



West Grove United Methodist Church

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The Reverend Monica B. Guepet, Lead Pastor
300 North Guernsey Road
West Grove, PA 19390

Please!



Third Sunday in Lent
February 28, 2016

11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship

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OPEN

Prelude

“Hymn” and “Kum Bah Yah”

AGIS Flute Ensemble

Welcome and Ministry Opportunities

Pastor Monica

Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.

First-time guest or member, let us know you were here!

***Call to Worship**

Dave Talley

One: We have gathered in God's holy presence, the One who etches grace onto our hearts.

Many: This is the place where God will transform us into disciples.

One: We glorify our God, who yearns for justice, not just for a favored few, but for the least of our world.

Many: This is the place where God will write compassion onto our souls.

One: We give thanks to God for unceasing grace; we remember God's persistence in saving us.

Many: This is the place where God will breathe the Word into our lives.

***Processional Hymn**

“There is a Balm in Gilead ”

UMH, No. 375

Opening Prayer

Dave Talley

**Holy Wisdom, as you breathe the Word into our hearts,
tutor us in faithfulness and persistence,**

**so we are trained in using the tools of justice and hope;
so we are equipped to share the good news with all;
so we become skilled in compassion and grace.**

**Grant us courage and strength to persevere through the difficult times,
and help us to encourage others along the journey.**

**Remind us that we are part of a community;
wherever two or three are gathered, You are among us.**

**You call us to be community, to lift up one another
and to bear one another's burdens.**

**Grant us the endurance needed to give to others,
and to receive blessing and help when we need it.**

In your name, we pray, Amen.

***Passing of the peace**

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

Dave Talley

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Moment for All Ages

Karen Hruz

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 6:1-8

Dave Talley

***Gospel Lesson**

Luke 18:1-8

Dave Talley

Response to the Lesson

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

Many: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Anthem

"Do Lord, Remember Me"

Chancel Choir

Children from Age 4 through Grade 4 are dismissed to meet in room #9 for Children's Worship.
Parents, please pick up your children immediately following the worship service in room #9.

Sermon

"Please! Prayers to Intercede"

Pastor Monica

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*Hymn of Response

"I Want Jesus to Walk With Me"

UMH, No. 521

Moment of Impact

The Children's Choir

Pastor Monica

Offering

"Crusader's Melody"

AGIS Flute Ensemble

*Offertory Response

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

UMH, No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*Offertory Prayer (Unison)

Holy God, you offer abundance to all who are thirsty and hungry. You call out, drawing us near so that we will listen and delight in your ways. You call us to persist in bringing about your kingdom on earth, as it is in heaven. Thank you for giving us new life in Christ. Help us to set aside that which is not worthy of our time. May we turn our attention to you and the joy we find in serving our community. Bless these offerings of ourselves, our time, talent, and treasure in Jesus' name. Amen.

Gathered Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Sending Forth

"Leave It There"

UMH No. 522

*Benediction

Pastor Monica

*Choral Benediction

"In The Shadow Of The Cross"

Chancel Choir

*Postlude

** = Please stand as you are able* **Bold Print = Say in unison**



Altar Flowers

The flowers gracing our altar space today are
In Celebration of Ralph and Chris Curtiss'
50th Wedding Anniversary



New Testament Lesson: *Psalm 6:1-8*

O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger,
or discipline me in your wrath.
Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am languishing;
O Lord, heal me, for my bones are shaking with
terror.
My soul also is struck with terror,
while you, O Lord—how long?
Turn, O Lord, save my life;
deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.
For in death there is no remembrance of you;
in Sheol who can give you praise?
I am weary with my moaning;
every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.
My eyes waste away because of grief;
they grow weak because of all my foes.
Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.

Gospel Lesson: *Luke 18:1-8*

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, “In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Grant me justice against my opponent.’ For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, ‘Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.’” And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”

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At West Grove UMC, we love God by opening our hearts to Jesus, growing our faith and serving our community and world in His name.

Welcome, one and all! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here. If you have come as a guest, we hope that you'll leave as a friend and pray you'll be nourished in faith as you hear God's message for you today. We encourage you to join us again. Please honor us by signing the Friendship pad. Our Welcome Center, located in the lobby, is a place where guests and new attendees can seek information about our church.

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Church Office: 610-869-9334—Our Website: [www.westgroveumc.org](http://www.westgroveumc.org)

***Please remember to mute your cell phone when you enter the sanctuary for worship.***

***Commitment cards are available in the Lobby.***

***Please offer your commitments of giving through the offering time.***

**USHERS and GREETERS** Serve your church family by greeting them and all guests as a greeter. Serve your church family in worship as an usher. It is a week to week commitment. Call the office to sign up or **please use the sign up sheet in the lobby**. Thank you.

**TOOLS FOR MINISTRY:** We hope you will join us for Tools for Ministry on **Saturday, March 5th**. Here are the Tools for Ministry Workshops : SPRC Basics, LifeTree Café, Celebrate Recovery, Clergy Taxes, Restorative Justice, Cemetery Management, Breaking Barriers, Youth in your Community, Healing Ministry, SPRC and the Pastor, Grant Writing, CoNam, Trustees, Homelessness, Prayer, and Young Adults. **Tools information can be found in the literature rack in the lobby (yellow handout) and are offered by our Ushers.**

**LENTEN DEVOTIONALS** are available for children and adults. They are in the Lobby for you to pick up. Let us devote to worship and prayer together this Lenten season.

**KITCHEN REMINDER:** We very much appreciate those who take the **dish towels, aprons, tablecloths** , etc. home to wash for the church. Please remember to return them as we find we are very low on these items. :-) In addition, we are in need of **Gallon Glass Jars with lids**. If you are able to donate this item, it is appreciated. Thank you!

*Please take time to thank the Flute Ensemble from the Avon Grove Intermediate School and their Instructor, Mr. Ron Evans, for their wonderful performance today. They have truly enhanced our worship experience.*

## **Flute Ensemble Members Ronald S. Evans, Director**

Isabella Colon  
Tori Gentile  
Katie Lazaro  
Grace Taylor  
Lesly Rivera

Maya Slezak  
Lily Knickerbocker  
Trinity Frantz  
Aliyah Anderson-Holmes  
Madeline MacDonald



**Give | Serve | Restore** is a collaborative way to show love to Southern Chester County through churches in our communities during the Lenten season [February 10th-March 27th, 2016]. The project consists of 3 easy ways to get involved:

- **Do** one service project! It can be coordinated from a church participating in GSR, or, by taking action on your own to serve (such as making a meal for someone in need or helping a

neighbor with a house project).

- **Donate** two pounds of food to our local food cupboards (bin in the lobby)

- **Give** three dollars (for Kids) and thirty dollars (for adults) to our two partner organizations-

**Good Neighbors and Young Moms.** Good Neighbors is an organization committed to making homes warmer, safer, drier and healthier for qualified homeowners as an expression of our faith in Jesus Christ. YoungMoms is an organization committed to equipping teen moms with the resources and support they need to reach their potential as women and mothers.

Last year, three churches partnered and were overwhelmed with the response of those congregations. Three churches partnered together to focus on restoration in Southern Chester County. **Over \$38,000 raised** for Family Promise, to assist homeless families in Southern Chester County. **Over 2.5 tons of food donated** for local food cupboards. Numerous service projects completed from members of all three churches involved. This year, we're working together with 14 churches (and counting!).

### God's Faithfulness ~ Your Stewardship

**Report February 21, 2016**

**General Offering: \$3,570.<sup>01</sup>**

**Building Maintenance Fund: \$225.<sup>00</sup>**

**Worship Attendance: 226**

**Emergency Groceries YTD: 8 Bags**

**Give/Serve/Restore: \$120.<sup>00</sup>**

and 395 pounds of food

***It is your tithes, offerings,***

***and gifts that impact***

***and change lives for Christ!***

## Moment of Impact

### *The Children's Choir*

We give thanks to God for the children who come together a few times a year to offer heart-felt songs. We also give thanks to God for Joan Leaman who faithfully serves as director.

**ELECTRONIC GIVING:** There are many who give electronically at West Grove UMC. An "Electronic Giving Card" is available to those who desire to have a symbolic gift for the offering plate. **If you would like to learn more about giving electronically, please take a brochure in the lobby, or see our Church Administrator, Donna Fackler.**



What will your legacy be? Are you considering how to impact the world into the future? Consider planning for the future and remembering the church in your plans. The MidAtlantic Foundation can assist in donor-advised funds, bequests, and memorial gifts. Please see Pastor Monica for more information.

# Meditations For Your Week

Sunday, February 28 ~ Saturday, March 5



**Sunday:** *“Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.” Luke 18:1.* Prayers of intercession require tenacity and collaboration. Who can you help by adding your prayers to their need?

**Monday:** *“In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, “Grant me justice against my opponent.” Luke 18:3.* The story of the persistent widow is an invitation to prayer for your needs and for the intercession for others. Prayerfully consider how you can be intentional and persistent.

**Tuesday:** *“Yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.” Luke 18:5.* Even an unjust justice is worn down by the determination of the widow, where is God calling you to be persistent in prayer?

**Wednesday:** *“I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?” Luke 18:8.* God is just. Prayerfully consider how you may be just as God is just.

**Thursday:** *“My soul also is struck with terror, while you, O Lord—how long?” Psalm 6:3.* When we find ourselves in the darkest of places, let us turn to God and God’s people for our intercession.

**Friday:** *“Turn, O Lord, save my life; deliver me for the sake of your steadfast love.” Psalm 6: 4* God is loving and just. God will deliver you. Where do you need God today?

**Saturday:** *“Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the Lord has heard the sound of my weeping.” Psalm 6:8.* The Lord hears our cries. Pause today in prayer.

# Kids Clothes



## Children's Clothing and Equipment Consignment Sale

**CONSIGN:** Thursday, March 17th 3:30-6:00 p.m.

**SHOP:** Friday, March 18- 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and  
Saturday, March 19 - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

(Items half price on Saturday, except if marked with a red dot)

**Profit Sharing:** Consignor will receive two-thirds of the total sales of their items. Children's Morning Out and Preschool program will receive the remaining one-third.

**Items to be consigned:** Spring/Summer children's clothing sizes newborn to size 16, toys and baby equipment and maternity clothes. **We are asking that you be selective and do not bring stained or worn out clothing.** All baby equipment must be clean and in good working order. Children's shoes must be new or nearly new. Operating items and games **must have all parts and be in working condition.**



**Please contact the church office for a full consignment instruction packet.**

### **ALL ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE**

**We Need Your Help!!!** We can always use additional volunteers, to make this sale a success. Our most needed time is Saturday beginning at 12:00. Please think about volunteering during this time. All items need to be sorted, **the church needs to be reset for Sunday services and consigners tags need to be added up.** We really could use many volunteers to make clean up a much quicker process. If you have any questions, please contact Tracy McLaughlin at [tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org](mailto:tracy.mclaughlin@westgroveumc.org) or (610) 869-9334.



# Lent



***Lent Wednesday Night Fun***  
***Join us for potluck dinner and***  
***activities to prepare for Lent.***  
***6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.***

Families can get a night off of cooking by coming to the church for a potluck dinner of whatever assortment of dishes show up. All beverages will be supplied. If you'd like to bring a dish to share, it will be appreciated, but by no means mandatory. The event is totally free.

**March 2nd** - We will be creating thankfulness sculptures to give thanks to God for God's many blessings in our lives.

**March 9th** - We will be making Easter boxes for our shut-ins. Our shut-ins will receive a box of our love and care and some of the symbols of the celebrations in a box!

**March 16th** - We will be making resurrection egg sets. Supplies will be provided. You will go home with a dozen plastic eggs that tell the story of Holy Week and Easter.

**March 23rd** - We will create interactive experiences of Holy Week to pray together.

**Join us one week or all the weeks!**

**Sunday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 - The Understanding the African American Experience and White Privilege Group** will meet in the home of Jeanette Stryjewski - 550 Hodgson Circle, West Grove, PA. Come with your reactions to reading chapters 6-8 of *It's the Little Things: Everyday Interactions That Anger, Annoy, and Divide the Races* by Lena Williams. Mel Leaman will facilitate the session.

## **DUTCH APPLE THEATRE PRESENTS THE MUSICAL MENOPAUSE!**

RAP and Friends are invited to travel with the Avon Grove Seniors to the Dutch Apple Dinner Theatre on Thursday, April 7th, 2016. The bus will leave from the West Grove Presbyterian Church at 9:45 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:45 a.m. and the musical **Menopause** begins at 1:15 p.m. The price of \$69 includes bus transportation, the meal, and the show. Checks should be made out to the Avon Grove Seniors. All tickets are on a first come, first served basis. If you plan to attend, please notify Sara Ann Ramberger **asap**, 610-869-3863 or [sar57ver@verizon.net](mailto:sar57ver@verizon.net).

# THIS WEEK: February 28 through March 6, 2016

~~ Hours for the Church Office: Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. ~~

## Sunday:

### THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

|            |                                                               |
|------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.  | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band                |
| 9:45 a.m.  | Christian Education for All Ages                              |
| 11:00 a.m. | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and Flute Ensemble |

## Monday:

|                        |                                                       |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes w/Dentist Program (#3, 4, 5, 6) |
| 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Knit Wits (#1)                                        |
| 6:30 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.   | S.O.S. Ladies (#1)                                    |

## Tuesday:

|                            |                                         |
|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------|
| 6:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.      | Memory Bells Rehearsal (Sanc.)          |
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.     | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)     |
| 11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.      | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)  |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.       | CMO Music Program (#8, 10)              |
| 4:45 p.m.-6:00 p.m.        | Brownie Troop 447 (#8, 10)              |
| 6:30 p.m.-8:00 p.m.        | Jr. Girl Scout Troop #41377 (#8, 10)    |
| 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.      | Yoga-Sanc.                              |
| <b>7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Financial Peace University (#14)</b> |

## Wednesday:

|                              |                                                 |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.       | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)             |
| 11:15 a.m.&11:30 a.m.        | Chapel Time with CMO Preschool (Sanc.)          |
| 2:00 p.m.- 3:00 p.m.         | Luther House Bible Study (Bldg. 1)              |
| <b>6:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.</b> | <b>Wednesdays in Lent (Sanc. &amp; Kitchen)</b> |
| 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.          | Venture Crew Youth Meeting (#8, 10)             |

## Thursday:

|                              |                                             |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - <b>1:00 p.m.</b> | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6)         |
| 4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.          | All Staff Meeting (#1)                      |
| 6:00 p.m.- 7:00 p.m.         | Daisy Troop #4567 (#8, 10)                  |
| 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.          | Choir Rehearsal (#6)                        |
| 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.          | Boy Scout Troop #12 (#8, 10, 9, 11, 12, 13) |
| 8:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.        | PraiseWorks Rehearsal                       |

## Friday:

|                        |                                     |
|------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | CMO Preschool Classes (#3, 4, 5, 6) |
| 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m.   | CMO Music Program (#8, 10)          |

## Saturday:

|                            |                                        |
|----------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| <b>8:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.</b> | <b>TOOLS FOR MINISTRY (All Church)</b> |
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## Sunday:

### FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

#### COMMUNION SUNDAY ~ EMERGENCY FOOD PANTRY

|                       |                                                               |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m.             | Contemporary Worship with the PraiseWorks Band                |
| 9:45 a.m.             | Christian Education for All Ages                              |
| 11:00 a.m.            | Traditional Worship with the Chancel Choir and Flute Ensemble |
| 1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. | Trustees Meeting (#1)                                         |
| 6:00 p.m.-7:30 p.m.   | CMO Book Fair Set-Up (Lobby)                                  |
| 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. | Youth Group Meeting (#8 & 10)                                 |

# PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY

**Would you like to add someone to the Prayer Chain?** Weekdays, please contact **Donna Fackler at the church office: office@westgroveumc.org or 610-869-9334.** After office hours and on week-ends, please contact **Sara Ann Ramberger at sar57ver@verizon.net or 610-869-3863.** All prayer requests will remain in the bulletin for **four Sundays.** If you would like to have the prayer concern extended, **please update your request with Donna.** Thank you.

**Community Prayer Focus in February: Emergency Food Pantry**  
**Mission Prayer Focus in February: Family Promise**

Wayne Achuff  
 Ken Arnold  
 Peter Ballard (Kr. Boyd)  
 Joann Bates  
 Cory Beattie (Shaub)  
 Carolyn Bratton and Family  
 Fran Bryan  
 Helen Carlin  
 Danny (J. Hughes' brother)  
 Bill Davis (Mullen)  
 Barbara Delaney  
 Colin Delaney (McGinley)  
 Edie (J. Hughes' mother)  
 Tom Fagan  
 Bill Fili, Jr. (Bratton)  
 Chip Flower  
 Marcus Forst (Howard)  
 Anne Horn (Czerpak)  
 Jimmy Hunt  
 Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 Ken & Lois Levingood (Miller)  
 Bill Lilley  
 Asher Lindtner  
 Pam McClain  
 Joanie McGettigan (Bratton)



Margee Michaels  
 Lynn Morgan (McClain)  
 Tim Mullen  
 Kathie Myhre (Miller)  
 Ed O'Brien  
 James Pollard (Yarbrough)  
 Tammy Ramberger  
 Grace Reisinger  
 Rick Renzulli  
 Ron Ritter (Chalmers)  
 Family of Dot Russell  
 Roann Schneider  
 Doug and Joan Smead (Wolff)  
 Kim Smith  
 Lorrie Steele  
 Angela Street (K. Smith)  
 Reinhard Streibel (Mullen)  
 Family of Doris Stuhcke  
 Fernando & Jonathan Tena  
 Zach Trexler (Lytle)  
 Dot Weeks  
 Hans Winkler (Mullen)  
 Megan Wittman (Lytle)  
 Donald Yerkes (Saller)

Tom Fagan - USA  
 (Whelan)



Allan Frost -  
 South Korea (Frost)

Brian Kubo - Maryland (Edel Mullen)

LTC Eric Maxwell, Chesapeake, VA  
 (The Rambergers)

Tom Peirson & Troop - Afghanistan  
 (Simonds)

Dave Springer - Fort Bragg, NC

Jimmy Strawhecker - Glen Burnie, MD  
 (Lynne Strawhecker)

Tyler Thompson—Kandahar,  
 Afghanistan (Margee Michaels)

Ed Tolmie—Afghanistan

Chris Weidman - Okinawa, Japan  
 Fran Miller)

## SERVANTS IN MINISTRY ON SUNDAY MORNING

### **This Sunday, February 28**

**Ushers—8:30** Scott Steele  
**Greeters—8:30** OPEN  
**Ushers—11:00** Joan Saller and Kay Yates  
**Greeters—11:00** Linda Peirson & Ruth Wells  
**Acolyte 8:30/11** J. LeSturgeon / Matthew Rinehimer  
**Nursery 8:30/9:45/11** J. Lindtner/E. Mullen/J. Leaman  
**C. Worship—8:30/11** Maryanne Covington/Jessi Timm  
**Sunday School Roamers** Cindy Haley  
**Lay Reader—8:30** Alexandra Smith  
**Liturgist—11:00** Dave Talley  
**Moment All Ages** Karen Hruz  
**Hospitality 8:30/11** Dawn Chalmers/Linda Peirson  
**Counters** Bill Jones and Tim Shaub  
**Sound Booth** B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

### **Next Sunday, March 6**

OPEN / Joshua Robinson  
 C. Bruno / K. Smith / A. Castaldi  
 OPEN/OPEN  
 Fran Miller  
 Karen Hruz  
 Sandy Deckard  
 Joan Leaman  
 Rain Catoia / Wanda Kreutzfeldt  
 George Anderson and Tim Shaub  
 B. Ditzel/K. Schneider

# 8:30 Contemporary Worship Service

## Third Sunday in Lent

### Open

- \*Opening Song** "In The Secret" PraiseWorks Band
- Welcome and Ministry Opportunities** Pastor Monica
- Please fill out the Friendship Register on the clipboard located on a chair in your row.  
First-time visitor or member, let us know you were here!*
- \*Celebration Set** "Your Grace Is Enough" PraiseWorks Band  
"Father, I Want You To Hold Me"
- \*Passing of the Peace**

### Grow

- Moment For All Ages** Karen Hruz
- Old Testament Lesson** *Psalm 6:1-8* Alexandra Smith
- \*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 18:1-8* Alexandra Smith

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- Sermon** "Please! Prayers to Intercede" Pastor Monica

### Serve

- Moment of Impact** **The Children's Choir** Pastor Monica
- Offering** "Jesus, Pray For Me" PraiseWorks Band
- Offertory Prayer** Pastor Shirley
- Gathered Prayer** Pastor Shirley
- The Lord's Prayer** (Sung) "Our Father" Congregation and PraiseWorks Band
- \*Closing Song** "We Cry Out" PraiseWorks Band
- \*Benediction** Pastor Monica
- \*Postlude**

**\* Please stand as you are able**