

Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church
(Week of 05/03/2026)

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

- This a day of grace and joy for OPC as we welcome with thanksgiving our youth confirmands today: Allie Duberstein, Levi Duberstein, Katie Griffeth, Carson Haines, Will Jacobson, and Hudson Magness! Today we also lift prayers of celebration for the Baptism of Allie Duberstein and Levi Duberstein.
- Prayers of love and presence as we journey alongside Sally Ross in her last days. No visitors, please.
- Stacy Carter is now home where she is receiving excellent help and guidance from a home health care nurse. Please see Sue if interested in visiting. Continued prayers for her courage, strength, and healing, as well as for Virginia, Nico, and Chris.
- Shirley Thomas is home and seems to be “holding her own.” Prayers of gratitude that she is back in her own place.
- Jesse Nelson is continuing to undergo diagnostic tests related to epilepsy. He has 2 more testing appointments to go. Please keep Jessie in your heart and deep prayers during this critical time. Also please keep his wife Kate and parents Bill and Julie Nelson in prayer.
- 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
 - *Sherry Sawyer and her father, Edward Jones
- 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	*Dan Sawyer
*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:

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

Friends & Family

- 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.
- 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, 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

- Please pray for everyone affected by the raging fires in South Georgia as well those in Florida and North Carolina. Prayers for the firefighters and responders.
- Deep prayers for God's intervening grace as war continues in the Middle East. Prayers 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.