

✠ OUR PRAYER LIST TODAY ✠

L: Lord, in Your mercy,

P: Hear our prayers!

All those living with cancer—Jana Lou Scott, Muriel Boden, Ann Widener, Linda Stengl (& spouse Gerald), John Chapman, Sherri Horst Clark, Jimmy Parker, Trent Lubers, Wanda Landers, Craig Dobrinski, Garry Howard, Ronnie Schulz, Danny, Rev. Larry Masoner, Jimmy Cole, John Fleming, Ricky Ray (father of Ty Ray), Holly Winters, Lambert Dunn (father of Jamie Sisson), Curtis Adkins (hospice, bro. of Cindy Penner), Bobby Cornelson, Betty Osmus, Kristi Lamle, 34 y/o son of Terry Turner, Michael Chase (Lisa Clay's bro.), Troy Lee, Roy Ford, Hanson Sisson (Bob's bro.), Gloria Loken.

Joys & Concerns—those affected by the Parkland, FL high school shooting: J. W. Hunt (serious fall at home); JoAnn McClendon (has been in hospital); Bobby Kirkpatrick (Dody Boyd's sister); Jim Sanders; Rose Ratcliffe (joy for being back home in W'ford); Betty Osmus (stroke, Jim Thorpe Rehab in OKC); Alexi Kelley (nephew of Kim Blanton); Brent Webb (deployment); Carol Wright (shoulder surgery recovery); all those suffering with the flu & related illnesses; Chase Family; Lisa Clay (health issues); Vernel Snider & Donna Taylor (continued recovery); Cherie Payne (Brookdale); continued healing for Bryan Baxter's arm; Joyce Hamburger; Janis Lovell; all state & world leaders/God's wisdom; Kaye Zimmerman (mother of Shauna Rhoads); Mary Statser; Max Leonard W'FORD L. C. #305; All care-givers serving loved ones; Kenny & Karen Day (parents of Kim Blanton); Jon Blanton & family (son of David & Kim Blanton); Joy Blanton; Archer George; Jeanne Rookhuyzen; Bray Jarvis; Kirk Milligan; Kamdyn Taunton; those with addictions/mental illness/depression; Jason Mills; James Ediger (heart rehab); Armando; all those incarcerated and their families.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Weatherford, OK

February 18, 2018

8:30AM & 10:30AM

Lent I—Purple

Liturgists: Roger Penner (8:30AM);

Logan Doyals (10:30AM)

Please Stand As You Are Able

10:30AM Service Only

Moses: God's Will and My Inadequacy

A Series of Worship Services for the Season of Lent

I. GOD'S FAMILY ENTERS INTO WORSHIP

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S CHILDREN FOR WORSHIP

You are invited to light a candle at one of the Prayer Stations, located at the far ends of the Chancel railing.

Servant Leader Opportunities Please View the Screens
Gathering Chimes . . . Let the people enter into silence
Greeting & Opening Prayer

Prelude "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" arr. Wm. Hussey
JuBELLation Handbell Choir; Maxine Page, director

Words of Welcome
Feet and Greet (Let's get out of our seat, move our feet, and greet our sisters & brothers in Christ.)

Gathering Song "Mighty To Save" W. & S. No. 3038
(v. 1 soloist only; congregation only sings the "Refrain")

CALL TO WORSHIP
Lead us in the way of truth, O God. Show us Your holy pathways.
Your way is steadfast love and faithfulness. Teach us to follow where You lead.
We trust in Your way, O Lord. To You, we lift up our souls.

THE PROCESSIONAL
Hymn of Praise U.M.H. No. 269
"Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days" (vv. 1, 4, 5)
Lighting of the Altar Candles & Lifting Up the Cross

LIGHTING OF THE LENTEN CANDLES See Insert
A Litany For the First Week of Lent
Cross Marked: Rejected
"He was despised and rejected by men." IS 53:3

ANTHEM "Open the Eyes of My Heart" Balouche/Schrader
Chancel Choir; Maxine Page, director; Sophia Lee, piano

II. GOD'S FAMILY HEARS & RESPONDS

3-M (Mini-Methodists Moment) Ruth Boyd
As children enter the Chancel, ALL SING . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]
As children return to their seats, ALL SING . . . W. & S. No. 3163
"Walking in the Light of God" (first page only) [see screens]

OLDER TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 3 & 4 (selected verses)

HYMN OF PREPARATION W. & S. No. 3140
"Give Me Jesus" (vv. 1, 2, 3)

THE GOSPEL LESSON John 3:14-18
"Behold, the wisdom of God's Word!"
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God!

GLORIA PATRI U.M.H. No. 70

THE HOMILY "Avoidance and Dependence on Jesus" Rev. Brack

THE RESPONSE Psalm 25:1-10 See Lectionary Insert

VIDEO CLIP "A Thank You From Your Bishop" See Screens
OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHRISTIAN SERVICE

LIFTING UP OTHERS IN OUR PRAYERS
PASTORAL PRAYER
THE PRAYER OF OUR LORD U.M.H. No. 895
"The Lord's Prayer" (page 3, choral version) W. & S. No. 3070

III. GOD'S FAMILY GIVES THANKS

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Cantabile in F minor" J. H. Knecht
Marti Bessinger, organ

DOXOLOGY U.M.H. No. 94
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION OVER OUR GIFTS
Together, let us pray . . . O God, bless these gifts we offer this day.
Through these offerings, may the blessings of Your Spirit flow to every corner of the world, that all people may know they are Your beloved children.
AMEN.

#### IV. GOD'S FAMILY IS SENT INTO THE WORLD

✧ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP U.M.H. No. 395  
*"Take Time To Be Holy"* (vv. 1, 3, 4)

✧ COMMISSION and BLESSING

Go from this place and continue your journey with confidence. Stay tuned to the presence of God who created you; do not be afraid. Depend on Jesus and follow Him through your wilderness places, as you are led by the Holy Spirit into new life. Go in peace; stay in peace!  
 Amen? **AMEN!**

✧❖ PARTING SONG & RECESSIONAL T.F.W.S. No. 2160  
*"Into My Heart"* (both vv.)

**Into my heart, into my heart, come into my heart, Lord Jesus;  
 Come in today, come into stay;  
 Come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**Out of my heart, out of my heart, shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus;  
 Shine out today, shine out always;  
 Shine out of my heart, Lord Jesus.**

POSTLUDE *"More Love To The, O Christ"* William H. Doane  
 Marti Bessinger, organ



A man had two sons.  
 And he went to the first and said,  
**"Son, go and work in  
 the vineyard today."**  
 MATTHEW 21:28

**TODAY, FEBRUARY 18<sup>th</sup>** . . .

. Our Lenten Bible study begins today at 4PM. We will be meeting in the Neonate Classroom area. We still have more student books available; see the table display in the Narthex. Come join us in this Lenten spiritual discipline of studying God's Word.

. Let us be mindful/prayerful of our Youth Group today as they conclude their "30 Hour Famine" for World Vision at 12:30pm. They began fasting yesterday morning. They will break their fast today with the Sacrament of Holy Communion in the Chapel following the 10:30am worship service.

**Coming Up** . . .

Next Sunday, Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> . . .

\*\* Our Lenten Worship Series continues with "David: God's Will and My Dreams"

2:00PM—Our own Yu-Ling Chen will have a two-piano concert with her friend Dr. Tzu-Feng Liu at the Berrong Music Hall, #101 on the SWOSU campus. You are invited!

2:00PM—Come help us sing & serve Holy Communion to our friends at Brookdale Assisted Living Center as our church is responsible for the devotional service.

4:00PM—Lenten Bible study session #2 in the Neonate Classroom area

Wednesday, Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> . . .

5PM to 8PM—Fundraiser "Pancake Supper" at the SWOSU Wesley Foundation. Have supper at the Wesley, and help support our campus ministry!

For your Lenten journey:

--Each household is invited to get a Lenten Special Offering Folder—dollar-a-day for 40 days.

--Get your Lenten devotional booklet today.

, Sign-up at the Welcome Center if you would like to serve as a Liturgist in either service, or as a Holy Communion Server in the 10:30AM service.