### **WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Karl Kling

#### **Minutes For Mission**

Suzanne Paysinger; Jane Gossett

\*Call to Worship

Elder Suzanne Paysinger

(Adapted from 1 Corinthians 10:13)

When difficult decisions confront us, God hears our prayers.

The Lord promises strength to face each challenge.

Jesus walks with us through times of testing.

The Lord does not lead us into temptation, but he delivers us from evil.

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise

I Sing the Might Power of God

#32

#### **Celebration of Membership**

Kristin & Will, Colleen and Aaron King

\*Call to Confession

Suzanne Paysinger

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.

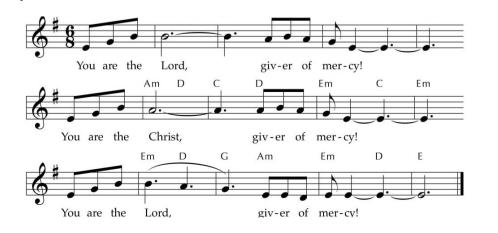
\*Prayer of Confession

Unison

Gracious God, we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church. Sometimes we do not listen for your voice. We forget about your love for all people, and neglect the needs of neighbors. Please forgive our sin and free us to serve others as Christ serves us. We pray this in Jesus's name. Amen

\* Kyrie Eleison

Unison



\*Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Kling

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through His blood. 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.

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

Suzanne Paysinger

Our Gracious God, through the reading of your Word, open our hearts. With the presence of your Spirit transform our lives. By the gift of your call, lead us to serve your world. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

First Reading Romans 10: 8-13 **Suzanne Paysinger** 

Anthem p. 1,121

Second Reading Luke 4: 1-13 Dr. Kling p. 1,017

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Wilderness Wanderings" Dr. Kling

# **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE**

\*Hymn of Discipleship Take My Life #697

\* 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

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Dr. Kling

The Lord's Prayer

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

May the God of Hope Go with Us

Us #765

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*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) Dean Steele Susie Fogg (Home)

Suzanne Weeks (Healing) Stephen Toney (Home) Ruth Martin (Healing) Sharon Massev Jac Catlett

Rene Brown (Traditions) Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Diane Lynn (Health)

Debbi O'Neill (Healing)

Deb Kohlhase (Health)

Bonnie Chambers (Home)

# **THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Brandon Noel - Army Adam Naves - Marines Michael Ress - USAF -AZ Jay Tulley- Middle East

Sean Miller - Army Damien Williams - Army Joshua Hargrove - Deployed 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) Steven Smith (Healing cousin of Jan 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) Jessie Saunders (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 worshiping with us today!

# **Worship Leaders** Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

# Liturgist

Elder Suzanne Paysinger

# **Musicians:**

## The Session

Stanley Hand

Erica Hand **Emily Clem** Class of 2025 Class of 2026 Karan Baker Cindy Witt Dr. Mary Crowell Gary Boyd Stephen Ware

Tom Clem

#### **Trustees**

Larry Burlingame

Class of 2024

Courtney Greene

Don Pavne

Jerry Witt

John Noel Price Boyd

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Hal Baker Karla Barnes John Noel (Chair) Vicki Kellogg

Stanley Hand Libby Shindorf Randi Harbin

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Erica Hand

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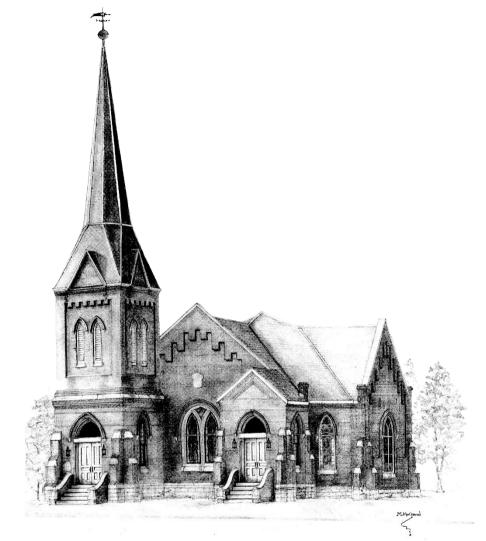
The flowers are given to the glory of God. To sign up for flowers call the church office.



# Prayer Family

Tom and Emily Clem 3902 Ridgedale Street Athens, AL. 35613 Tom is a member of the Session Class of 2026

# February 18, 2024 1st Sunday in Lent



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