

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements

* CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Gary Boyd

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.
The Lord is God and we are God's people.
Let us worship our Lord and King!

*Hymn of Praise Crown Him With Many Crowns #268

*Call to Confession Gary Boyd

The writer of the Psalms proclaims that as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is God's never-failing love; as far as the east is from the west, so far will the Lord remove our transgressions from God's people. Trusting in God's promises, let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Eternal God, we confess that we have failed to seek your will. You come to us in glory, yet we hide our faces from you. You speak truth to us, yet we often close our hearts to your word. Please forgive our sin. 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 below the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em, Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

*Assurance of Pardon Gary Boyd

Friends, the Apostle Paul announces that all who trust in Christ are a new creation. The old has passed away and God has given us new life through the King of Kings. 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.

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 Gary Boyd

Our Gracious God, we pray that the scriptures we hear today will be like life-giving water to our Church Family. Through your Spirit use our lives to bring help to the world that you love. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 95: 1-7 Gary Boyd
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Anthem

Second Reading Ephesians 1: 20-23 Dr. Kling
p. 1,185

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Lord and King" 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.

Hymn of Communion Rejoice the Lord is King #363

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

*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 Here I Am Lord #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

**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)	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

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

Trustees

Suzanne Paysinger Larry Burlingame John Noel

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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

Gary Boyd

Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Dr. Mary Crowell

Acolytes:

Church Nursery:

December 3rd- Gale Cottles

December 10th- Ruth Whitten

Liturgist:

November 12th- Christy Arnett

November 19th-Sharon Hand

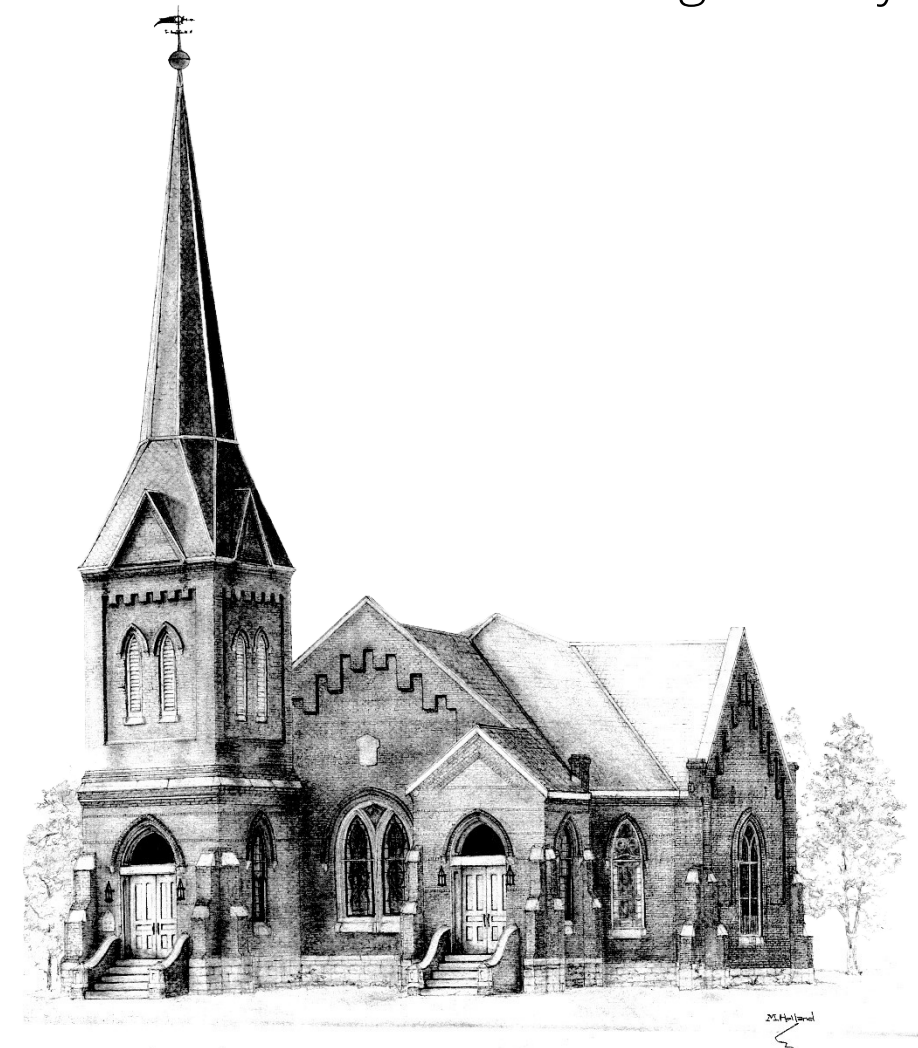
Communion Prep:

December 3rd-Karan Baker

Prayer Family

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November 26, 2023
Christ the King Sunday



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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.