

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Amy McNally

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* CALL TO WORSHIP John Noel

We worship the Triune God who created all people.

God loves the world so much that he sent his Son for all nations.

The Holy Spirit continues to bring hope to every time and place.

God holds the whole world in God's hands.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise For the Beauty of the Earth #14

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

"ABUNDANT GRACE, ABUNDANT GIVING" CAROL COPELAND

*Call to Confession John Noel

All have sinned and fall short of God's goodness and glory.

But God invites us to confess our failures and acknowledge

our need for forgiveness. Let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Gracious God, sometimes we forget about your love for people everywhere. We focus on our own desires and comfort. We overlook the needs and hopes of people in other places. We miss opportunities to share resources and opportunities with neighbors. Forgive our sin. Lead your Church to care for the world with Christ's love. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Unison

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: Am D C D Em C Em, Em D G Am Em D E

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel. Your sins are forgiven. Now you are free to live as God's children and share Christ's love with people everywhere. **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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination John Noel

Gracious God, you call us to share Christ's love for all people. Guide us through your Word to live out your grace and hope every day. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading John 1:1-5 John Noel
p. 1,048

Anthem Dr. Mary Crowell
Amy McNally

Second Reading Hebrews 1:1-4 Dr. Kling
p. 1,185

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dr. Kling
"In the Meantime"

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.

*World Communion Hymn
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Us your Love #203

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Dr.Kling

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly choir in lifting up our thanks and prayers... (Dr. Kling continues with the Communion Prayer)

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.

The Words of Institution Dr.Kling

Sharing the Bread and Cup
Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr.Kling

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Dr. Mary Crowell
Amy McNally

*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 Song of Hope #765

*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
Amy McNally

**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) Doug Booth (Health)
Debbi O'Neill (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

Class of 2023

Sandy Colvin
David Lyle
Brittany Mallette

Class of 2024

Courtney Greene
Don Payne
Jerry Witt

Class of 2025

Karan Baker
Gary Boyd
Stanley Hand

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Flowers

The flowers are given in honor of Cole and Elizabeth Carpenter by Randi and Doug Harbin



Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

John Noel

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Dr. Mary Crowell
Amy McNally

Acolytes:

Elijah
Jack

Church Nursery:

October 8th-Ruth Whitten
October 15th-Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

October 8th- Sharon Hand
October 15th- Jerry Whitt

Communion Prep:

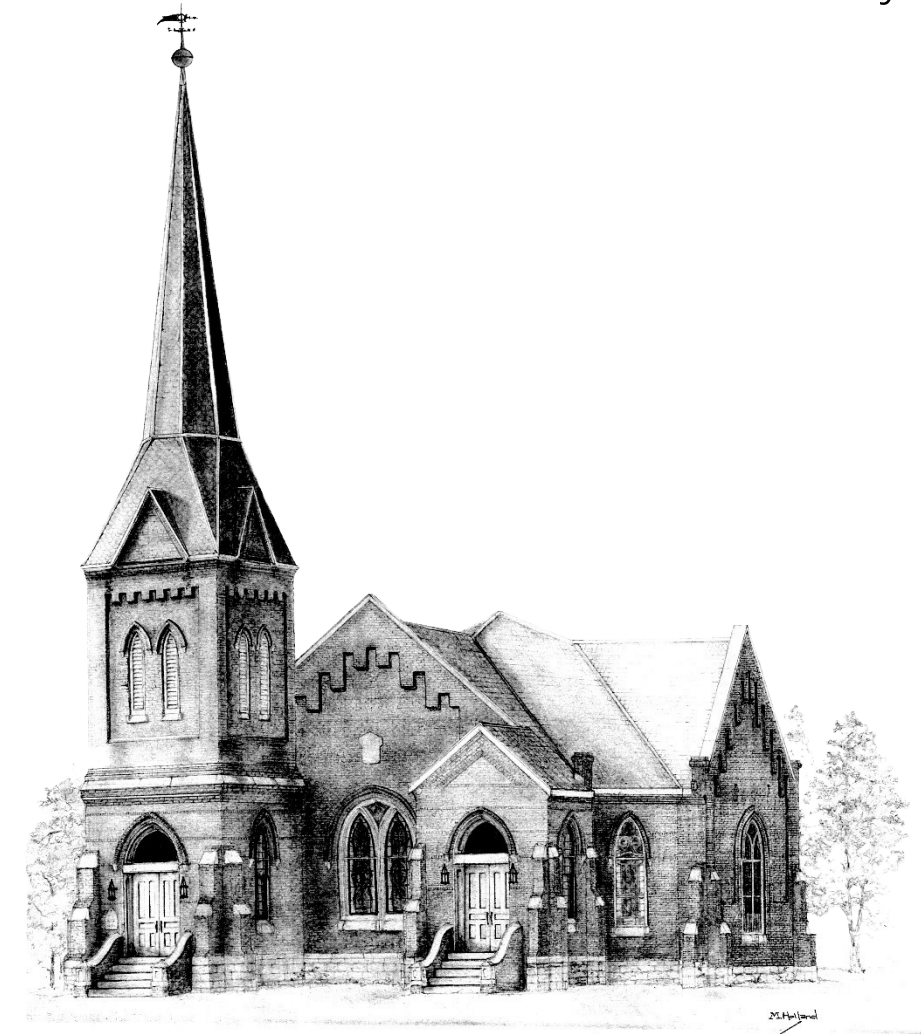
November 5th- Stanley Hand

Prayer Family

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Suzanne is a member of the Trustees

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday



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