

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Robbie McClure (Marie Dunnam's brother) Elizabeth Christensen (Kathy Skillen's niece), Bob and Debbie Hartness (Rev. Audrey's parents), Clifton Mabry, Sam and Edna Dillard, Kathy Skillen, Marie Dunnam, Trey Bratcher (Clifton Mabry's grandson), Nancy Dougherty, Martha Reid, Henrietta Wright (friend of WPC), Ed Black, Lou Haynes and Colleen Halvorson (Trish McCoy's daughter-in-law), Virginia Gordon, and Henry Gordon, Doyle Hoover (friend of the Stancils), and Meddy Tomaselli (friend of the Chuites).

## WELCOME!

We are so happy to have you with us today! Please take a moment to fill out a visitor card for us to contact you and follow up with a card.

## MENS BIBLE STUDY

All men are invited to join us next Sunday, **March 1st at 9:30 am in Gossett Hall**, for Bible Study.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29th—Cantata presented during Worship  
Maundy Thursday, April 2nd—Seneca Presbyterian at 7:00 pm  
Good Friday, April 3rd—Westminster Presbyterian at 7:00 pm  
Easter, April 5th—Sunrise and Breakfast—7:00 am, Worship with Holy Communion 11:00 am

## LENT SOUP AND STUDY

Join Rev. Audrey for Soup and Study! We will be studying "The Sabbath Way". We'll gather and discuss part 1 this **Wednesday, February 25th at 5:00 pm**.

## LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

Don't forget to pick up your family's copy of our Lenten devotion. You will find them in the narthex.

## SESSION

**Clerk:** Brad Stancil

**Mission/Outreach:** Virginia Gordon

**Christian Education:** Nita McMillan

**Property:** Shepherd Chuites

**Stewardship/Finance:** Michael Meades

**Congregational Care:** Joey Roeder

**Worship:** Otto Tysland

# Lent 2026

## Expect the Unexpected

Jesus told her, 'Your  
brother will rise again'  
John 11:23

"Lord, are you going  
to wash my feet?"  
John 13:6

"What is truth?' Pilate  
asked" John 18:38

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First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 2026

11:00 A.M

## GATHERING

**Prelude:** “It is Well with My Soul”.....Bliss

### Welcome and Announcements

**Extinguishing of the Lent Wreath**.....Barry Burden

*I love to tell the story of unseen things above, Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love; I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true, It satisfies my longings as nothing else would do. I love to tell the story, 'Twill be my theme in glory, To tell the old, old story Of Jesus and His love.*

### Children's Time

**\*Hymn 187:** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”.....Bradbury

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

O God,

We mourn before the tomb, sealed with solid stone.

We cannot imagine the life filling those lungs, our lungs, again.

We are sure that the body in the tomb is slowly decomposing.

We confess our lack of faith. We confess our hopelessness.

We confess our fears that death is more powerful than life.

We confess our failure to breathe deeply your life-giving breath.

Have mercy on us, O God. Make us new, and breathe your new

life in us, so that we may confess with Martha that you are the

Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world. Amen.

*(a moment of silent reflection)*

**Assurance of Pardon and Passing of the Peace**

## THE WORD

**Anthem:** “The Garden Path”.....*Martin*

### Prayer for Illumination

**New Testament Scripture:** John 11:1-44

**Sermon:** “Expect the Unexpected” ..... Rev. Audrey H. Reese

### Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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

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

**\*Hymn 177:** “I Will Come to You” .....Haas

**Musical Offertory:** “Sweet Hour of Prayer” .....Walford

*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** (*Glory to God Hymnal p. 606*)

## SENDING

**\*Hymn 166:** “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”.....Hernaman

### Benediction

**\*\*\*UPCOMING SERMON:** Join us for worship! Our sermon title will be “The Unexpected Servant,” with scripture readings from John 13:1-17 . Bring a friend or friends to join us!