

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* CALL TO WORSHIP (adapted from Psalm 119) Karla Barnes

We praise God because God's love lasts forever!
The Lord's commandments lead to abundant life!
Christ's teaching transforms all of our relationships.
God's Word set us free to trust in the Lord's grace.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise I Love To Tell the Story #462

*Call to Confession Karla Barnes

If we claim to be sinless, we are deceiving ourselves. If we confess our sins, God is just, and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sin before God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Gracious God, in Jesus Christ you call us to be a servant people, but we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak. Sometimes we are bystanders when we could be useful. Please forgive us and free us from sin. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy! You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" Chords are indicated below the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Because we are in Christ, we become new people altogether. The past is finished and gone. Everything has become fresh and new. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end; Amen.

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

"This Little Light of Mine"

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination Karla Barnes

Our Gracious God, we pray that you will open our eyes to see wonderful things in your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 43: 1-3 Karla Barnes
p. 718

Anthem

Second Reading 1 Samuel 17: 32-45 Dr. Kling
p. 279-280

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Underdogs" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith Unison
The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of The People Dr. Kling

The Lord's Prayer Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*Hymn of Discipleship Breathe of God, Breath of God # 286

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Dr. Mary Crowell

*Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Dedication Dr. Kling

*Prayer for the PNC: Unison

"Our Loving God, look graciously on this Church. Please guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor. Lead the search committee to a Pastor who will be a faithful partner in ministry. And prepare our next Pastor to care for this congregation as we share Christ's love with others. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen."

*Hymn of Sending We Are All One in Mission #733

*Charge Dr. Kling

Wherever we go, God has sent us; Wherever we are, God has put us there; God has a purpose in our being there; there is something that God wants to do through us. Wherever we are!

*Benediction Dr. Kling

As God's people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home) Bonnie Chambers (Home)
Dean Steele Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Susie Fogg (Home) Stephen Toney (Home)
Sharon Massey Ruth Martin (Healing)
Rene Brown (Traditions) Jac Catlett
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Vicki Kellogg (Health)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing) Doug Booth (Health)
Sharon Hand (Healing)

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army Sean Miller - Army
Adam Naves - Marines Damien Williams - Army
Kevin O'Neill-Army Res.-Poland Michael Ress – USAF –AZ
Joshua Hargrove – Deployed Jay Tulley- Middle East

FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Bob Defour (Doyle & Suzanne Weeks son-in-law)
Brent Harris (Friend of Chris Hilgeman)
Melvin Norwood (Health, Tashia Baugher's Father)
Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
John Townsend (Health, Doug Harbin's Brother in Law)
Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
Kierra Anderson (Friend of Gale Cottles)
Gary Kilgo (Health, Kay Baugher & Carol Quillen's family member)
Macie Garrett (Healing, Christy Arnett's Niece)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
Johnathon Garrett, (Healing, great nephew of Christy Arnett)
Amy and John May (Healing, wife of Jan Ruth's grandson)
Jim May and Jan Ruth (Healing and Comfort)
Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)
Vernon Kruger (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)
Lucrecia Hawley (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
John Cotten (Healing, Potter's Hand)
Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)
Maggie Ruth Naves (Healing, great granddaughter of Hazel White)

FOR OUR VISITORS:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect. Prayer Request/Visitor cards are located in the pews. Please place it with the offering or give it to the pastor following the service. Thank you for worshipping with us today!

The Session

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>
Sandy Colvin	Courtney Greene	Karan Baker
David Lyle	Don Payne	Gary Boyd
Brittany Mallette	Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand

Trustees

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Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Karla Barnes

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Acolytes:

Greta
Paisley

Church Nursery:

August 6th-Gale Cottles
August 8th- Ruth Whitten

Liturgist:

August 6th- Jacob Greene
August 13th- Carol Copeland

Communion Prep:

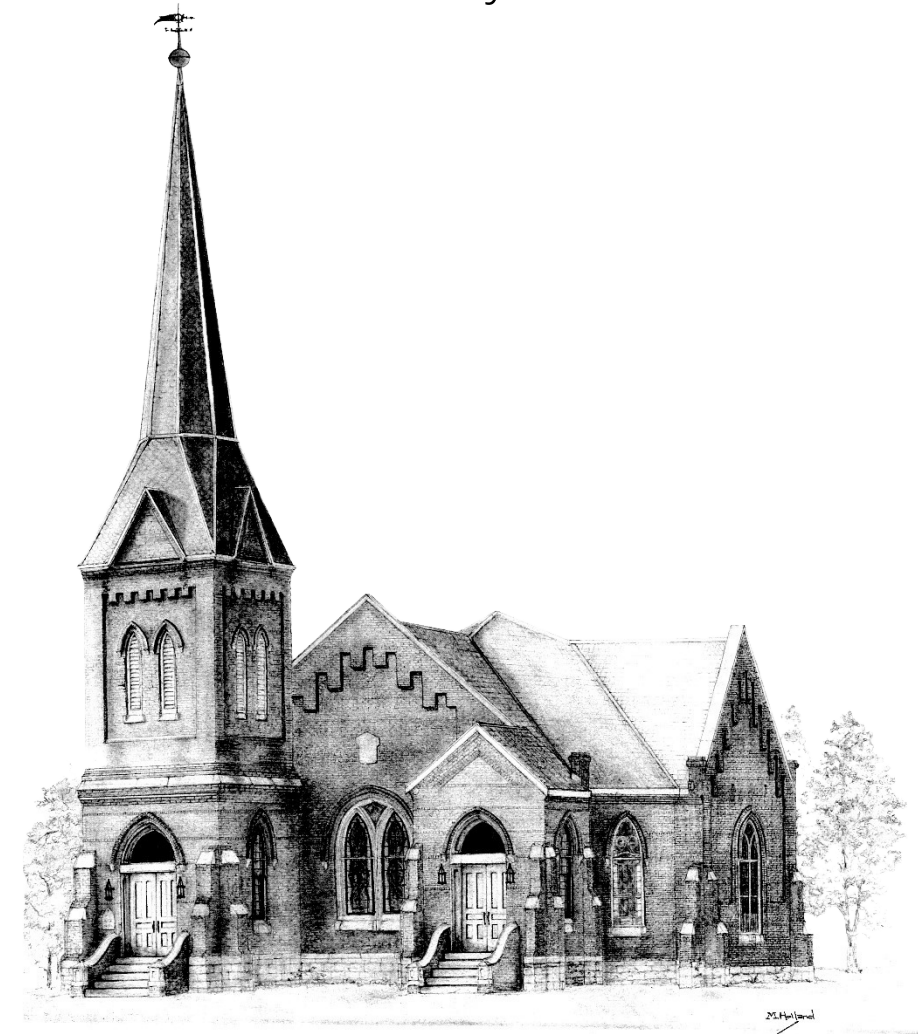
August 6th- Courtney Greene

Prayer Family

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