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From the Pastor

"If then there is any comfort in Christ, and consolation from love, any partnership with the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves." Philippians 2:1-2

Dear friends,

February is a month where we celebrate love in all its forms: Love for our significant others, friends, and family. I also like to think about it as a time we celebrate our love for God, and God's love for us! As Paul is writing to the Philippian Church, he's writing to a group of people that he loves, and that he knows love him. He also knows that they love God, but he begins this chapter with an interesting idea: If there is any comfort in Christ, *any consolation from love...* The thing about heartfelt love is that it does console, comfort, and bring joy to our hearts. It's this consoling love that we find in Christ, through the partnership of the Holy Spirit. It's this love that enables us to love others, and to do for others in ways infinitely beyond what we would do for ourselves.

As we dig in to some of the essential tenets of the Reformed faith, I hope we find that love shows up in each and every one of them. After all, this is foundational to who we are and Whose we are.

May love flow out of you and to those who need to see and know God's love so much. May we be beacons of love and hope and joy in our church, our community, and our world. Love that comes from God can over come so much, if we allow God to lead us.

Grace and peace,

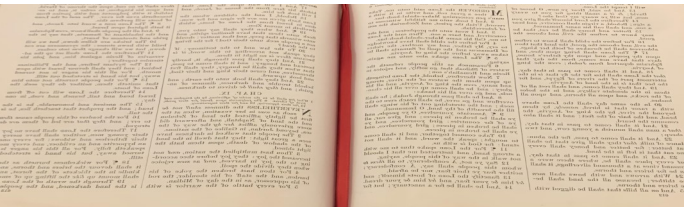
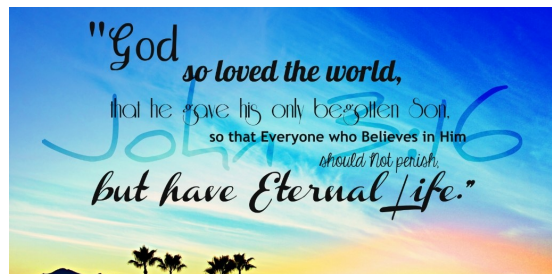
Rev. Audrey



We are so blessed to have a loving and caring church family here at WPC! If you would like to be a part of this family, we would LOVE to have you! You are only a visitor once at WPC! There are so many offerings of service through our church. There is one for YOU!



We will Celebrate Holy Communion on February 2nd during worship.



FEBRUARY SERMONS

2/2: "What is Essential?" Micah 6:8 and Philippians 2:1-5

2/9: "The Sovereignty of God" Isaiah 45:7-9 and Romans 8:28-37

2/16: "The Centrality of Jesus" Colossians 1:15-20

2/23: "The Movement of the Holy Spirit" Genesis 1:1-2 and 1 Corinthians 12:4-11



EPIPHANY CANTATA AND JANUARY WORSHIP



We were blessed to end our Christmas season with a wonderful Epiphany cantata by our choir! We are so fortunate to have an awesome group of talented servants to lead our congregation in music each and every Sunday.



CROCK-POT LUCK LUNCHEON!

Great Christian fellowship with our church family and friends!



TREASURER’S REPORT

Dec. Income: \$20,086.83
Dec. Expense: \$24,147.42
 - \$4,060.59
YTD Income: \$179,137.46
YTD Expense: \$163,715.54
 YTD + \$15,421.92



We give thanks to God for the abundance of generosity displayed through the people of Westminster Presbyterian Church! Because of this, we were able to pay the 2024 insurance in December and start 2025 in good financial standing. Praise be to God!

During the month of January, our Circle donated to the Oconee United Ministries. If you would like to donate your time or talents to this wonderful mission, please see De French or Nancy Johnston and they can give you more information!



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN



We were blessed with another wonderful evening of praise, fellowship and Bible study at our women’s Circle meeting! Thank you to Debbie Therriault for a great lesson and thank you to all the ladies for your delicious goodies! ❤️ 🙏



If you have not joined Circle, now is a GREAT time to join in the fun and fellowship! Our next meeting will be February 3rd in Gossett Hall at 4:30 pm. We will be studying Chapter 4 in our Bible study “The Spirit-Filled Follower of Jesus”. Linda White will be our Bible study leader. Bring a goodie to share or just bring yourself! We would love to have you!

February Flowers



If you would like to place flowers in the church or give a monetary donation in honor or memory of someone in 2025, please contact Shepherd Chuites.



Many thanks to our Barry Burden for welcoming us and starting up our worship service while Rev. Audrey was away this month. Also, thank you to Rev. Terri Price for bringing us a wonderful sermon. We are so blessed to have folks step up and make sure our worship goes smoothly and our congregation is so appreciative of all you do! Ellen, Debbie and John do a great job in our Mevo operation for our on-line folks. Steve Moore also steps in to welcome and lead services for us as well!

We are so blessed!



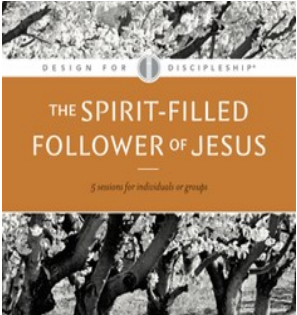
Get Into God’s Word!



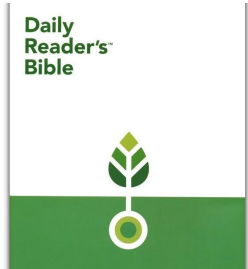
Rev. Audrey will be offering a **morning (9:30 am) devotional** once a week to introduce some of the topics she will cover in her sermons each week! This is a great time to get together and discuss topics on line and/or just hear a bit of encouragement to get you through the week!



Our next **Men’s Bible study** will be **February 2nd**. All men will meet at Gossett Hall beginning at 10 am. We will continue our study of the Book of Romans. Don’t miss this awesome opportunity to share how God is working in your life, prayer requests and praise reports while diving into God’s Holy Word!



Ladies, please join us for Circle on **February 3rd**, 4:30 pm, in Gossett Hall. We have an awesome Bible Study this year. We will continue with Chapter 4. Linda White will be our Bible Study leader. Bring a goodie to share or just bring yourself! We would LOVE to have you!!



It’s that time of year again! We will begin our new Bible in a year study! The church has purchased a Bible for each family, so please pick yours up today!! **Let’s stay in God’s Word TOGETHER, EVERY DAY!!**



Ladies! Join us for “Women of the Church Day at the Lake”! This most special event will be held at the Clemson Outdoor Lab and Retreat Center located at 415 Charlie White Trail in Pendleton, SC 29670. Mark your calendars and save the date for **February 22, 2025**. The time of the event will be 10:00—2:00 pm. The cost is \$10 to offset the cost of the lunch. We will need to send in our reservations by our February Circle meeting on February 3rd. If you are not a Circle member, no problem! We can sign you up! Please see **Nancy Johnston** for more information on this fun day of fellowship. We would love to have a huge group attend!

CROCK POT LUCK (*cont. from page 2*)



So many tasty choices!! Thanks to all!!



Cookbook Coming Soon!!

Dates to Remember!

- 2 Men’s Bible Study 10 am
- Holy Communion
- Christmas Cantata
- 3 Presbyterian Women 4:30 pm
- 5&11 Dot’s Kitchen
- 5 Session Reports Due
- 9 Session Meeting 12:30



February Birthdays

- 2 Tonya Stancil
- 9 Nancy Dougherty
- 11 Steven Dover
- 14 Marian Multer
- 15 Barry Burden
- 17 John Merritt
- 19 Debbie Hartness
- 24 Rowan Orlowski



Yoga with Kate

Grab your yoga mat and come on to Gossett Hall for “Yoga with Kate!”.

We meet every Tuesday evening at 5 pm.in Gossett



- 22 Women’s Retreat at the Lake
- Tuesdays Yoga with Kate 5 pm in Gossett

FEBRUARY WEEKLY BIBLE IN A YEAR

1. Genesis 31:43-32:32, Revelation 4:1-5:14, Job 12:13-25

2. Genesis 33:1-34:31, Revelation 6:1-7:8, Job 13:1-19

3. Genesis 35:1-36-36:30, Revelation 7:9-8:13, Job 13:20-14:6

4. Genesis 36:31-37:36, Revelation 9:1-10:11, Job 14:7-22

5. Genesis 38:1-39:23, Revelation 11:1-19, Job 15:1-16

6. Genesis 40:1-41:36, Revelation 12:1-13:10, Job 15:17-35

7. Genesis 41:37-42:38, Revelation 13:11-14:20,Job 16:1-11

8. Genesis 43:1-44:17, Revelation 15:1-16:21, Job 16:12-22

9. Genesis 44:18-45:28, Revelation 17:1-18,Job 17:1-16

10. Genesis 46:1-47:12, Revelation 18:1-24, Job 18:1-21

11. Genesis 47:13-48:22, Revelation19:1-21, Job 19:1-12

12. Genesis 49:1-33,Revelation20:1-15, Job 19:13-27

13. Genesis 50:1-26, Revelation21:1-22:21, Job 19:28-20:11
14. Exodus 1:1-2:25, 1 Corinthians 1:1-31, Job 20:12-29

15. Exodus 3:1-4:31,1 Corinthians 2:1-3:23, Job 21:1-18

16. Exodus 5:1-6:30, 1 Corinthians 4:1-5:13,Job 21:19-34

17. Exodus 7:1-8:15, 1 Corinthians 6:1-7:16,Job 22:1-14

18. Exodus 8:16-9:35, 1 Corinthians 7:17-8:13, Job 22:15-30

19. Exodus 10:1-11:10, 1 Corinthians 9:1-27,Job 23:1-17

20. Exodus 12:1-51, 1 Corinthians 10:-11:16, Job 24:1-12

21. Exodus 13:1-14:31, 1 Corinthians11:17-12:31, Job 24:13-25

22. Exodus 15:1-27, 1 Corinthians 13:1-14:25, Job 25:1-26:14

23. Exodus 16:1-17:7, 1 Corinthians 14:26-15:34, Job 27:1-12

24. Exodus 17:8-19:25, 1 Corinthians 15:35-16:34, Job 27:13-23

25. Exodus 20:1-21:11, 2 John 1-3 John 14, Job 28:1-19

26. Exodus21:12-22:31, 2 Corinthians 1:1-2:13, Job 28:20-28

27. Exodus 23:1-24:18,2 Corinthians 2:14-4:18, Job 29:1-17

28. Exodus 25:1-26:37,2 Corinthians 5:1-6:18, Job 29:18-30:8

JANUARY WORSHIP (CONT. FROM PAGE 2)



“Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. “ Romans 8:26

God already knows what you need, but he still wants you to ask him for it.



Town Prayer Meeting! Join us for prayer every Tuesday morning at 9 am at the gazebo in downtown Westminster. Rev. Audrey has served as a guest minister!

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, Dr. George Harper, Marie Dunnam, Anne and Jamie Hawkes (Martha Brancazio’s sister-in-law and brother), Nancy Dougherty, and Martha Reid. ,



Session met on January 5th starting our new year in service to our church. We heard reports from all committees and learned about all the great things they accomplished during 2024 and are most excited about what they have planned for 2025! There have been many improvements to the manse during the month of January and we have much planned for our sanctuary in 2025. Session voted to meet our monthly **meetings to the 2nd Sunday of the month**. This will give us more time to clean up after communion and not be so rushed. Our next meeting will be February 9th. As always, please continue to keep your Session in your daily prayers as they continue to discern God’s Will for our wonderful church!

2025 Communion assignments for Elders: Feb 2—Shepherd; March 2—Joey; April 6—Michael; April 20—Brad; May 4—Nita; June 1—Debbie; July 6—Shepherd; August 3—Nita; September 7-Joey; October 5-Debbie; November 2-Michael; December 7—Shepherd; December 24-Brad

Please keep these missions in your Daily Prayers

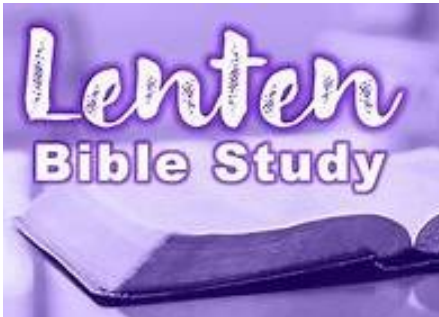


Coming Up In March

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper



Save the date for Tuesday, **March 4th** in Gossett Hall for our Shrove Pancake Supper. We will **meet at 6 pm for a time of worship to prepare our hearts for the coming Lenten season.**



We will begin our Lenten Soup and Study on March 12! We will be studying James Moore’s book *Give Up Something Band for Lent* We will meet in Gossett Hall at 5:30 pm. We hope to see you there!