

Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church
(Week of 10/19/2025)

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

- Prayers of joy for Kailey Stephens! Today is Kailey Stephens ordination service in Richardson, Texas. Congratulations to Rev. Kailey Stephens and her new church in Virginia Beach.
- As mentioned during worship last Sunday, William Barrow was readmitted to the hospital due to a serious, adverse reaction to medication. Through grit, fortitude and good medical care (as well as a miracle or two), he is recovering at home. Prayers of thanksgiving and for continued healing for William and prayers of strength for Kelly.
- Brett Atchley has been deployed overseas for a few months. He is a Lt. Col. in the Georgia Air National Guard serving as member of the Critical Care Air Transport Team. Prayers for his safety, for comfort as he is separated from his family, and for those under his care. Also remember Susan and the family as they wait for his return. If you'd like to send cards/letters, using a regular 1st class stamp, can be sent to 379 EAES, OPC 1201 Box 03, APO, AE 09309-9003.
- Please keep Herb Meyer in continued prayer as he continues to heal.
- Prayers for rest, renewal and fun for our Pastor Steve as he vacations in Europe!
- Please remember our high school seniors as they make post-high school plans and prepare applications for college.
- Compassionate prayers for all those who grieve.
 - *Joel and Julie Frey, upon the death of Joel's father, Lloyd Cecil Frey August 28
 - *Gisela and Hal Hodgson, upon the death of her mother, Ilse, August 21st.
- Prayers for the safety of all against variants of Covid, flu, 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
 - *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:
 - *William Barrow
 - *Herb Meyer
 - *Hal Hodgson
 - *Don and Donna Davis
 - *Marianne Izzo
 - *Tony Hollifield
 - *Lynne Detrick
 - *Jesse Nelson
 - *De Rodgers
- Prayers for those living with and/or suffering ongoing medical conditions (often life-changing):
 - *Carl Rapp

*Julie Frey
*Kellie Fielding
*Shirley Thomas

Friends & Family

- Continued prayers for Wanda Frayer who has been battling cancer. Complications have arisen as her oncologist continues to find the best treatment.
- Prayers for a friend of OPC, Bill Caputi. Bill has been diagnosed with throat cancer. Positive results are expected from treatment, but recovery may be difficult.
- Frank and Melanie Broadrick ask for prayers of healing for a dear friend, Alan Davis, who recently received a double lung transplant. While he is doing well, he faces a long road of recovery. Prayers also for his wife, Priscilla, as she cares for him.
- Debbie Boyles asks for prayers for her cousin Shirley Thomas (note: not our OPC Shirley Thomas) who has been scheduled for a laparoscopic partial nephrectomy (kidney) in November. Please also pray for Shirley's husband, Barry, who just received a diagnosis of B cell lymphoma which has spread to one lymph node.
- Julie Nelson asks for continued prayers for baby Lila, infant daughter of friends, Courtney and Ethan. Lila was born in May with a rare condition known as cloaca malfunction. Surgery has provided some relief, but she faces many more in the future.
- Cancer and other debilitating illnesses continue to touch our lives and those we love. Pray for healing, strength and endurance for:
 - *Angela King, Samantha Mays' teacher
 - *Gary Whitehead, brother-in-law of Sandy Denney.
 - *Claire Hood, Kohler's longtime friend's granddaughter, being treated for leukemia. Claire is responding to treatment and gaining strength.
 - *Emma Cate, Joel Frey's relation, who is undergoing treatment for cancer.
 - *Pat McCaskey's extended family are experiencing serious medical issues.
 - *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.
- Those who suffer from addictions, depression, and other mental illnesses and those who care for them.

State, Nation, & World

- Prayers for the victims of mass shootings, political violence and school shootings (53 incidents through September 2025 on elementary-college campuses).
- Continued prayers for all communities around the country suffering from the catastrophic effects of weather. Especially this week, continue to hold Augusta, GA in your prayers, as they continue to recover from Hurricane Helene last year.
- Deep prayers for the volatile situations around the world, for the leaders of our country and all the countries who are making critical decisions daily. We pray for God's grace.
- Prayers for peace, justice, reconciliation and restoration in our country. May hope overcome hopelessness, wisdom overcome fear and kindness overwhelm hate.
- For all those suffering the devastation of wars or armed conflict in the Ukraine, Sudan, Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, Iran, and elsewhere. Especially we pray for the churches of the Presbyterian Synod of Syria-Lebanon and all the other Christian churches in this cradle of Christianity.