Thy God doth undertake To guide the future as he has the past. Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake; All now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul: The waves and winds still know His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: The hour is hast'ning on. When we shall be forever with the Lord, When appointment, grief, and fear are gone, Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still, my soul: When change and tears are past, All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 2:15-18

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

Sermon: "More than Bread: Give up Control"..... Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 188:** "Jesus Loves Me"Warner

***Apostles' Creed** (*Glory to God, p. 35*)

Gloria Patri (*Glory to God, p. 581*)

Offertory: "Near the Cross"Wesley

***Doxology** (*Glory To God, No. 606*)

SENDING

***Hymn 765:** "Song of Hope"Schutmat

Benediction

UPCOMING SERMON

Next Sunday, February 21, our sermon will be "More than Bread: Give up The Imposter Syndrome" with scripture readings from John 3:1-17.