

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Call to Worship Elder Julie McNeese

The Lord cares about every area of our lives.

**We thank God for God's kindness.**

Christ's healing care surrounds us each day.

**Nothing can separate us from the goodness of God.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

## **CELEBRATION OF MEMBERSHIP Rev. Larry & Cynthia Ugarte'**

\*Call to Confession Julie McNeese

If we say we have not sinned, we fool ourselves and each other. But if we confess our sin, God promises to forgive us and renew our hearts. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our Loving God, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. Too often we overlook the needs of our neighbors. Sometimes we fail to trust in your promises. We are distracted by the appeal of human power and wealth. Please forgive our sin. Lead us to honor you with our words and our lives. 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 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

Friends, Jesus is the Savior who offers forgiveness and new beginnings to all who come to him. Hear and receive the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God, Amen..**

\* 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 Julie McNeese

Our Gracious God, as we hear the reading of Holy Scripture, speak to us of your love and prepare us to serve others with your grace. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 116: 1-8 Julie McNeese  
p. 605

Anthem

Second Reading Mark 1: 21-28 Dr. Kling  
p. 990-991

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

Sermon "Hope, Help & Healing" Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Hymn of Discipleship I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry #799

\* 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.**

**Installation of Elders Elders Tom Clem and Stephen Ware**

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 There Is a Balm in Gilead #792

\*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)

### 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)  
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)  
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

#### 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

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### Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God for those serving in the Middle East by John and Bonny Noel.



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Elder Julie McNeese

### Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Dr. Mary Crowell

### Acolytes:

Will

### Church Nursery:

February 4th- Gale Cottles

February 11th- Ruth Whitten

### Liturgist:

February 4th- Don Payne

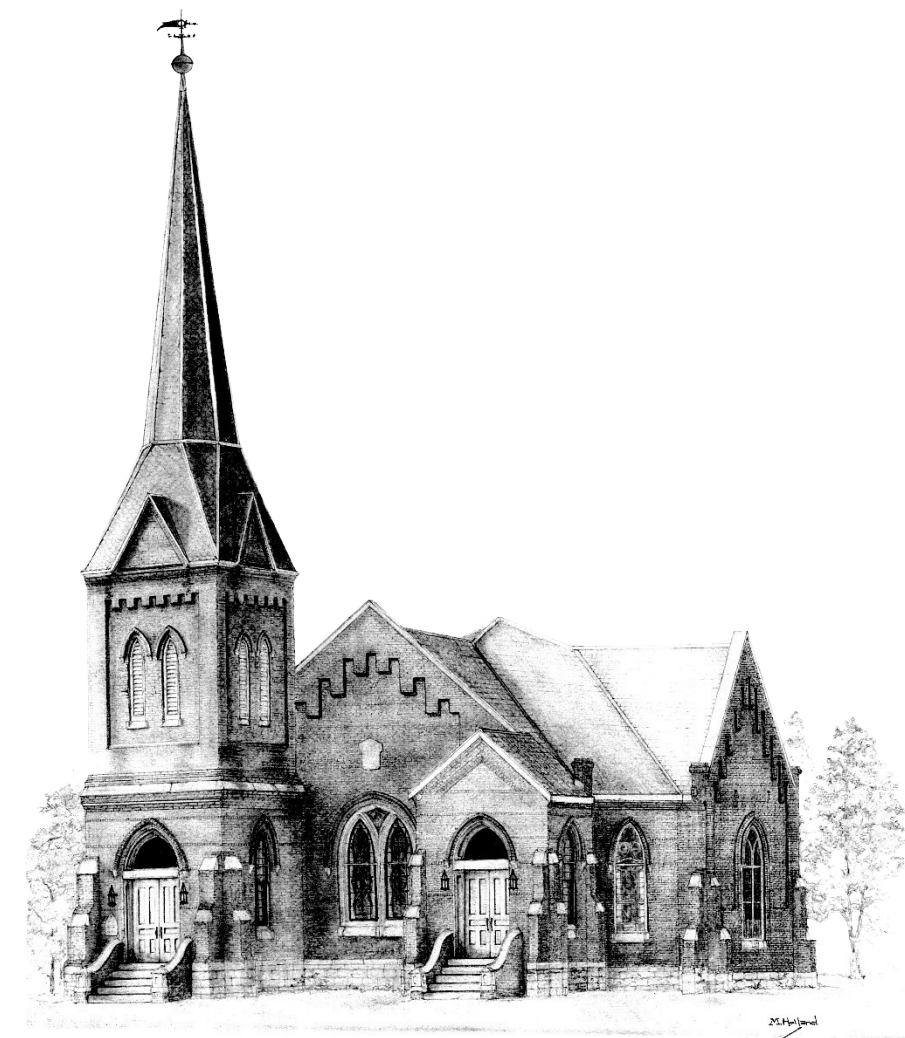
### Communion Prep:

Tom Clem

### Prayer Family

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