

Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church
(Week of 03/29/2026)

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be known to God. Philippians 4:6

Congregation

- James Stanton's mother, Charline Stanton, died last week from cancer. Deepest prayers of comfort for James, Julie, Spencer, Cooper, the wider Stanton family and all who knew and loved her. A celebration of life will be held at their church of Peace Congregational Church, UCC, in Pendleton, SC, on Saturday, April 18th.
- Jesse Nelson is at Emory in Atlanta for a series of diagnostic tests related to epilepsy. Please keep Jesse in your heart and deep prayers during this critical time. Also please keep his wife Kate and parents Bill and Julie Nelson in prayer.
- Shirley Thomas is now back home after a stay in the hospital. Prayers for continued healing.
- Prayers of love and presence as we journey alongside Sally Ross as she undergoes diagnostic evaluations and considers treatment options for pancreatic cancer.
- Stacy Carter has been hospitalized because of a recent fall. As of this printing they are waiting to hear of a move to New High Shoals Health and Rehab Center. Continued prayers for her courage, strength, and healing, as well as for Virginia, Nico, and Chris.
- Prayers for our confirmation class as they continue on their faith journey.
- Compassionate prayers for all those who grieve.
- Prayers for the safety of all against Flu A and B which are sweeping through the country, variants of Covid, and other viral infections.
- Prayers for those parenting teenagers and young adults who are experiencing difficulties.
- Prayers for aging parents and other family members who are struggling with health issues and/or end-of-life care and for those who care for them:
 - *Bill Nelson and his father. Homer Nelson, 94, has been diagnosed with stage 4 rectal cancer. Prayers for Homer's wife and for his family.
 - *Catherine Chastain and her mother, June Seay
- Prayers for those undergoing procedures, awaiting diagnosis, and/or receiving medical care; for those facing life's challenges; for those healing or dealing with difficult medical issues:

*Anita York	*Herb Meyer
*Melanie Broadrick	*Marianne Izzo
*William Barrow	*Jesse Nelson
*Julia McDermott	*Tony Hollifield
*Phyllis Meyer	*Lynne Detrick
*Don and Donna Davis	*De Rodgers
- Prayers for those living with and/or suffering ongoing medical conditions and/or life-changing situations:

*Carl Rapp	*Julie Frey	*Joyce Holt
*Kellie Fielding	*Shirley Thomas	

Friends & Family

- Debby Carter, Katherine Kipp's daughter and Rachel Hollifield's twin sister, is expecting her first child within the next few weeks. Prayers for a safe delivery and a healthy baby!

- Noel Lawson, daughter of Farol Nesmith, is recovering from herniated disc surgery at her home in Chattanooga. Prayers for healing.
- The sister of Louise Condron and the aunt of Melanie Broadrick, Leonette Shope, has entered hospice care at her home in Plant City, FL. Louise is with her during this fragile time. Please pray for her family as she transitions to life eternal.
- Laurie Bunn asks for prayers for her brother, Brandon, who is beginning cancer treatments, as well as for her father, Danny Vining. Prayers for Brandon, Danny, and the entire family.
- Patti Scott asks for prayers for her adult autistic son who desperately needs employment that will allow for accommodations for his disability. Prayers also for her mother who is 94 and dealing with precarious health issues.
- Prayers for Beck Strehl, infant great-nephew of Debra Pigage to growth, gain weight and thrive.
- Please pray for Mike Lena, Pat McCaskey's brother-in-law, who has been struggling with cancer for several years. May his pain be lessened and a comfort and peace that passes all understanding be his in the coming time.
- Cancer and other debilitating illnesses continue to touch our lives and those we love. Pray for healing, strength and endurance for:
*Connie Vill, Bill Caputi, Claire Hood, Emma Cate, Pat McCaskey's extended family and for those whose names we hold in our hearts.

Community & City

- Prayers for everyone in our communities, our first responders and healthcare providers who are always "on duty" while answering their call to serve others, especially during the recent severe weather.
- Those who suffer from addictions, depression, and other mental illnesses and those who care for them.

State, Nation, & World

- Deep prayers for God's intervening grace as war continues in the Middle East. Pray for the leaders of our country and all the countries who are making critical life and death decisions daily. Prayers for those who stand in harm's way, those who suffer and grieve. We pray for the children. We pray for all who are responding to the devastation in their communities and countries including the churches of the Presbyterian Synod of Syria-Lebanon and all the other Christian churches in this cradle of Christianity.
- We pray for God's grace with continued prayers for peace, justice, reconciliation and restoration in our country. Holy God may hope overcome hopelessness, wisdom overcome fear and kindness overwhelm hate.