

IN OUR PRAYERS

Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob Hartness (Rev. Audrey's dad), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al and Annie Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Erin Wood (Wendy Linhart's daughter, who has been deployed to serve our country) and Gene Goodwin (Henry and Virginia Gordon's friend)

PRAYER SISTER REVEAL

Ladies, we will meet briefly after worship to reveal our 2022 prayer sisters! Thank you for all your thoughts and prayers during the past year!

WPC CIRCLE

Remember our first Circle meeting of 2023 will be January 9th, 4:30 pm in Gossett Hall. Rev. Audrey will have our lesson to complete the Book of Ruth. Bring a goodie to share if you would like! Hope to see you all there!

JOY GIFT OFFERING

Many thanks to everyone who contributed to our Joy Gift offering this year. God Bless You!

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Worship: Virginia Gordon

Christian Education: Lou Haynes

Property: John Merritt

Stewardship/Finance: Kim Burden

Congregational Care: John Johnston

Westminster Presbyterian Church

First Sunday after Christmas

January 1, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: “Birthday of a King”.....Neidlinger

Welcome and Announcements

Choral Call to Worship: “Joy to the World” *Joy to the world, the Lord has come, Let earth receive her King! Let every heart, prepare Him room. And heaven and nature sing, and heaven and nature sing, and heaven and heaven and nature sing!*”

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 143:** “Angels from the Realms of Glory”.....Smart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, as another year draws to a close, we come together before God and with one another, confessing the ways in which we have been caught up in the frenzied spirit of the holidays and turned away from Your Spirit of Peace; the times we have focused so much on our own lives and desires, that we have neglected the voices of your children who cry out for Justice; in our focus on making the season perfect, we have turned away from the hurting people and broken places in our world in need of Healing; in the times we have dismissed Christmas as a time only for children, and we have stubbornly closed our hearts to your amazing gift of Love.

O Holy Child of Bethlehem, Word Become Flesh, our Savior and King, hear us as we humbly pray, Cast out our sin and enter in; be born in us today.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Genesis 1:1-5

New Testament Scripture: Matthew 2:1-12

Sermon: “Light Leads the Way ”Rev. Audrey Reese

Prayers of The People and the Lord’s Prayer

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal* p. 35)

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

***Hymn 121:** “O Little Town of Bethlehem”.....Redner

Offertory: “Sheep May Safely Graze”.....Bach

***Doxology** (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, No. 606)

SENDING

***Hymn 119:** “Hark! the Herald Angels Sing”.....Wesley

Benediction

*The flowers today are given to the
Glory of God and in memory of Violet Thomas Dodd
By Mr. and Mrs. Robert McMillan*

UPCOMING SERMON: : Join us for worship next Sunday, January 8th!. Our sermon title will be “The Waters Rush” with scripture readings from Genesis 6:11-22 and Matthew 3:13-17. Bring a friend or friends to join us!