

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 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) Ed Black (cousin of De French), and Virginia Gordon (retina surgery March 2).

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Our Choir will continue rehearsals for our Palm Sunday cantata, "Lord of the Dance" by Joel Raney today at 2:30 in the sanctuary.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Thank you to everyone for preparing our pancake supper to usher in the Lenten season.

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

Many thanks to all who gave to our Souper Bowl of caring special offering! Together, we collected \$266.60 to help fight hunger in Westminster!

LENT DEVOTIONALS

Each family is encouraged to take one of our 2023 Lent Devotionals located in the Narthex or at the back entrance. These reflections will guide us as we journey to the cross and toward Easter together.

SESSION

Clerk: Kim Burden

Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault

Property: John Merritt

Stewardship/Finance: Shepherd Chuites

Congregational Care: John Johnston

Westminster Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Lent

February 26, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Would Be True".....Walter

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Lent WreathRev. Audrey H. Reese

***Hymn 166:** "Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days".....Hernaman

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God of grace, we look to your son, today, who began his journey to the cross. As we trace his footsteps to Jerusalem, please give us your grace. For we know that we are called to follow Jesus, to carry our own crosses, to go where you lead. But we fail to follow you so often. Lord, please renew our resolve to follow you as we confess our sins to you now.

We confess that we have sinned against you. Wash us from the stains of our past sins. Give us grace and power to put away all offenses. Deliver us from the bondage of sin that we may bring forth fruits worthy of repentance, and at last enter into your promised joy. We ask these things through the mercy of your blessed One, Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: "The Garden Path".....Martin

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 40:1-2

New Testament Scripture: Mark 6:30-44

Sermon: "Intentional Sabbath".....Rev. Audrey H. Reese

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

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

Offertory: "Let Us Break Bread Together".....Spiritual

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

***Hymn 518:** "Your Only Son (Lamb of God)".....Paris

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 498:** "Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken".....Wood

Benediction

*During the season of Lent, there will be no flowers in the sanctuary.
Please reflect and remember our Lord and Savior's sacrifice and love
for us as you look at the crosses.*