

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Tyler Byford
Welcome and Announcements	Dr. Karl Kling
* Call to Worship	Christy Arnett


God’s wonderful deeds proclaim His goodness!  
**The Lord surrounds us with never failing love.**  
We praise God for God’s compassion and forgiveness.  
**The Lord brings salvation for all the world!**  
Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise	Come, Christians, Join to Sing	#267
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*Call to Confession	Christy Arnett
The Lord’s grace allows us to open our hearts to God’s forgiveness and healing. Let us confess our sin and allow the light of Christ to set us free.	

*Prayer of Confession	Unison
<b>Our merciful God, there were times this past week when we failed to love others. Our own desires distracted us. The fear of our own pain misled us. We failed to trust you to provide for our needs. Forgive us for our sin. Give us the grace to follow our Savior. We pray this in Jesus’ name.</b>	

Kyrie EleisonUnison



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-cv!

*Assurance of Pardon	Dr. Kling
Friends, because Jesus Christ was crucified and raised from the dead, we are forgiven. We are set free to live with love and loyalty for God and one another. Receive the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
* The Gloria Patri	Unison
<b>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.</b>	

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	Christy Arnett
Gracious God, we hear your call to follow Christ. Through your Word, lead us to share the good news of your love with all people. Through your Spirit, give us the power to live out Christ's love and grace. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.	

First Reading	John 6:35-40 p. 1,056	Christy Arnett
Anthem	Tyler Byford	

Second Reading	Isaiah 55:1-12 (selected verses) p. 732	Dr. Kling
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon	"Feasting for Free"	Dr. Kling
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WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Communion	Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us	#187
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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
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**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	
<b>Please hold each element until all have been served.</b>	

Prayer After Communion	Dr.Kling
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Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering	
Offertory	Tyler Byford
*Doxology	
<b>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.</b>	

* Prayer of Dedication	Dr. Kling
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*Prayer for the PNC:	Unison
<b>“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.”</b>	

*Hymn of Sending	To God Be the Glory	#634
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*Charge	Dr. Kling
<b>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!</b>	

*Benediction	Dr. Kling
As God’s people we all say, <b>Alleluia, Amen!</b>	

* Postlude	Tyler Byford
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*\* 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 (Healing)	Jac Catlett
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Deb Kohlhase (Health)
Gale Cottles (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)  
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)  
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 worshipping with us today!

**The Session**

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

**Trustees**

Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
<b><u>PNC</u></b>		
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Vicki Kellogg	John Noel	Libby Shindorf

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**Flowers**

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



**Worship Leaders**

**Sermon**

Dr. Karl Kling

**Liturgist**

Christy Arnett

**Musicians:**

Erica Hand

Emily Clem

Tyler Byford

**Church Nursery:**

March 10th- Ruth Whitten

March 17th-Suzanne Paysinger

**Liturgist:**

March 10th-Katherine Greene

March 17th-Doug Harbin

**Communion Prep:**

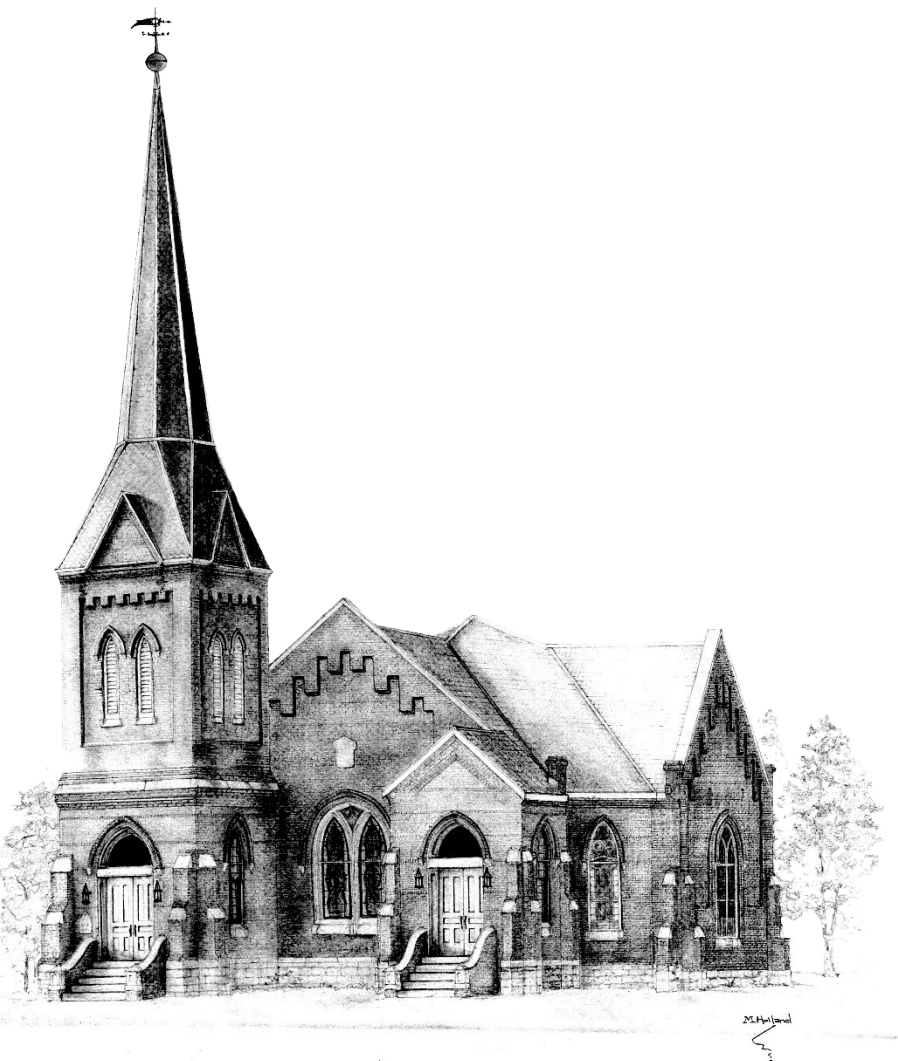
March 28th- Don Payne

March 31st-Don Paynet

*Prayer Family*

Gale and Michael Cottles  
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March 3, 2024  
3rd Sunday of Lent



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