

IN OUR PRAYERS

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) Ed Black (cousin of De French)

ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

We will collect our Gracie fish today! Please give generously to this most worthy mission. We will post our total next week. God Bless You!

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA

Many thanks to our choir and narrator for blessing us with a beautiful cantata. We appreciate your service to our church!

SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST

Thank you Rev. Audrey for a wonderful service this morning! Thank you to everyone for the delicious breakfast afterwards! The Living Cross is beautiful once again, with all of your awesome flowers. We have so much to be thankful for!

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Thank you Steven Dover for preparing our sanctuary for Good Friday. You always do a fantastic job and we appreciate you!

MEMORIALS

The following have given in memory of Carol Blanton:
Trish & Les McCoy, Nita & Robert McMillan, Ann & John Merritt, and
Joey & Pat Roeder

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Easter

April 9, 2023

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING

Prelude: “Christ the Lord is Risen Today”.....Wesley

Welcome and Announcements

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Worship:

You have turned our mourning into dancing! You have taken away our funeral clothes and re-clothed us in joy, so that our whole being—body, mind and soul—might sing praise to you and not be silent.

People: O Lord, our Lord, we will give thanks to you forever!

Christ Is Risen!

People: Christ Is Risen, Indeed!

***Hymn 233:** “The Day of Resurrection!”.....Smart

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we confess that at times we do not share in the joy of the resurrection but are caught in the worries of the world. We confess that we do not always live in the spirit of new life but remain discontent, grumbling and anxious. Forgive us for not sharing in the Good News. Forgive us when we find it more comfortable to worry and complain than to risk the joy and encouragement of new life in Christ. Call us back to Your ways, O God, to seek hope and reconciliation, restoration and peace. In the name of the Risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

(a moment of silent reflection)

Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace

THE WORD

Anthem

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Scripture: Psalm 78:1-4

New Testament Scripture: Mark 16:1-8, 11-14

Sermon: “Believe the Impossible”.....Rev. Audrey H. Reese

***Apostles Creed** (*The Glory to God Hymnal* p. 35)

Gloria Patri (*The Glory to God Hymnal*, p. 581)

Offertory: “God So Loved the World”.....Stainer

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

***Hymn 248:** “Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”.....Beethoven

HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord’s Prayer

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

***Hymn 157:** “I Danced In the Morning”.....Carter

Benediction

*Thank you to everyone who placed a lily in the sanctuary today!
What a beautiful reminder of our Glorious Savior’s resurrection!
Christ is Risen, Indeed!*