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## Serving Schedule

March 5, 2023

### Worship Leader

Kay Gilbreath

### Communion Prayer

Kathy Richardson

### Offertory Prayer

Mark Richardson

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson    Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson

## Serving Schedule

March 12, 2023

### Worship Leader

Gleta Gorman

### Communion Prayer

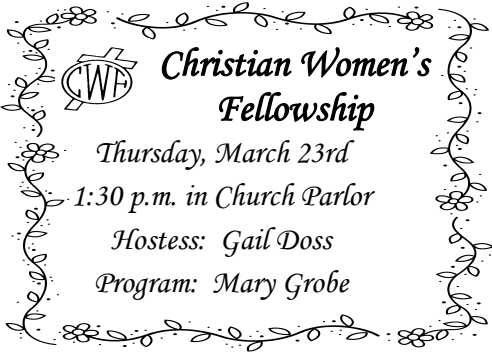
Jack Maxwell

### Offertory Prayer

Gail Doss

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



## Upcoming Opportunities

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship  
Following Worship: First Sunday Fellowship Brunch

### THURSDAY, MARCH 9:

5:30 p.m. Board Meeting

### SUNDAY, MARCH 12:

Daylight Saving Time Begins  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Worship

### SUNDAY, MARCH 19:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

### TUESDAY, MARCH 21:

11:30 a.m. Senior Fellowship  
5:30 p.m. Daycare Board Meeting

### THURSDAY, MARCH 23:

1:30 p.m. CWF, Church Parlor

### SUNDAY, MARCH 26:

9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship



## SONGS OF MARCH

By Patricia Cisco

With winter's footprints in the past,  
and snows begin to melt at last.

With longer days and shorter nights,  
the wayward winds of March take flight.

Four winds she holds within her grip,  
then hurls them from her fingertip.

Her woolly, fleecy clouds of white,  
she sets in skies of blue delight.

Her wild bouts of gusty breezes  
roar through valleys, hills, and trees.

That high pitch whistling song she sings  
awakens earth and flowering things.

She tears a hole in heaven's sky  
so sun can shine and rain can cry.

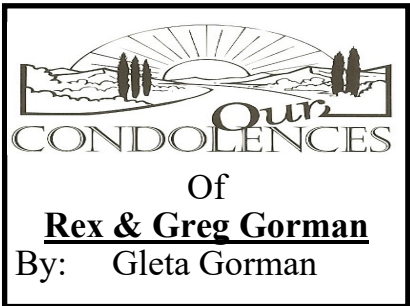
She gently calms as spring draws near,  
as blooming daffodils appear.

She welcomes April showers in,  
then gathers up her dwindling winds.  
Now her long journey home begins,

knowing she'll be back this way,  
upon a cold, late winter's day,

when nights grow short  
and days grow long.

Listen for her whistling song!



## Serving Schedule

March 26, 2023

### Worship Leader

LaVerne Matthews

### Communion Prayer

Jack Childress

### Offertory Prayer

Kay Gilbreath

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



Saturday, March 20th

## Serving Schedule

March 19, 2023

### Worship Leader

Jack Maxwell

### Communion Prayer

LaVerne Matthews

### Offertory Prayer

Doris Chlastak

### Van Driver

Jack Maxwell/Mark Richardson



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ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 5, 2023

ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 12, 2023

ATTENDANCE:	♦	ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP..... 26	•	TOTAL WORSHIP..... 26
SUNDAY SCHOOL	♦	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders..... 6	•	Homebuilders..... 5
Men's Class..... 2	•	Men's Class..... 3
Total..... 8	•	Total..... 8

ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 19, 2023

ATTENDANCE REPORT

February 26, 2023

ATTENDANCE:	♦	ATTENDANCE:
TOTAL WORSHIP..... 29	•	TOTAL WORSHIP..... 21
SUNDAY SCHOOL	♦	SUNDAY SCHOOL
Homebuilders..... 5	•	Homebuilders..... 5
Men's Class..... 3	•	Men's Class..... 1
Total..... 8	•	Total..... 6



SIGNS ALONG THE WAY

Every year Fat Tuesday comes to an abrupt end at midnight. New Orleans police shut down the Mardi Gras festivities promptly at 12 am in reverence for Ash Wednesday. The stroke of midnight is the moment Bourbon Street revelers must give it up. We always think of “giving up” something for Lent. Some people give up meat. Others give up sweets, or alcohol, or television or social media. If you want to face a real Lenten challenge try giving up your cell phone for forty days. But even that might not be enough to get you in a true Lenten mood. Preacher Kimberly Long tells this story at the beginning of one of her Lenten sermons. Entering church on Ash Wednesday, Nora Gallagher encounters a friend who, when asked what she is giving up for Lent, quips: “Anne’s giving up drinking, Terri’s giving up chocolate, and I’m just giving up” Ever feel like that? “Just giving up”? “Just give up” was the Pharisee’s advice to Jesus. Herod is after you. He has you marked for death. Get out of town quick. Give up your mission here. When Jesus heard this warning, he surprises those Pharisees by both disregarding and embracing their message. Jesus dismisses the threat of Herod with a flip and a quip. Herod is nothing but a “sly fox,” Jesus quips, forever plotting but powerless against God’s mission in the world. Jesus has his own schedule, his own agenda, his own mission to fulfill, and the time-frame has already been divinely determined. But Jesus also asserts he will give up. Jesus will give himself up. Jesus will travel to Jerusalem and meet head on the traumatic tradition of that city captured in the phrase, “Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it.” In God’s own time, Jesus will give up everything, his very life, in order to fulfill his eternal mission of salvation. Jesus will “give it up” in order that we might “get it all”

See you Sunday,  
Pastor Frank

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[Names will remain on our Prayer  
Concern list until the Church Office  
is notified to remove them.]

SUNDAY SCHOOL  
PERFECT ATTENDERS

February 2023

Gail Doss  
Kay Gilbreath  
Gleta Gorman  
Anne Roberts  
Gene Roberts  
Eva Kay Smith



Looks who's having a  
Birthday in  
March

Kay Gilbreath	1
Gleta Gorman	16
Mark Richardson	19
Gloria Michel	24
Stacie Pinkston	28

