

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell
Jen Midkiff
Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling
Jerry Whitt

* CALL TO WORSHIP

O sing to the LORD a new song;

Sing to the LORD, bless God's name: tell of God's salvation from day to day.

Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.

For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise You Are Holy #705

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

"ABUNDANT GRACE, ABUNDANT GIVING"

Chris Shindorf

*Call to Confession (adapted from Exodus 33:19) Jerry Whitt

The Lord says: I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. Let us now confess our sin, casting ourselves on the promised mercy and compassion of God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Eternal God, you love us, but we often stray from your way. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. We ask you to forgive our sin and help us to live the new life that Christ gives us. We pray this in Christ's 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 for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

The Lord promises that Christ, who was without sin, carried our sin on himself. God covers us with Christ's righteousness. Receive the good news of God's mercy. In the name of 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. Kling

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 Jerry Whitt

Our Loving God, open our hearts, prepare our lives, and lead our Church Family to live out the compassion inspired by your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 106: 1-3 Jerry Whitt
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Anthem Dr. Crowell
Jen Midkiff

Second Reading Luke 10: 30-37 Dr. Kling
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Abundant Grace, Abundant Compassion" 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 Just A Closer Walk With Thee # 835

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Kling

Offertory Dr. Crowell
Jen Midkiff

*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 Pastor Nominating Committee 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 Standing on the Promises #838

*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. Crowell
Jen Midkiff

**Stand if you are able*

October 15, 2023

Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost

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)
 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)
 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)
 Kate Proffitt (mother) Karson Proffitt (baby) (health and healing,
 great grandchild of Karla Barnes and great niece of Gayle Cottles)
 The Tilley Family (loss of home and loved one)
 Elaine Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)

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

<i>Suzanne Paysinger</i>	<i>Larry Burlingame</i>	<i>John Noel</i>
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PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel	Libby Shindorf	

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Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Jerry Whitt

Musicians:

Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell
Jen Midkiff

Acolytes:

Church Nursery:

October 22nd-Jennifer Quillen
October 29th Sandy Colvin

Liturgist:

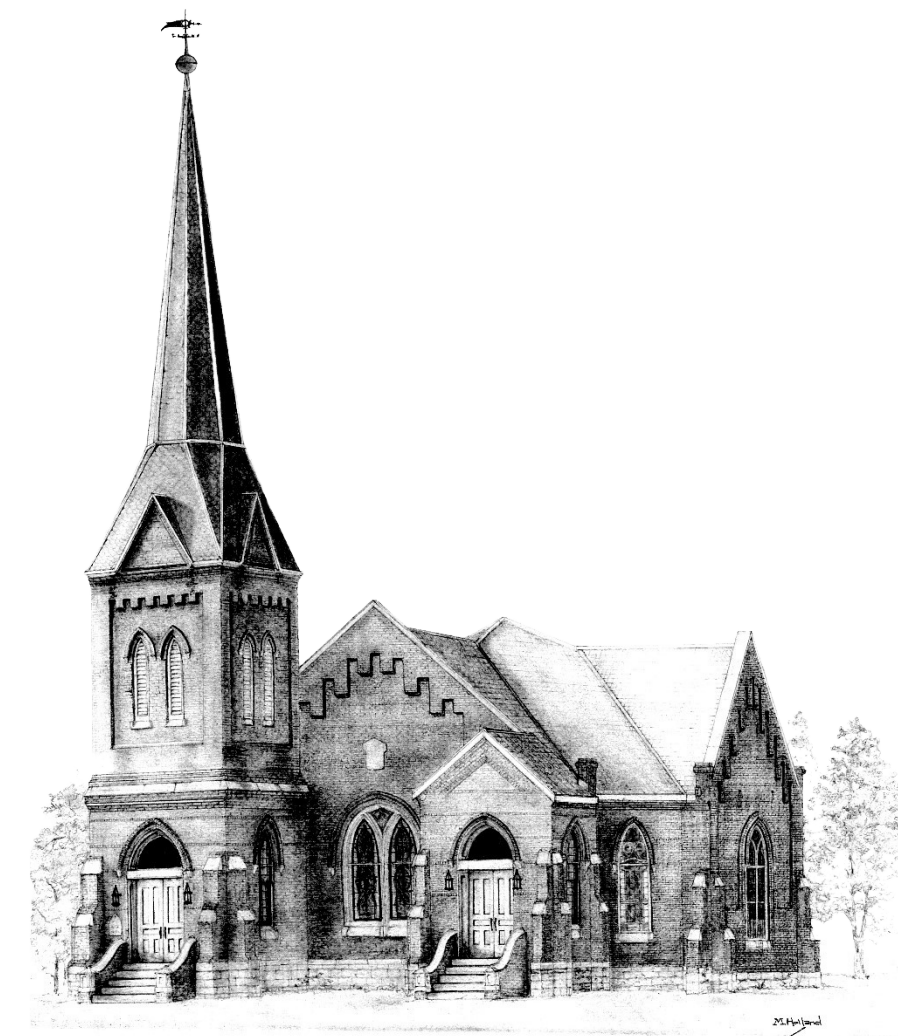
October 22nd- Brad Clem
October 29th- Karla Barnes

Communion Prep:

November 5th- Stanley Hand

Prayer Family

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