

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Stanley Hand

With joy and thanksgiving we worship the Lord!

We praise God for God's goodness.

The Lord's love never fails.

God's grace lasts forever.

Let us worship God!

*Thanksgiving Hymn of Praise We Gather Together #336

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Walker Thomas Shindorf

*Call to Confession Stanley Hand

The Book of Isaiah proclaims: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Trusting in God's promises, let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Loving God, too often we take your good gifts for granted. Envy and competition lead us to be ungrateful. We are slow to give you thanks. Forgive our sin. Lead us to give thanks in all circumstances. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The second staff has the lyrics "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. The third staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp. Chords are indicated below the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second staff; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third staff.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, hear God's promise for you. God our Savior desires that all should be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth. There is one God, and one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all. 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. 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 Stanley Hand

Our Gracious God, in your Word, lead us to eternal life. By your Spirit, guide our steps each day. Through Christ, the Living Word, help us share your compassion. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

First Reading Psalm 100 Stanley Hand

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Anthem

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 Dr. Kling

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Joy & Thanksgiving" 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 Come, Ye Thankful People Come # 367

Moment for Mission Ministerio de Fe Elder Doug Harbin

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 Let All Things Now Living #37

*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*

November 19, 2023
Thanksgiving Sunday

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)	Diane Lynn (Health)

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)
Karen Ferguson (Potter's Hand)
Sherry Thompson (Healing, sister of Christy Arnett)
Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)
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)

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

Suzanne Paysinger Larry Burlingame John Noel

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Vicki Kellogg John Noel (Chair) Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.
Celebrating the Baptism of Walker Thomas Shindorf



Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Stanley Hand

Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Dr. Mary Crowell

Acolytes:

Church Nursery:

November 26th- Jennifer Quillen

December 3rd- Gale Cottles

Liturgist:

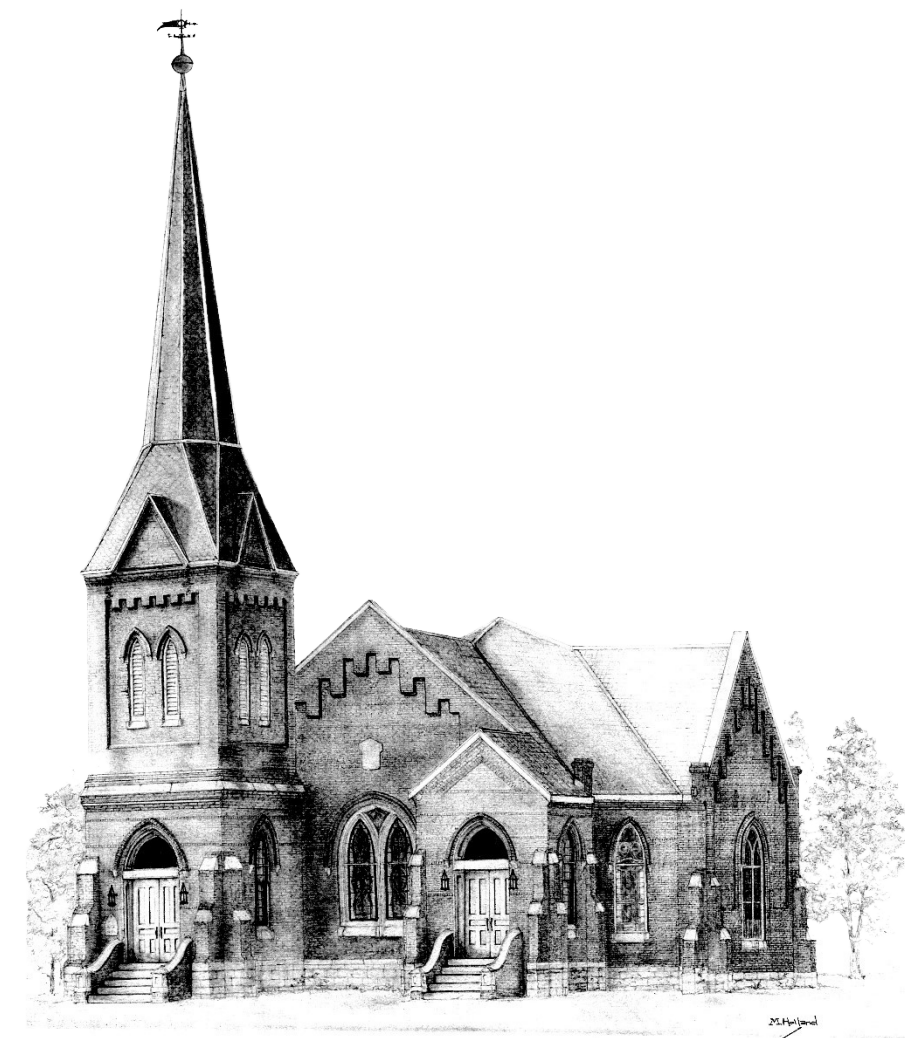
November 26th-Gary Boyd

December 3rd-Jerry Witt

Communion Prep:

November 26th-Gary Boyd

December 3rd-Karan Baker



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