

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), Sharon McGarry (Christy Todd's stepmom), George Harper (former WPC minister).

MEMORIALS A memorial has been received from Greer Watkins Shafer for her parents Jack and Betty Watkins. Memorials have also been given in memory of Alston Gordon by Ann and John Merritt, Joey and Pat Roeder, and Linda White.

LENT SOUP AND STUDY Our Lenten Soup and Study meets each Wednesday at 5:30 PM with soup prepared by Rev. Audrey. Come join us!

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. 3/20 Seneca Presbyterian - Lunch will be served.; 3/27 St Mark's Methodist.

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE We will meet on the front lawn at 7 am Easter Morning! Breakfast will be served after the service. Don't forget to bring flowers from your yard to decorate our Living Cross.

FINANCIAL REPORT

FEBRUARY

Receipts: \$10,889.56

Expenses \$ 9,520.98

Totals: + **\$1,368.58**

YEAR TO DATE

Receipts: \$20,615.42

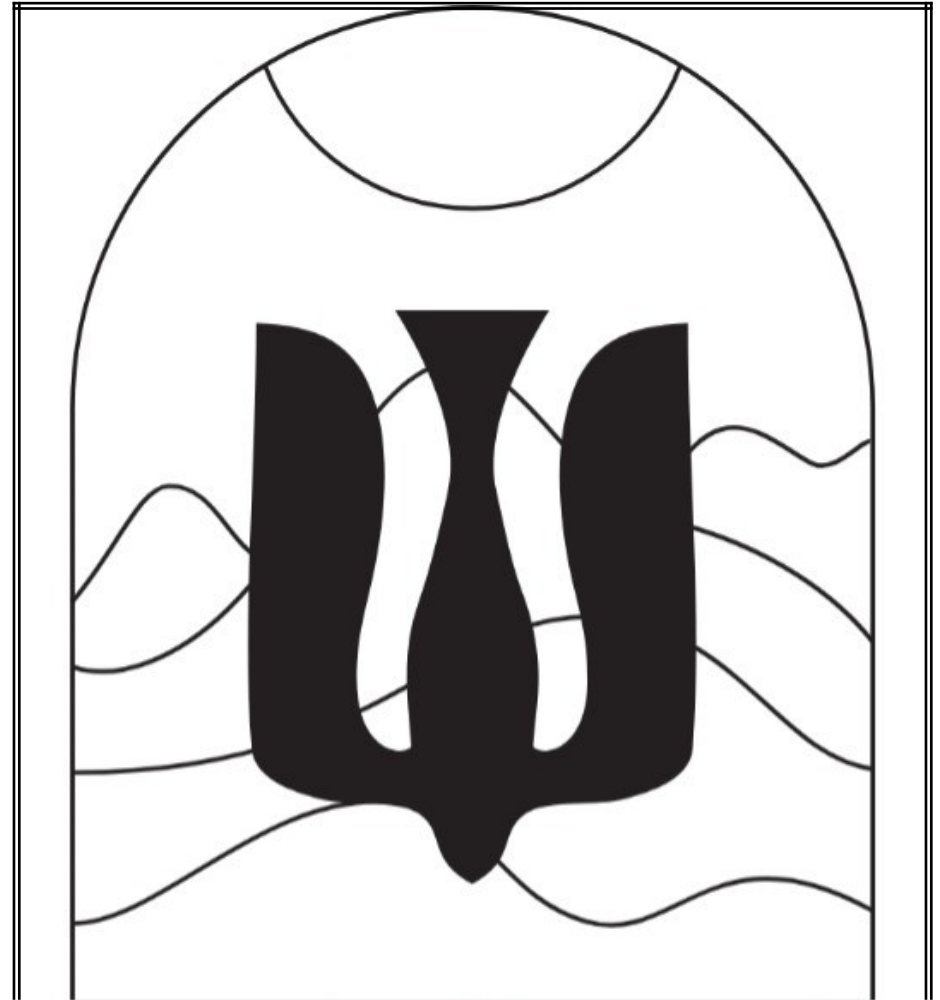
Expenses: \$33,215.56

Totals: - **\$12,600.14**

We are so blessed by your generous giving. Thank you for your prayers as we navigate through the upcoming year in Christ's Service.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Mary Nell Todd, who is in her senior year at Davidson College, on a successful exhibition of her Senior Art Project! Mary Nell is a child of WPC, and we are so proud of her hard work and accomplishments!



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March 17, 2024 The Fifth Sunday of Lent 11:00 A.M

GATHERING

Prelude: “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”.....Maker

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 366:** “Love Divine, All Love’s Excelling”.....Wesley

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, have mercy on us because of Your unfailing love. Because of Your great compassion, forgive us. Free us from the guilt that weighs us down and from the sin that controls us. We have sinned against You, and have done what is wrong in Your eyes.

We are well aware of the wrong we do: the words we speak which wound, the unloving thoughts and actions which hurt others and ourselves. We know that these things distance us from You, and keep us from recognizing Your life in us. Forgive us, we pray, in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem: “Grace Medley”.....Mauldin

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 51:1-12

Sermon:: “Grace: The Oxygen from Heaven”.....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 442:** “Just As I Am”.....Bradbury

Musical Offertory: “Arioso”.....Bach

(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 765:** “May the God of Hope Go With Us”.....*Fold Melody*

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 24th, for worship! Our choir will be blessing us with a beautiful Easter cantata written by Tom Fettke, “The Easter Story”. Rev. Audrey will narrate the cantata with scripture readings and the story of our Savior’s life, death and resurrection. Don’t miss this most special service. Bring a friend or friends to join us!