

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

*Call to Worship Elder Carol Copeland

Let us thank God for God's goodness.

The Lord's love lasts forever.

Give God your hearts.

We open our hearts to the Lord.

All: Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise We All Are One Mission #733

*Call to Confession Carol Copeland

If we say we don't sin, we fool ourselves and don't tell the truth. But if we admit our sin to God, God will give us mercy. The Lord will forgive our sin and lead us to share His grace with others. Let us confess our sin to God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Loving God, we humbly confess our sin to you. Sometimes we don't love others. We think about ourselves instead of our neighbors. We forget your call to share sacrificial love in all of our relationships. Please forgive our sin. We pray this in Jesus' Name,

* 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 above 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

Hear the Good News of salvation! Jesus came into the world to forgive sinners. He himself took our sins in his body on the cross. Because of his love, we are dead to sin and alive to all that is good. Friends, 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.** Dr. Kling

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination Carol Copeland

Eternal God, in the reading of the Scriptures, may we hear your Word. In the meditations of our hearts, may we know your truth. In the faithfulness of our lives, may we share your grace. Amen

First Reading Isaiah 61:1-3 Carol Copeland
p. 739

Anthem

Second Reading John 2:1-11 Dr. Kling
p. 1,050-1,051

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Multiplying Joy" 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 Discipleship O for a World #372

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.

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 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 In Christ There Is No East and West #318

*Charge and Benediction 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!

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)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Cynthia and Larry Ugarte` (Health)
Pat Booth and Family on the loss of Doug Booth	

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)
 Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel's sister)
 Gerry & Denzil Smith (Healing) cousin of Jan Ruth)
 Alex Noel (Nephew of John & Bonny Noel)
 Bill Grisham (Health, Pam Gregg's dad)
 Hazel Ruf (Mason Ruf's mother, home)
 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)
 The Congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Florence on
 the loss of their Pastor Rev. John McKell
 Cheryl Phelps (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)

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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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God by Don and Diane Payne celebrating their 40th Anniversary



Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Carol Copeland

Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Dr. Mary Crowell

Acolytes:

Church Nursery:

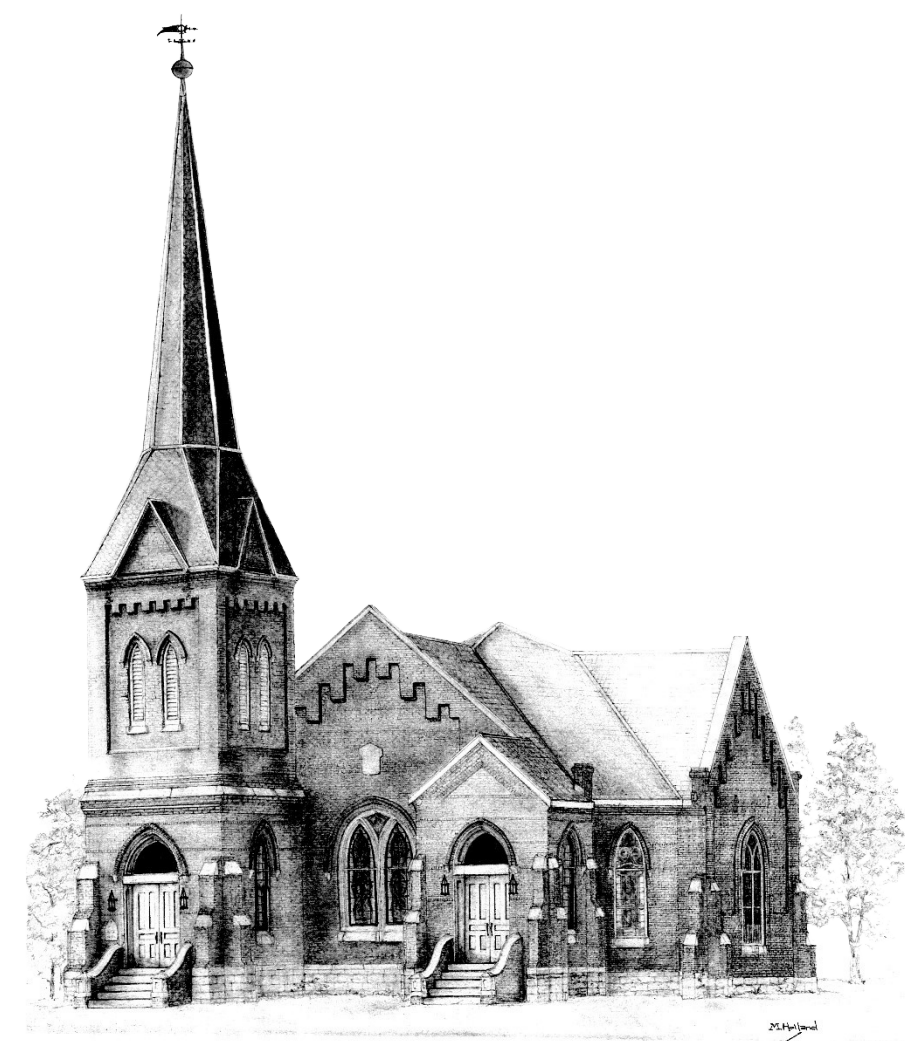
January 21st- Suzanne Paysinger
 January 28th- Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

January 21st-Randi Harbin
 January 28th- Julie McNeese

Communion Prep:

January 14th, 2024
 2nd Sunday after Epiphany



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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.

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