

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), the (Hartness) Montgomery family, and the Floyd family.

LENT SOUP AND STUDY

Our Lenten Soup and Study meets each Wednesday at 5:30 PM with soup prepared by Rev. Audrey. Our study is Lent for Everyone: Mark, by N.T. Wright. Come join us!

EASTER CANTATA

Don't miss this most special service on Palm Sunday, March 24th.

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.

ADDITIONAL LENTEN SERVICES

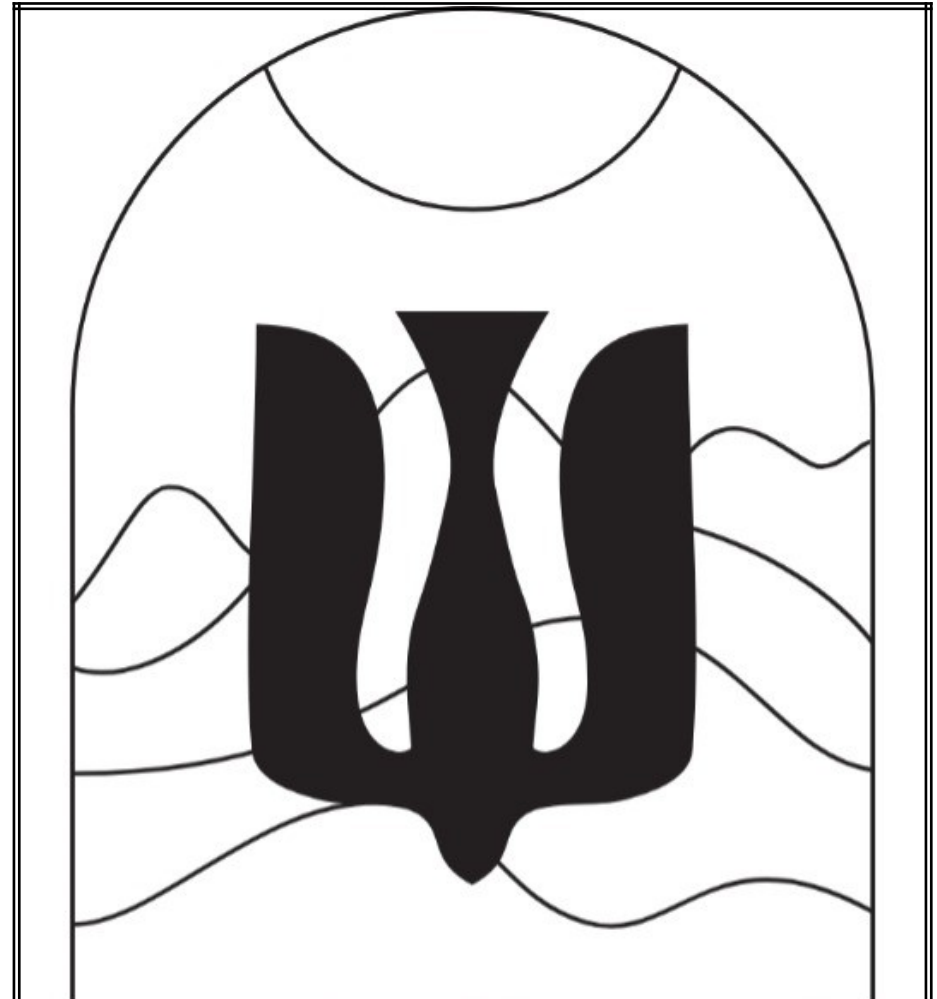
All of these services meet at **12 Noon**:

2/21 Ann Hope UMC; 2/28 Ascension Episcopal; 3/6 New Harmony UMC; 3/13 Ebenezer Baptist; 3/20 Seneca Presbyterian - Lunch will be served.; 3/27 St Mark's Methodist.

FINANCIAL REPORT

January receipts: \$9,725.86
January expenses: \$23,694.58
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In January, we paid annual insurance premium of \$10,731.00, along with other annual or quarterly contributions that are budgeted. As is standard for the first quarter of the year, our giving is lower than these expenses. We greatly appreciate your gifts of time, talent and treasure to the life and ministry of Westminster Presbyterian Church. If you sense God calling you to help bridge this financial gap, know that your gifts will help us continue to be the hands and feet of Christ on earth.



SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

Mission/Outreach: Nita McMillan

Christian Faith & Development: Debbie Therriault

Property: John Merritt

Stewardship/Finance: Shepherd Chuites

Congregational Care: Joey Roeder

Worship: Steve Wray

Westminster Presbyterian Church

The Second Sunday of Lent

February 25, 2024

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: “Great Is Thy Faithfulness.....Chisholm

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 307:** “God of Grace and God of Glory”.....Hughes

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. We ask these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Amazing Grace”.....Mauldin

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Scripture: Mark 8:31-38

Sermon: “What Do You Have to Lose?”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 188:** “Jesus Loves Me!”Bradbury

Musical Offertory: “In the Garden”..... Miles

(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 175:** “Seek Ye First”.....Lafferty

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, March 3rd, for worship! We will welcome Rev. Terri Price to our pulpit. Scripture lessons will be Psalm 19 and 1 Corinthians 1:18-31. The sermon title will be “A Foolish God.” Bring a friend or friends to join us!