Prayers of Oconee Presbyterian Church
(Week of 11/01/2026)

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1Thessalonians 5:16-18

Congregation

- Deepest prayers for Bruce Taylor who has been diagnosed with a meningeal tumor on his brain. Following clearance from his cardiologist, he is scheduled for surgery tomorrow, November 2nd. Keep Gail in your heart as she cares for him.
- Hal Hodgson is scheduled for knee surgery, also tomorrow, November 2nd. Prayers for a swift, safe, and successful procedure.
- Prayers for Sarah Henkel during diagnostic testing.
- Levi Duberstein continues to recover well from back surgery. Continued prayers for the healing process and that the days of inactivity may not stretch too long!
- Prayers of healing, patience, and strength for everyone recuperating from recent surgeries:
  *Gail Desautels had reverse shoulder replacement surgery October 6th. She is continuing to recover well.
  *Bob Van Schoick is recovering really well from his long cardiac bypass surgery on October 6th.
  *Rick Robins continues to heal nicely from hip replacement surgery.
  *Sandy Denney continues on her long road of recovery. Prayers for her as she carefully works her way back to healing and wholeness.
- With joy and gratitude, Rosemarie Newman is finally back home at Arbor Terrace! She continues to heal and regain strength, so continue to hold her in prayer. She would love visitors! Please contact Pastor Sue (sue@opcusa.org) for more info.
- Please keep Clarence Rawlings in your prayers during a time of change with his move to The Orchard. He would appreciate visits and I'm sure he and Jan would be happy to get cards. His address is: The Orchard, Room 211; 2750 Atlanta Hwy; Athens 30606.
- Prayers for Jesse Nelson and the ongoing diagnosis and treatment of his seizure disorder. Also keep Kate, his wife, in your hearts.
- Compassionate prayers for all those who grieve.
- 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:
  *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:
  *Barbara Wengert
  *Don and Donna Davis
  *Bo and Joyce Chance
  *Dan Sawyer
  *Anita York
  *Julia McDermott
  *Marianne Izzo
  *Jesse Nelson
  *Phyllis Meyer
  *William Barrow
  *Herb Meyer
  *Names we hold in our hearts
- Prayers for those living with and/or suffering ongoing medical conditions and/or life-changing situations:
  *Clarence Rawlings
  *Kellie Fielding
  *Julie Frey
  *Shirley Thomas
  *Joyce Holt
  *Carl Rapp

*Lynn Detrick *Stacy Carter *Rosemarie Newman

Family & Friends

- John Scott asks for prayers for his good friend, Holly Winsted, who is in the hospital with serious health concerns.
- Please continue to hold Chelley Young's friend, Connie Vill, who is continues to valiantly fight METIL cancer. Currently, she is experiencing complications from a recent stem cell transplant.
- Cancer and other debilitating illnesses continue to touch our lives and those we love. Pray for healing, strength, and endurance for:
  *Frank Broadrick's brother, Mike, suffering from ALS; Claire Hood; Pat McCaskey's brother-in-law, Mike and his extended family; and for those whose names we hold in our hearts. Victoria Shirley's friends Susan and David Huff.

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, anxiety and other mental illnesses and those who care for them.

State, Nation, & World

As Paul writes, we are many parts but all one body in Christ:

- We lift up all individuals and families currently suffering from the devastating impact of recent natural disasters and catastrophic weather. We pray that God wrap them in God's peace amidst the ruin and displacement. We pray that those who are grieving the loss of loved ones, their homes, and their livelihoods feel the never-ending comfort of God. In their darkest hours, may they feel the tangible presence and the certainty that they are not forgotten.
- We lift up the peoples of the Middle East to God. We pray for an end to the cycle of violence, retaliation, and fear. We fervently pray that God touch the hearts of leaders and decision-makers in the United States and globally, granting them the wisdom, courage, and humility to pursue diplomatic paths that lead to lasting peace. We pray for God's comfort for those who mourn, healing for wounded, and may justice and mercy guide the nations.
- We pray for God's grace with continued prayers for peace, justice, reconciliation, and restoration in our country. May hope overcome hopelessness, wisdom overcome fear and kindness overwhelm hate.
- Prayers for the military and their families as well as civil servants serving at home and deployed abroad

Necrology for All Saints' Day

- *Henry Barbieri*
- *Billy Grady Beverly*
- *Nancy Ann Doyle*
- *Melanie Leigh Byrne-Hamer*
- *Mary Ann Hendry*
- *Edward Sidney Jones*
- *Faith Little*
- *Karen Menke*
- *Homer Nelson*
- *John Ratledge*
- *Rick Rose*
- *Sally Ross*
- *Charline Stanton*
- *Craig Torgeson*
- *Debby Waller*
- *Christy Walker Whitaker*