

## IN OUR PRAYERS

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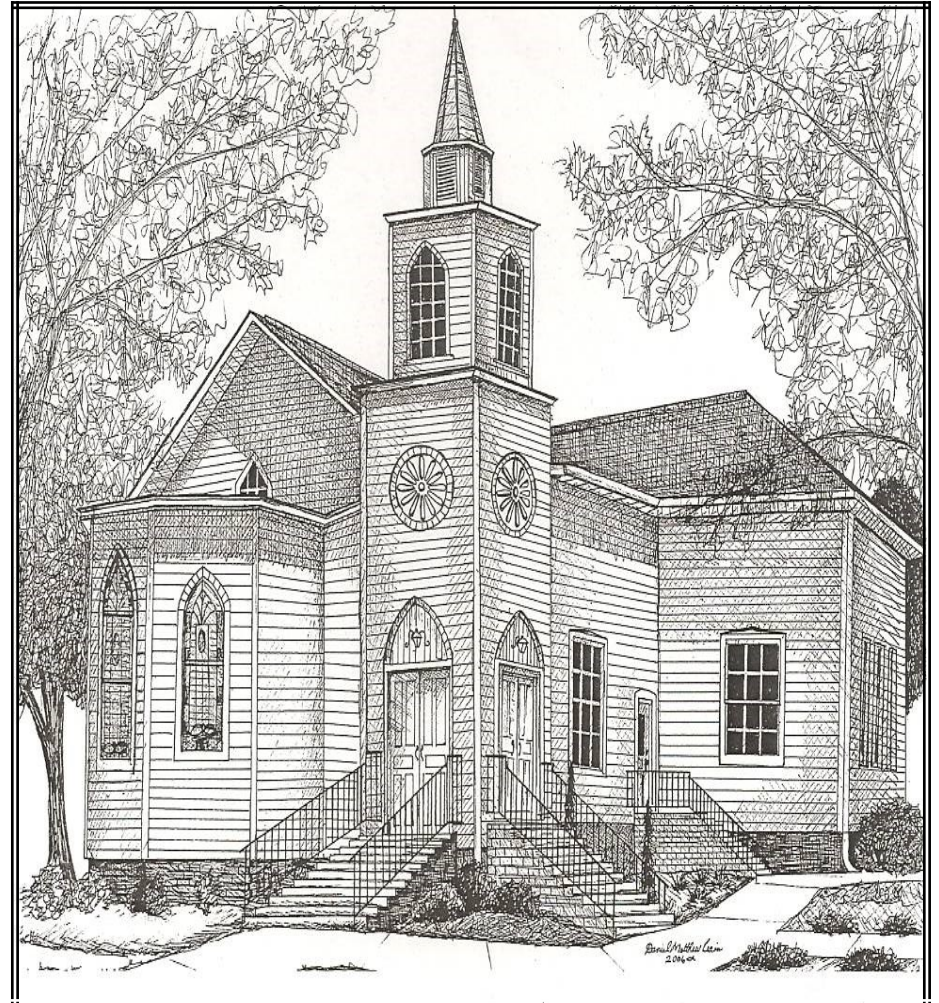
## LENTEN PRAYER

Almighty and Everlasting God, You have given the human race Jesus Christ our Savior as a model of humility. He fulfilled Your Will by becoming human and giving His life on the Cross. Help us to bear witness to You by following His example of suffering and make us worthy to share in His Resurrection. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

## RETURN TO IN-PERSON WORSHIP!

Welcome back to church! We are grateful for the wisdom that God bestowed upon our Session last week during their regular stated meeting. As we are now in a hybrid sense of worship, here are the in-person guidelines:

1. Masks will be required. We understand that many are either fully vaccinated or in the process of being vaccinated, but Session feels like we should continue wearing masks until the percent positive is closer to 1%. So, right now, we feel that we can confidently return to worship with masks while we are moving around, singing hymns, or praying aloud in unison. When you're seated and not talking, like during the sermon, it's okay to take a mask break.
2. Social distancing before, during, and after worship is still in place. Try to leave at least six feet between groups. We know that some of you have been around each other; if you are comfortable sitting with another friend that you have been in physical contact with for the past year, that is fine.
3. Remember that not everyone is immune just yet. Reports suggest you have to be fully vaccinated for 21 days before you are considered immune from COVID. Some of us are there, most of us are not. Hand sanitizer will be placed throughout the building for you to use. Remember: "Wash you hands and say your prayers, because Jesus and germs are everywhere!"
4. Offering boxes and plates will be located at the front and back of the building; we encourage you to drop your offering off either on your way in or on your way out of worship.
5. We will pass the peace from our pews with verbal greetings and a wave or other gesture of greeting.



### SESSION

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**Congregational Care:** John Johnston

# Westminster Presbyterian Church

## Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 14 2021

11:00 A.M

### GATHERING

**Prelude:** “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” .....Wesley

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Extinguishing the Lent Candle**

**Choral Call to Worship:** “I Will Come to You” (v.2) *I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me. 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 81:** “Lord who Throughout These Forty Days” .....Psalter

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

Merciful God, Jesus revealed the great depth of your love in his determination to defeat evil even when this meant giving up his own life. Forgive us, O God, when we allow the power of evil to flourish because we fear that taking up one's cross would be just too costly an exercise.

Gracious and loving God, forgive our lack of trust in you; Have mercy on us and forgive us. Help us when we hesitate, and strengthen us when we are weak. Breathe your Spirit afresh into our hearts and minds—our lives— so that we have the courage to follow Jesus wherever he takes us.

*(A moment of silent reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace**

### THE WORD

**Anthem:** “No Other Word for Grace, but Amazing” .....Mauldin

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Scripture:** Isaiah 43:1

**New Testament Scripture:** Mark 4:35-41

**Sermon:** “Give Up Fear”.....Rev. H. Audrey Reese

**Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Hymn 387:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” .....Bradbury

**Apostles Creed** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal* p. 14)

**Gloria Patri** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, p. 579)

**Offertory:** “Moment by Moment” .....Whittle

**\*Doxology** (*The Presbyterian Hymnal*, No. 591)

### SENDING

**\*Hymn 341 :**“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine” .....Crosby

**Benediction**

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*\*Today we will be singing out of the blue Presbyterian Hymnal\**

*There are no flowers in our sanctuary during Lent*

### UPCOMING SERMON

Next Sunday, March 21st, our sermon will be “More than Bread: Give up Your Way or the Highway” with scripture readings from Ephesians 4:17-24 and Mark 8:27-35.