



# Friday Update

Sunday's Notes and Congregational Care

February 27, 2026



## "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian," "Be the Change," and "Love Consecrates the Humblest Act"

By Kelly Grba, Music Intern

This week will feature many musicians in a variety of musical worship. The Geneva Handbell Choir is playing *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* arranged by Karen Buckwalter. A unique setting of the familiar hymn tune, this piece will feature Karen Brown on piano, as well as flute and oboe accompaniment. This piece serves as a comforting reminder that we always have access to the eternal peace found in Jesus, if only we would take the time to slow down and be present. The handbell choir will also be playing Mitchell Eithun's arrangement of *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*. This arrangement serves as a contemplative setting of a traditional spiritual. The simple yet reassuring harmonic structure allows the flowing melody to ring out. A more insistent offering of "I Want Jesus to Walk with Me" anchors this arrangement before returning to the main flowing theme.

Nazareth Choir will be singing *Be The Change* with music by Mark Kaplan and Colin Britt. The words of this piece are adapted from Gandhi's charge to "be the change you wish to see in the world." *Be The Change* is a selection from *The Justice Choir Songbook*, a collection of songs intended for community singing and social justice initiatives. The simple and repetitive nature of the song reminds us that even though life can feel complicated and chaotic at times, we have the power to make a change even in the smallest of ways.

Chancel Choir will offer the anthem, *Love Consecrates the Humblest Act* arranged by Robert J. Powell. This Lenten piece centers on the gospel of John and the story of Jesus washing the disciples' feet. A lush, flowing melody and straightforward polyphony allow the story to unfold in a beautiful way. Through this lovely musical

## Prayer Requests

*At Central, we believe in walking alongside one another through every season of life. Whether you are celebrating a joy, carrying a burden, or simply in need of prayer, we are here for you. Your church family is honored to lift up your prayers—both spoken and unspoken—with care, compassion, and faith. No request is too small, and every joy is worth celebrating. You are not alone.*

- Prayers for **Kimberly Parker's dad, Butch Parker**, who is in the hospital in Winston-Salem, NC with a possible infection
- Prayers for the family of **Bettie Harden**, whose memorial service will be at Central on Saturday, February 21, at 2:00pm.
- Prayers for **Matt Hepler's** aunt, **Nancy Samuelson**, who was hospitalized last week in Bradenton, FL to remove a tumor from her bladder.
- Prayers for **Thom Dixon's** grandmother, **Joyce Dixon**, who fell and broke her hip and wrist. She will be having surgery.
- Please keep **Becky Battle** in your prayers; her mother, **Carol Thorup**, died February 7. Also keep **Lindsey Battle Conway**, her husband (**Matt**) and her two boys (**Declan and Lincoln**) in your prayers. Carol was a member of St. Luke's Presbyterian. A service in memory of Carol will be held in April.
- Prayers for **Barbara Keish**, mother of Chris and mother-in-law of Martha Moore-Keish, who is healing from a fall and an infection. Our prayers are with Chris as he supports his mom in her recovery and provides ongoing support.
- Prayers for **Bob Berrett**, who is recovering from a coronary angioplasty atherectomy stent procedure last week.
- **We know that many of our Central family members are caring for a loved one, navigating the needs of aging parents and partners.** Our prayers are always with the beloved caregivers, that they might find peace, respite, and support as they walk alongside their beloveds.
- After a recent hospitalization, **Jane Enniss** (wife of **David Eniss**) is currently in therapy at Budd Terrace. Prayers are always welcome & visitors or cards are much appreciated.
- Prayers for **Vernon and Deanna Robbins** following the death of their son, Rick, in a work related accident.
- Prayers for **Pete Paulsen**, who is recovering from a fall.
- Prayers for the family and friends of **Tony Amos**, who passed away on January 13.
- Prayers of strength for **Tom Leslie** and his family as they journey through the coming weeks.
- Prayers for **Brian and Karen Sugrue** as Brian receives treatment for an infection and recovers at home.
- Prayers for **Catherine Wilson** and her family. Catherine is receiving cancer treatment while at home. Texts and cards are welcomed.

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## March Birthdays!

March 1: Bruce McKelvy

March 2: Alex Rodgers, Fred King, and Matt Baum

March 3: Adrian Miller and Lucy Wiggins

March 4: Corie Cox

March 5: Chris McCain and Tricia Berrett

March 6: Abby Myers and Mary Lou Waymer

March 8: Diane Terry, Kaye Carmichael, and Peg Richards

March 9: Martha Crenshaw

March 11: Kathy Taylor and Philip Covin

March 12: Chantal Tusher, David Enniss, and Harold Harbert

March 14: Linda Lehfeidt

March 15: Amy Covin, Debbie Miller, and John Michael Heidbreder

March 16: Jackson Faw, Mary Caroline Lindsay, and Sophie Mei Li Hollowell

March 17: Bob Berrett, Caroline Bray, and Chris Lloyd

March 18: Bettye Russell and Kelsey Kubelick

March 19: Declan Conway and Kessler Catterall

March 20: Hannah Hilimire and Joshua Partridge

March 21: Anita Carwile and Kael Womat

March 22: Betty Franklin, Florin Roorbach, and Liam Fields

March 23: Anne Watkins and Missie Grawert

March 24: Beth Grashof, Christopher Porter, Jennifer West, Kaitlyn Hilimire,  
and Stan Jones

March 25: Jim Irwin and Kimberly Parker

March 26: Elizabeth Lynn and Sophie Anderson

March 27: Vanessa Kirk-Brown

March 28: Ed Galloway and Kristeen Sorrells

March 30: Aubrey Johnson

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## Ongoing Care Needs & Continued Prayers

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- Rev. Joanna Adams
- Doris Beachy
- Rev. Beth Duttera Newman
- Elizabeth Henry
- Ella Ruth Hunnicutt
- Berta & Jim Irwin
- Frances Padgett
- Jane Parker
- Carolyn Porter

### Central Cares

We'd love to hear from you. Share any joys, concerns, or prayer requests through our online form or by filling out a prayer card during Sunday worship and placing it in the offering plate. You can also request for your prayer to remain confidential.

For care needs or emergencies, please reach out to your parish care team or a member of our pastoral staff. (You can also connect with your parish group through your Realm account.)

Our church office is open weekdays and ready to take your call. If you have a pastoral care need, please contact Melissa Johnson at **(404) 601-3126**. She'll help connect you with the right Deacon or staff member.

[Click Here to Submit Joys or Prayer Requests](#)

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### Rebekah Circle Meeting March 9!

The Rebekah Circle Women's Group will meet Monday, **March 9 from 11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** via Zoom. Please join us for fellowship and Bible study. We will be studying lesson six in our study book, *The Gift of the Woman who was Poor*. All women of the church are welcome. We meet the second Monday of each month. Please contact Mary Lillian Walker if you have any questions.

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### This Week's Bulletin

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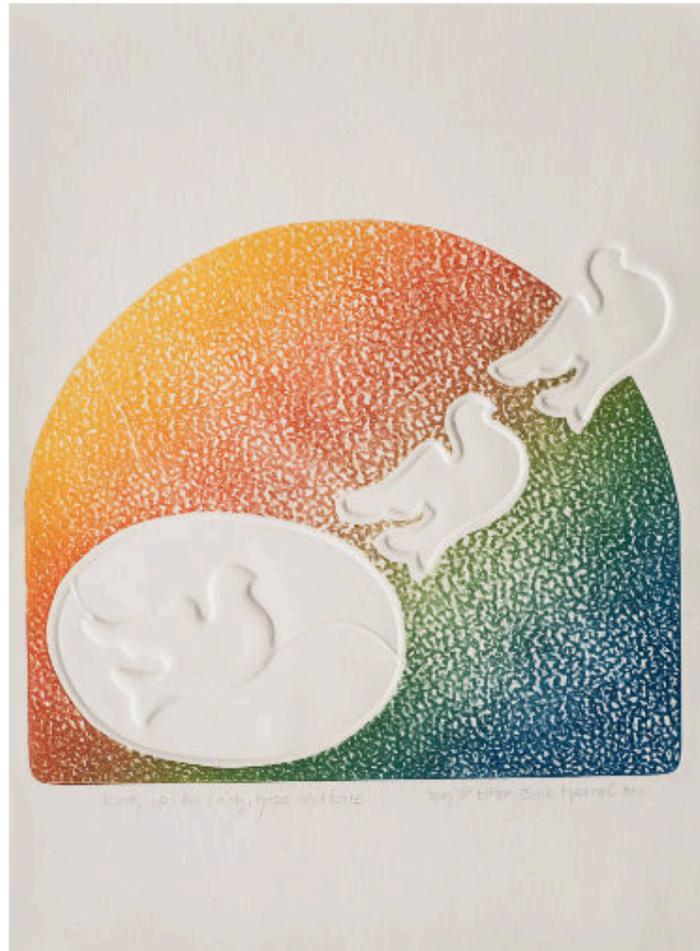
Sunday Morning Worship



## Second Sunday in Lent

March 1, 2026

Worship begins at 11 a.m.



*Look Up for Faith, Hope & Love, Edie Mac Herrel*

## Central Leadership

### The Session of Central Presbyterian Church

**Clerk of Session**  
Janet Abercrombie

### The Diaconate of Central Presbyterian Church

**Class of 2026**  
Anne Blankinship  
Ed Galloway

**Class of 2026**

Gary Cornell  
Denise de la Rue  
LaShawn Green  
John Heidbreder  
Adam Seeley

**Class of 2027**

Becky Battle  
Melanie Bliss  
Anita Carwile  
Sandy Hoke  
Katie Sutton  
Sally Wood

**Class of 2028**

John Blake  
Kevin Byers  
Vanessa Hunter  
Julie Moore  
Chris Sciarrone  
Rachael Szymanski

Liz Jaffe  
Martha Kimes  
Rachel Hull  
Terrylynn Pons

**Class of 2027**

Lucy Baum  
Linda Massengill - Co-Moderator  
Larken McCord  
Peg Richards - Co-Moderator  
Anne Watkins  
David York

**Class of 2028**

Elizabeth Amos - Youth Deacon  
Brian Bishop  
Marci Bozeman  
Dane Jefferson  
Jackie Randolph  
Rachel Stewart  
Nancy Wilkes

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## Central Parish Coordinators

**INTOWN SOUTH PARISH**

Philip and Amy Covin  
Rob Forbes

**NORTHERN LIGHTS PARISH**

Ginger Heidbreder  
Rachel Stewart

**BROOKWOOD PARISH**

Mary Lillian Walker  
Debbie Miller

**DECATUR PARISH**

Marcia Hunter  
Nancy Wilkes

**DOWN YONDER PARISH**

Em McNair

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