

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Stanley Hand

* CALL TO WORSHIP Stanley Hand

The Lord is our Light and Salvation.

We worship God with our hearts and voices.

Christ is the Solid Rock on whom we stand.

God's Spirit leads us every day.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise Will You Come and Follow Me? #726

*Call to Confession Stanley Hand

God's love for us never changes. The Lord is ready to hear about our mistakes and forgive our failures. Let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Merciful God, sometimes we forget to thank you for answering our prayers. We feel envy when we see the blessings you give to neighbors. We spend too much time thinking about ourselves. Please forgive our selfishness. Through your Spirit, help us to live lives of thanksgiving. 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 above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Judy Rich

Friends, God sent Christ into the world to be our Savior. Jesus is the Lamb of God who offered himself for your salvation. Receive and share 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. Dr. Rich

All: And also with you.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Stanley Hand

Prayer for Illumination Stanley Hand

Dear Lord, help us to remember your word in our hearts so that we will not sin against you. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen

First Reading Psalm 15 p. 538

Anthem A Covenant Prayer by Allen Pote

Second Reading Micah 6:1-8 p. 923

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Grow Up!" Dr. Rich

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith Stanley Hand
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. Rich

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 Though I May Speak # 693

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Rich

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. Rich

*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee Stanley Hand
"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 Jesus Call Us #720

*Benediction Dr. Rich
As God's people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

**Stand if you are able*

We welcome our guest preacher the Rev. Dr. Judy Mitchell Rich, she is a long time friend of this congregation. She has served churches in Michigan, Kansas and Ohio. In retirement Dr. Rich returned to Alabama to be near her sisters. Pastor Judy has written five novels, which are church mysteries and reveal some of the complexities of the life of a pastor. The latest one is Like Stones.

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
Michael Ress - USAF -AZ Joshua Hargrove - Deployed
Jay Tulley- Middle East Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard
Kevin O'Neill-Army Res.-Poland

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 (Healing, son of Jane Ruth)
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)
Finley McAllister (Healing, sibling of Jennifer Quillen's student)

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>
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David Lyle	Don Payne	Gary Boyd
Brittany Mallette	Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand

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Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Judy Rich

Liturgist

Stanley Hand

Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Dr. Mary Crowell

Acolytes:

Greta

Paisley

Church Nursery:

September 3rd-Gale Cottles

September 10th - Ruth Witten

Liturgist:

September 3rd- Cindy Witt

September 10th- Courtney Greene

Communion Prep:

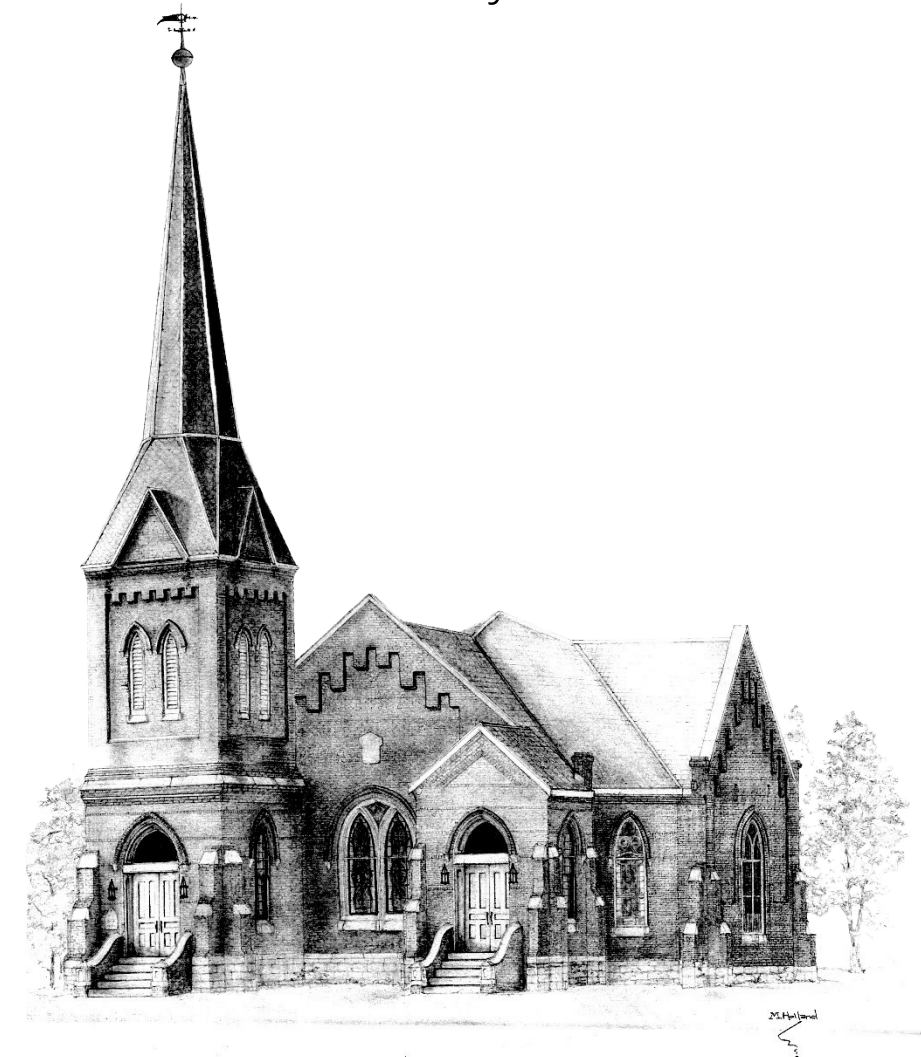
September 3rd- David Lyle

Prayer Family

Jerry and Cindy Witt
18181 Maples Circle
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Jerry is a member of the Session

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