

IN OUR PRAYERS

Imogene Giles, Ruth Payne, Kathy Darnell, Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Arthur Skillen (Kathy Skillen's brother), Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson) and Lee Harker (friend of Jan Walsh)



A Prayer for Lent

In this season of Lent, we're reminded of our own difficulties and struggles. Sometimes the way has seemed too dark. Sometimes we feel like our lives have been marked by such grief and pain, we don't see how our circumstance can ever change. But in the midst of our weakness, we ask that you would be strong on our behalf.

Lord, rise up within us, let your Spirit shine out of every broken place we've walked through. Allow your power to be manifest through our own weakness, so that others will recognize it is You who is at work on our behalf. We ask that you would trade the ashes of our lives for the beauty of your Presence. Trade our mourning and grief for the oil of joy and gladness from your Spirit. Trade our despair for hope and praise. We choose to give you thanks today and believe that this season of darkness will fade away. Thank you that you are with us in whatever we face and that you are greater than this trial. We know and recognize that you are Sovereign, we thank you for the victory that is ours because of Christ Jesus, and we are confident that you have good still in store for our future. We thank you that you are at work right now, trading our ashes for greater beauty. We praise you, for you make all things new. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

SESSION

Clerk: Brad Stancil

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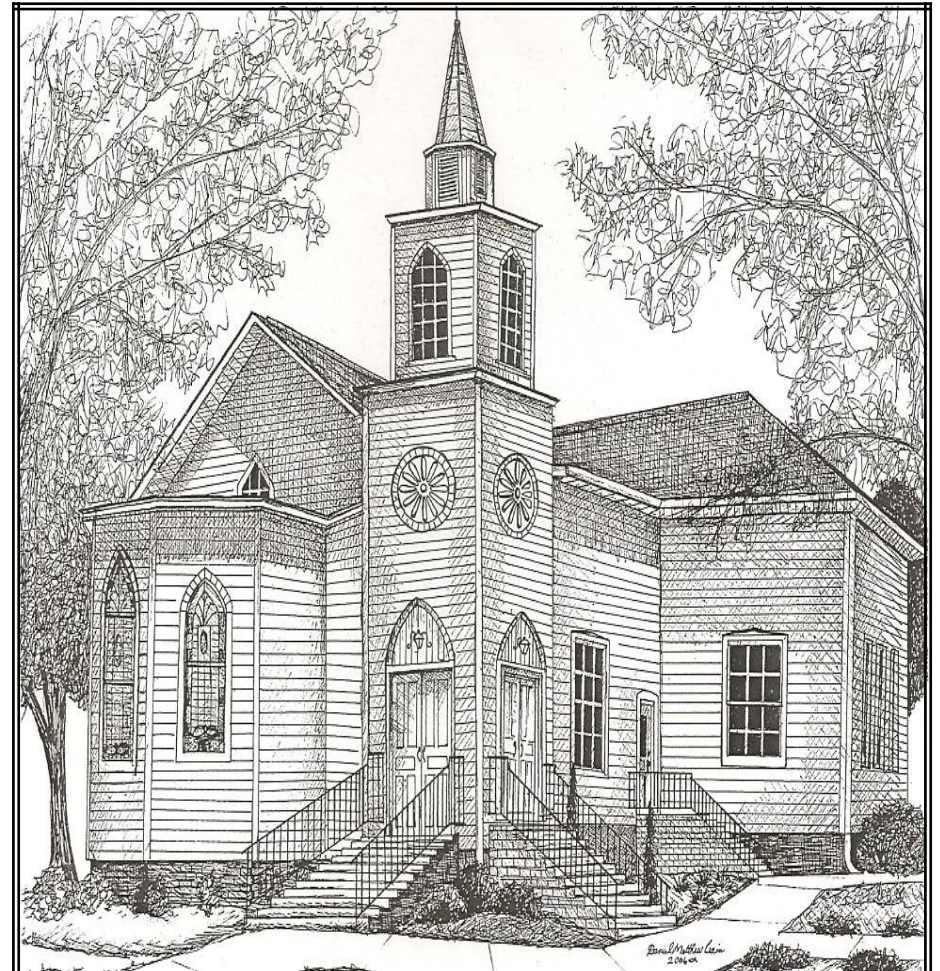
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Third Sunday of Lent

March 7, 2021

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: "I Need Thee Every Hour"Groton

Welcome and Announcements

Extinguishing the Lent Candle

Choral Call to Worship: "I Will Come to You" (v.2) *I am hope for all who are hopeless. I am eyes for all who long to see. In the shadows of the night, I will be your light. Come and rest in Me. Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name. Come and follow Me, I will bring you home. I love you and you are mine.*

Prayer of Invocation

***Hymn 80:** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley"Spiritual

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, help us to use this season of Lent to examine our attachments, and to sense where You invite us to live more simply and deeply. Shine the light of Your love into the private corners of our lives where we have acquired so much clutter that it has begun to restrict our freedom.

Grant us the strength to free ourselves from appetites and needs that drive us into taking, having and wanting more than we need or have time for. Teach us that in letting go we become free, rather than deprived, generous rather than covetous, and spacious rather than restricted.

Forgive us for all the times we have failed you. We offer You our Lenten observance, and today we place our feet on the road to Easter, and walk the Way that You have walked before us. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ our loving savior.

(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 5:38-48

Sermon: "Give Up Conditional Love" Rev, Audrey Reese

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

***Hymn 84:** "In the Cross of Christ I Glory"Conkey.

Apostles Creed (The Presbyterian Hymnal p. 14)

Gloria Patri (The Presbyterian Hymnal, p. 579)

Offertory: "Arioso"Bach

***Doxology** (The Presbyterian Hymnal, No. 591)

SENDING

***Hymn 539:** "Savior, Again to Thy Dear Name We Raise"

Benediction

Today we will be singing out of the blue Presbyterian Hymnal

There are no flowers in our sanctuary during Lent

UPCOMING SERMON

Next Sunday, March 14th, our sermon will be "More than Bread: Give up Fear" with Scripture readings from Isaiah 43:1 and Mark 4:35-41.