

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell  
Dr. Jenny Maclay

Processional The Bell Choir

\* Call to Worship Elder Jerry Witt

Christ Is Risen!

### **Christ Is Risen Indeed!**

Jesus says "I am the Resurrection and the Life."

### **Easter fills our lives with hope and joy.**

The Risen Christ promises "Because I live, you will live also."

### **Let us worship God!**

\*Easter Hymn of Praise Jesus Christ Is Risen Today # 232

Easter Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Easter Prayer of Praise and Adoration (Unison) Jerry Witt

**Our Gracious God, we worship you for the joy of this Easter morning! We praise you for Christ's victory over death that promises eternal life. Your healing and salvation flow through all creation. Receive our praise and adoration in the name of the Risen Christ, Amen.**

\* Sharing the Peace of Christ Jerry Witt

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

"This Little Light of Mine"

## WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

Time with Young Disciples Dr. Kling

Prayer for Illumination Jerry Witt

Loving God, by your Holy Spirit open our eyes to recognize the Risen Christ this Easter morning. Open our ears to hear your promise of new life for all the world. Guide us through your Word to live as ambassadors of Christ's resurrection. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

Anthem Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks The Chancel Choir

First Reading 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Jerry Witt  
p. 1,171

Anthem Allelujah! Christ is Arisen *The Chancel Choir*

Second Reading John 20:1-18 Dr. Kling  
pgs. 1,074- 1,075

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Easter In The Garden" Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

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.**

\*Hymn of Gratitude Thine Is the Glory # 238

Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table Dr.Kling

The Easter 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

**Please hold the elements until all have been served.**

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Prayer After Communion

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory Dr. Mary Crowell

Dr. Jenny Maclay

\*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

\*Prayer for the PNC Unison

**"Almighty God and Giver of every good gift, look graciously on this Church and guide the minds of the PNC as they search for our next Pastor, that we may receive a faithful partner in ministry who will care for Your people, and equip us to serve You joyfully through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."**

\*Easter Hymn of Sending Christ Is Alive # 246

\*Charge

**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 Dr. Mary Crowell  
Dr. Jenny Maclay

*\*Stand if you are able*

March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday

## 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
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard	Michael Ress - USAF -AZ
Joshua Hargrove - Deployed	Jay Tulley- Middle East

### 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)  
 Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)

### THANK YOU TO THE BELL CHOIR FOR THEIR PERFORMANCE

Jennifer Quillen	Sharon Hand
Brad Clem	Carol East
David Foreman	Carrie Wotruba
Emily Clem	Cindy Witt
Randi Harbin	Karla Barnes
Karan Baker	Lynn Ware

## 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!**

### Today's Services:

#### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

#### Liturgist

Elder Jerry Witt

#### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell  
Dr. Jenny Maclay  
Jacob Greene

### The Session

#### Class of 2024

Courtney Greene  
Don Payne  
Jerry Witt

#### Class of 2025

Karan Baker  
Gary Boyd  
Stanley Hand

#### Class of 2026

Cindy Witt  
Stephen Ware  
Tom Clem

#### Trustees

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#### PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
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### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

April 7th-Gale Cottles  
April 14th- Ruth Whitten

#### Communion Prep:

April 7th - Gary Boyd

### Flowers

**The flowers are given to the glory of God in Honor of the Worship Committee.**



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