

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother) Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey's parents), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, John Davis, Kathy Skillen, Joel Thrift, Al Belauskus, Sue Costa, (Paula Meades and Shari Waldo's friend), Arlene Touart (Sherry Moats' aunt), Ed Black (cousin of De French), Bently Carver (son of a friend of James Lawson), Alston Gordon (Henry Gordon's brother), Sharon McGarry (Christy Todd's stepmom)

## SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Many thanks to everyone who helped cook, clean up, purchase items, set up Gossett and all the many other preparations needed to make our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper such a blessing!

## LENT SOUP AND STUDY

Our Lenten Soup and Study will begin Wednesday, February 21st at 5:30 PM with soup prepared by Rev. Audrey and the introduction of our study, Lent for Everyone: Mark, by N.T. Wright. Books will be available soon!

## EASTER CANTATA

Our choir has begun rehearsing for our annual Easter cantata! We will be singing Tom Fettke's beautiful arrangement of The Eater Story. Rev. Audrey and Pat Roeder will be our narrators! Don't miss this most special service on Palm Sunday, March 24th during 11 am worship.

## HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Maundy Thursday service, March 28th, will be held at Seneca Presbyterian at 7 pm. We will host Good Friday service, March 29th, here at WPC at 7 pm. Both of these services are beautifully done and ones you will not want to miss!

## SESSION

**Clerk:** Brad Stancil

**Mission/Outreach:** Nita McMillan

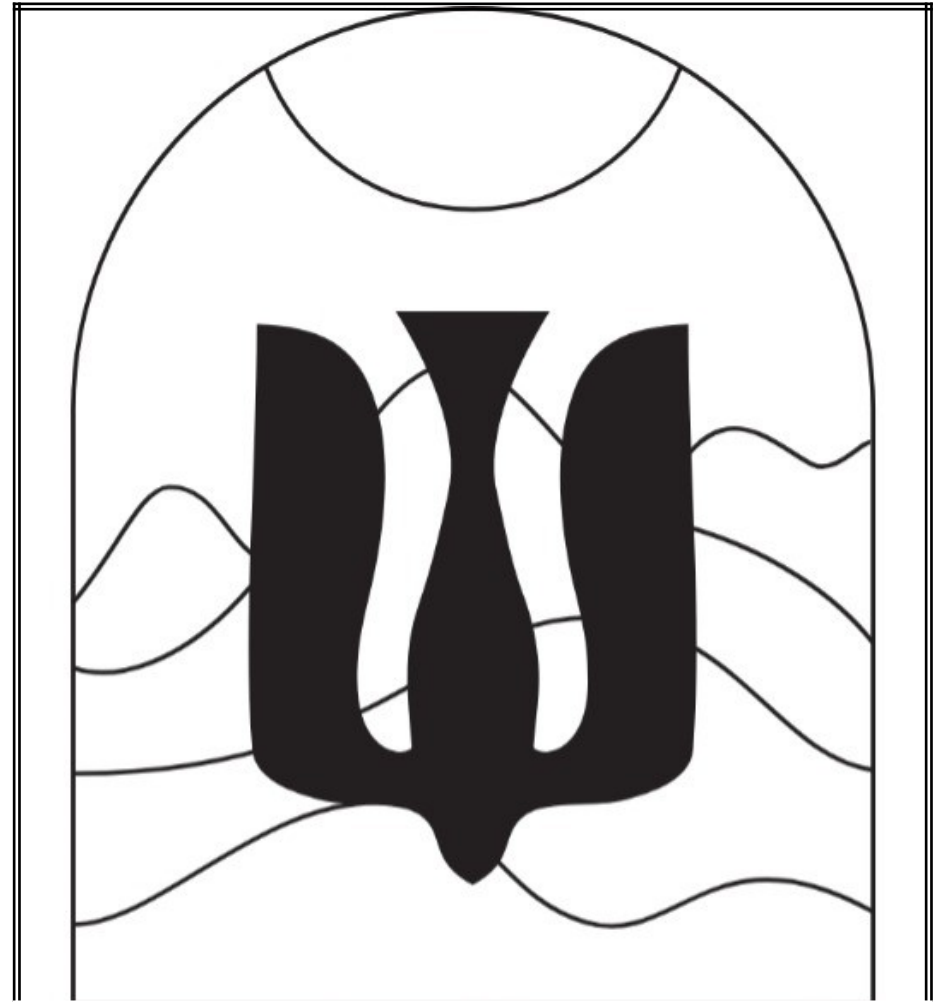
**Christian Faith & Development:** Debbie Therriault

**Property:** John Merritt

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**Congregational Care:** Joey Roeder

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The First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

11:00 A.M.

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “Lead Me to Calvary” ..... Kirkpatrick

### Welcome and Announcements

### Extinguishing the Lent Wreath .....

*“Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes. Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies. Heavens’ morning breaks and earth’s vain shadows flee. In life, in death O Lord, abide with me.”*

**\*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, so often we fail to follow you. 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 Son, Jesus Christ.

*(a moment of silent reflection)*

### Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

## THE WORD

**Anthem:** “Amazing Grace” ..... Mauldin

### Prayer for Illumination

**Old Testament Scripture:** Psalm 25:1-10

**Sermon:** “All Roads Lead to Love” ..... 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 310:** “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” ..... Williams

**Musical Offertory:** “Near the Cross” ..... Doane

*(During the offertory, you are invited to take a moment of prayerful reflection. We appreciate your gifts to our ministry. Monetary gifts may be placed in the box in the back of the sanctuary, or in the offering plates at the front, as you leave today.)*

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

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 372:** “O For a World” ..... Mason

### 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 next Sunday, February 25th, for worship! Our sermon title will be “What Do You Have to Lose?” with scripture readings from Psalm 22:23-31 and Mark 8:31-38. Bring a friend or friends to join us!