

Prayer Requests for April 12, 2026

Grace Cochran, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Linda White, friend of Kathy Stalnaker
Beverly Loftis
Rev. Jarrold and Debbie Lanham
Bob Hubbard and Family
Josh Reuter, cousin of Kathy Stalnaker
Alice Baldwin
Mary Frances Combs
Bob and Karen Tate, Bev Hart's brother
Cathy Henley Lankford
Angie, mother of Katie (Cross of Grace)
Jan Quinlan, sister of Diana Beane
Cindi Knopp
Cindy Shope
Lela Ann Carroll by the Downeys
Ann McComas
Larry Winter, brother of Claudia Bowles.
Steve Perry
Adam Shope, Nancy Crawford's nephew
Amy Holbrooke, Nancy Crawford
Melissa Scharrep
Sue Ann Holstein
Jeff Weiler, Jeannie White's nephew
Bobby Sadler, cousin of Randi Robinson
Norma King

Our sympathy to:

Tom Miller in the death of his wife, Patricia
The family of the late Jan and Fred Patterson



The Incredulity of Saint Thomas by Caravaggio, 1573-1610

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ...John 20:26-28

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Gathering: **I WILL RISE** Praise Team

Words of Welcome and Announcements:

Prelude: **BLESSED BE YOUR NAME** Praise Team

Call to Worship:

- L. Protect us, O God, for in you we take refuge
- C. **Let us say to God, “you are our Lord; we have no good apart from you”.**
- L. Today we come to worship God in truth and turn away from worshiping the idols all around us.
- C. **God delights in our sincere worship, but sorrow visits those who give their worship to idols.**
- L. We bless the Lord who gives us counsel, who instructs our hearts in the secret of the night.
- C. **We keep the Lord always before us so that we shall not be moved from God’s ways.**
- L. Our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest secure.
- C. **Because God keeps us from destruction in this life and in the next.**
- L. God shows us the path of life,
- C. **And in God’s presence is the fullness of joy forevermore.**
- L. **And so we say to God,**
- C. **“You are our Lord; we have no good apart from You.” Amen**

Prayer Concerns

Prayer for Today

*Hymn: **WHEN THOMAS HEARD FROM JESUS!**

To the tune of **The Church’s One Foundation (on screens)**

Offertory: Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
*Doxology
*Offertory Prayer

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

Message

Prayer of Confession: Risen Lord Jesus, what is it that keeps us from recognizing you? When we are so full of ourselves, it is all too easy to block you right out of our lives. Maybe it is the way we interpret Scripture that obscures the signs pointing to you. Perhaps we are guilty of being slow of heart when we don’t recognize you in our neighbor, or in the disguise of the poor or the disposed. Our eyes and ears have become so crammed with the sights and sounds of living that we simply fail to see you or to recognize your voice. Risen Lord Jesus, help us to empty ourselves of all that hinders our awareness of your presence with us. Fill us with the joy of knowing your continuing presence, so that, like the disciples who first encountered the Resurrected Christ, we too might hasten to share this great, good news with others. AMEN

*Hymn: **UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE** p. 322

Benediction

*Postlude: **MIGHTY TO SAVE** Praise Team

(#1) GRASS CUTTING TIME AGAIN! See sign up sheet in the Narthex or contact James Lawson @ 304-541-8236.

(#2) The church is pleased to be able to offer Academic Financial Assistance to technical school or college bound students who are members of St. Andrew or are family members. Please visit our website at www.sasaumc.org or please contact Ernie Downey at (304) 545-7857.