

### **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.

### **CHOIR REHEARSAL**

We will have choir rehearsal today at 2:30! See you soon!

### **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING**

During the Lenten season, we will be collecting for the One Great Hour of Sharing mission. Please pick up a FISH for your family, located in the back of the sanctuary. We will collect the fish on Easter Sunday! When everyone does a little, it's a LOT! Please give generously!

### **WEEKLY HAPPENINGS**

We have weekly happenings every week at WPC! Tuesdays at 5:30, join Kate Jennings for yoga in Gossett. Wednesday, tune in live to our Facebook page for a lunch time devotional on one of the Scripture lessons we've read in the past week. Thursdays, join Brandy and Upstate SC Gets Snacked for quilting and crochet in Gossett at 6:00.

#### **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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 12, 2023

11:00 A.M.

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “It Is Well With My Soul”.....Bliss

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Moment for Missions**

**The Lent Wreath**.....Kim Burden

*(p.157) Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

**\*Hymn 649:** “Amazing Grace”.....Newton

**Call to Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

O God, You are the sure foundation and the certain cornerstone. Building on You brings life, yet we often turn away and try to find hope by building on other foundations. Self-esteem, money, career, family status—these are only some of the alternatives we find ourselves investing in. We confess that it is so tempting to construct our lives on the sand, rather than on the rock of Your salvation. Forgive us, O God, for these and all of our sins.

Holy God, Your Son modeled leadership and servanthood for us. But we confess we have elevated our desires and plans over Your will for our lives and for Your world. Forgive us for our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded attention to Your way. Enable us to serve in the name of Jesus, the One who came to serve and to give His life a ransom for many. In His precious name we pray.

*(a moment of silent reflection)*

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

## THE WORD

**Anthem:** “What Wondrous Love Is This”.....Lau

**Prayer for Illumination**

**New Testament Scripture:** Matthew 16:13-19

**Sermon:** “Upon This Rock” .....Rev. Mel Davis

**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 39 :** “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.....Chisholm

**Offertory:** “In The Garden”.....Miles

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

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 449 :** “Have Thine Own Way”.....Pollard

**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.*

**UPCOMING SERMON:** Join us for worship next Sunday, March 19th! Our sermon title will be “The Way of Change” with scripture readings from Proverbs 10:29-30 and Mark 5:1-20. Bring a friend or friends to join us!