

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder Don Payne

*Call to Worship Don Payne

Jesus is the light of the world.
His glory shines over all the earth.
God’s grace changes human hearts.
We praise God for God’s never-failing love.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #610

*Call to Confession Don Payne
If we say we have not sinned, we fool ourselves and ignore the truth. But if we confess our sin, God promises to forgive our sin and cleanse us from our failures. Let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our loving God, we confess that we have failed to love you with our whole hearts. Too often we focus on our own desires and overlook the needs of our neighbors. We hold on to your gifts and miss opportunities to share in Christ’s name. Forgive us, in your compassion, for we place our hope in you. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Musical notation for Kyrie Eleison with lyrics and chords.

*Assurance of Pardon Don Payne

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up the wounds of those who call upon his name. God takes pleasure in all who place their trust in God’s mercy. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we 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 Colleen Hernandez

Prayer for Illumination Don Payne
Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of your love for all people. Guide us through your Word to live out your love and grace. We pray this In Jesus’ name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 100 Don Payne
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Anthem

Second Reading Mathew 21:10-11 David Rodriguez
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon David Rodriguez

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship Here I Am Lord #69

* 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 Don Payne

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 Don Payne

*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 #765

*Charge and Benediction Don Payne

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)	Deb Kohlhase (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)
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 for both, family 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)

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 2024</u>	<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>
Courtney Greene	Karan Baker	Cindy Witt
Don Payne	Gary Boyd	Dr. Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem

Trustees

Suzanne Paysinger Larry Burlingame John Noel

PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
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Worship Leaders

Sermon

David Rodriguez

Liturgist

Elder Don Payne

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Acolytes:

Church Nursery:

February 11th- Ruth Whitten
February 18th -Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

February 11th- Randi Harbin

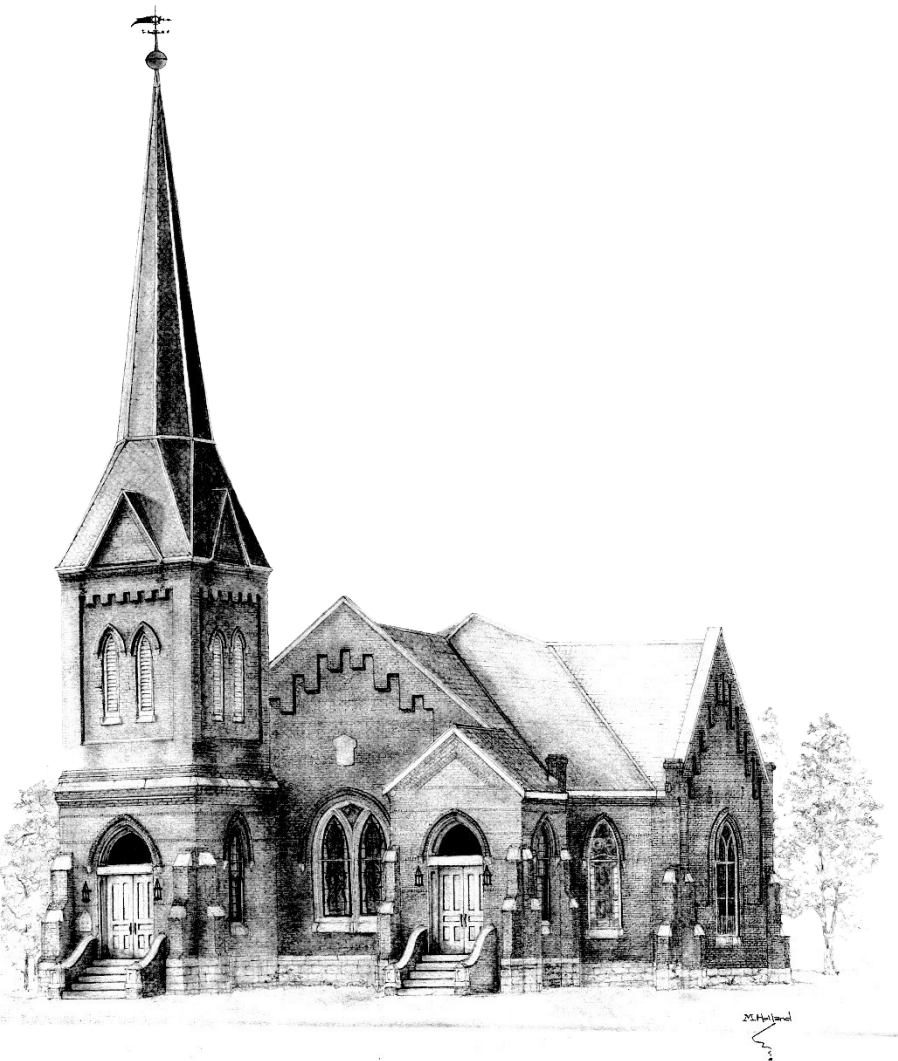
Communion Prep:

February 11th-Tom Clem

Prayer Family

Dr. Stephen and Lynn Ware
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Stephen is a member of the Session Class of 2026

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday after Epiphany



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