

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\* CALL TO WORSHIP adapted from Psalm 24:7-10 Sharon Hand

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**Be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory? The Lord who is strong and mighty.

**Lift up your heads, O you gates; that the King of glory may come in.**

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven #619

## MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

**"ABUNDANT GRACE, ABUNDANT GIVING"**

**Dr. Stephen Ware**

\*Call to Confession Sharon Hand

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

\*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



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!

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord says: "I have swept away your offenses like clouds, your sins like the morning mist. 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 Sharon Hand

Lord God, help us turn our hearts to you and hear the truth that you speak through your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 19: 7-11 Sharon Hand  
p. 541-542

Anthem

Second Reading Hebrews 4:12-17 Dr. Kling  
p. 1,186

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Grace To Go" 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 Thy Word is a Lamp Unto My Feet # 458

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Kling

Offertory Dr.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 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 Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God #175

\*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

*\*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)  
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         |

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### Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.  
To sign up for flowers call the church office.



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Sharon Hand

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Acolytes:

Will

### Church Nursery:

October 15th-Suzanne Paysinger  
October 22nd-Jennifer Quillen

### Liturgist:

October 15th- Jerry Whitt  
October 22nd- Brad Clem

### Communion Prep:

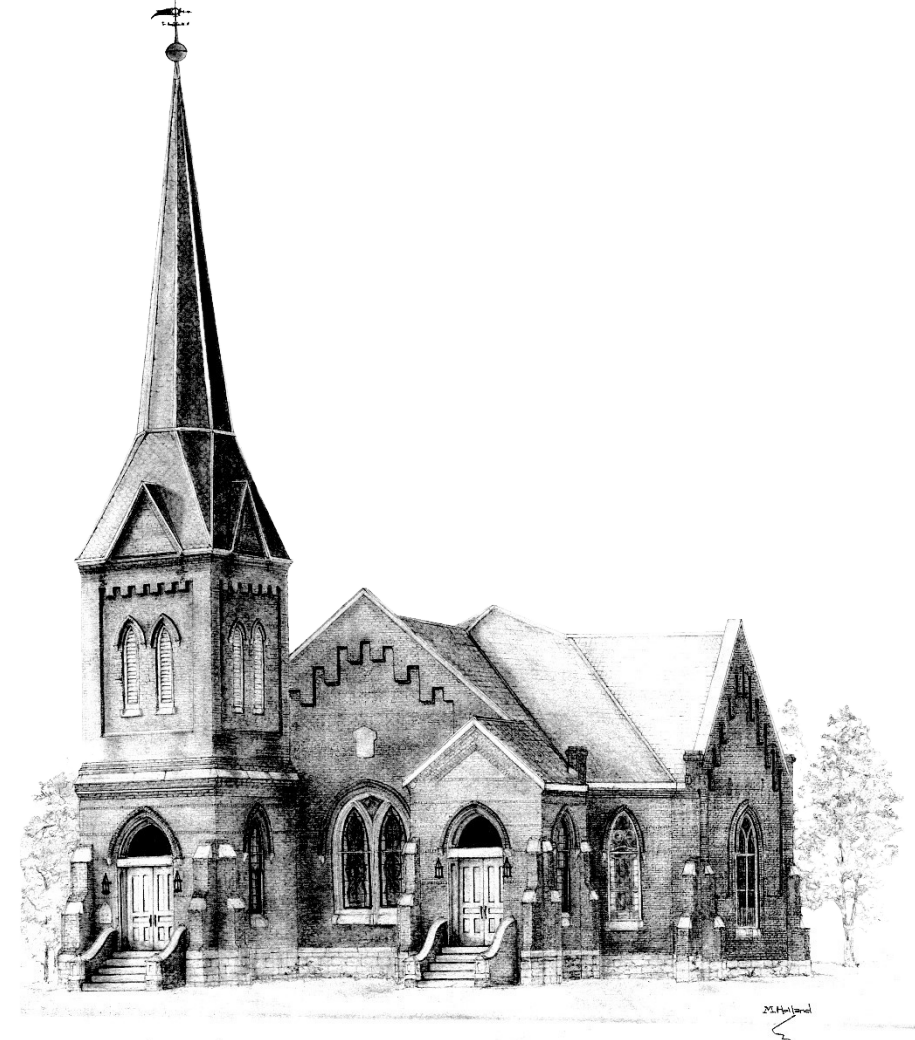
November 5th- Stanley Hand

### Prayer Family

Kay and Larry Burlingame  
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Larry is a member of the Trustees

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