

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Come Thou Font Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\* CALL TO WORSHIP Elder Steven Ware

Jesus said, All power and honor has been given to me;  
**Therefore share my grace with all people,**  
Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
**Teach them the joy of following where I lead.**  
Remember, I will be with you each step of the way.  
**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn of Praise Our God, Our Help In Ages Past #687

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

\*Call to Confession Steven Ware

The prophet Isaiah promises us 'Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.' Let us confess our sin to God.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Gracious God, we confess that often we fail to be an obedient Church. We break your law and resist your love. At times, we do not care for the needs of neighbors. Please forgive our sin. Help us to serve others with joy. We pray this in Jesus'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 below the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em, Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through His sacrificial love for us on the cross. The Triune God forgives our sin according to the riches of His grace. 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.**

# WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination Steven Ware

Our Gracious God, through the reading of your Word please open our hearts to receive your love. Through your grace strengthen our faith so we can trust you in all circumstances. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 42: 1-4 Steven Ware  
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Anthem Out of Deep, Unordered Water The Choir  
Acc. Emily Clem

Second Reading Mathew 3: 13-17 Dr. Kling  
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Baptized and Blessed" 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.**

\*Communion Hymn Your Only Son, O Lamb of God #518

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 O God You Search Me Emily Clem

\*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 Called As Partners in Christ's Service #761

\*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 You Have Put on Christ; Emily Clem  
In Christ You Have been Baptized

*\*Stand if you are able*

January 7, 2024  
Baptism of the Lord

## 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)	
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)  
 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)  
 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)  
 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

<b><u>Class of 2023</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>
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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### PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
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### Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God. our newest members Larry and Cynthia Ugarte'



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Dr. Steven Ware

### Musicians:

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

### Acolytes:

### Church Nursery:

January 14th Ruth Whitten  
January 21st-Suzanne Paysinger

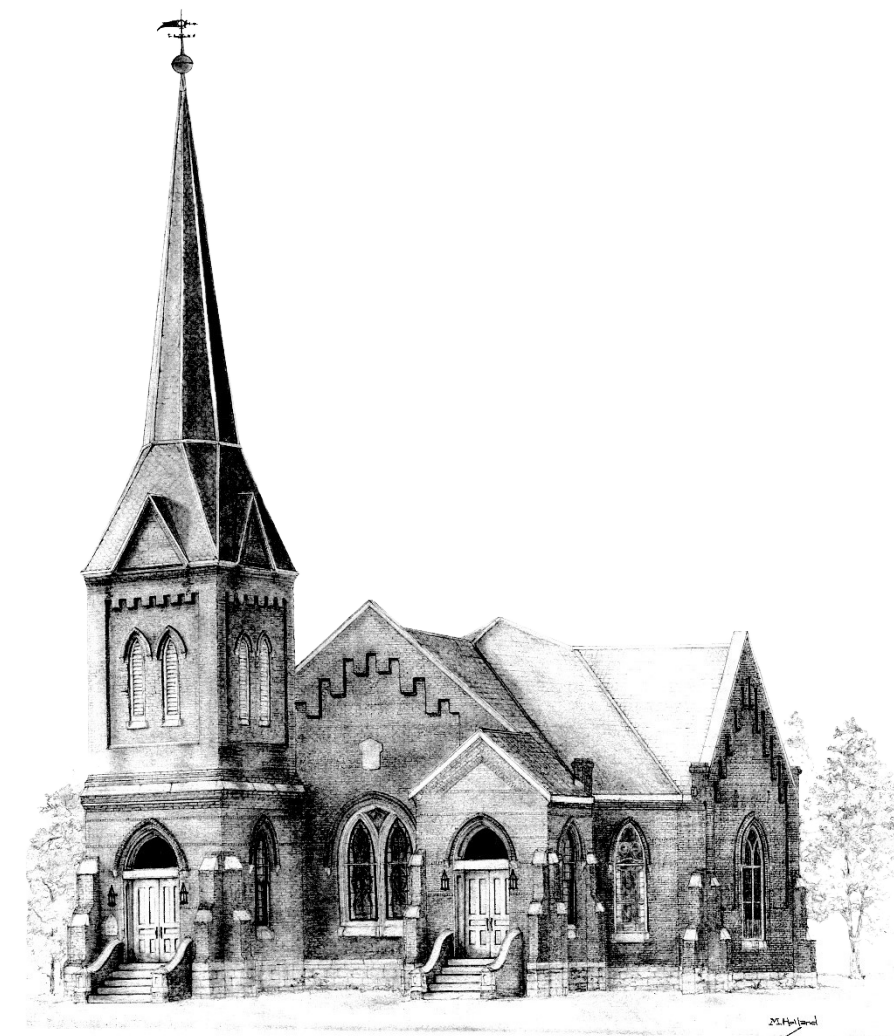
### Liturgist:

January 14th-  
January 21st- Randi Harbin

### Communion Prep:

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