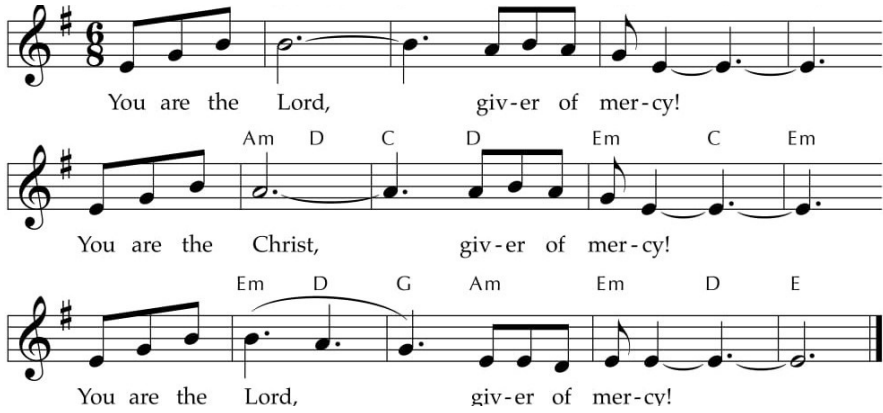


WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Come Breath of God	by Anthony Giamanco
Welcome and Announcements		Dr. Karl Kling
*Call to Worship		Katherine Greene
Gracious God, we praise you for the gift of new life each day. <b>We open our hearts wide to receive your grace.</b> Give us courage to share your forgiveness. <b>Lead us to walk in newness of life.</b> Let us worship God.		
*Hymn of Praise	Come, Thou Almighty King	#2
*Call to Confession		Katherine Greene
As we confess our sins, God promises to forgive us and cleanse us. Let us pray for God to renew our hearts.		
*Prayer of Confession		Unison
<b>Our Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole hearts. We have not loved our neighbors as we should; we have strayed from your guidance. Please forgive our sins. In a fresh way, help us to hear your call to serve. We pray this in Jesus’ name, Amen.</b>		
* Kyrie Eleison		Unison
		
*Assurance of Pardon		Dr. Kling
Friends, through faith in Christ, you are a new creation. Live out the joy of your salvation. Hear and 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		Katherine Greene
Dear Lord, help us to remember your word in our hearts so that we will not sin against you. We pray this in Jesus’ Name. Amen		
First Reading	Numbers 21:4-9 p. 151-152	Katherine Greene
Anthem	Arise, Shine	Dr. Mary Crowell
Second Reading	John 3:14-21 p. 1,051-1,052	Dr. Kling
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.		
Sermon	"Snake Stories"	Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing	#475
* Affirmation of Faith		Unison
The Apostles' Creed		
<b>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.</b>		

Prayers of The People		Dr. Kling
The Lord's Prayer		Unison
<b>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.</b>		
Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering		Dr. Kling
Offertory	Breathe On Me, Breath of God	Arr. C.E. Walz
*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
*Prayer for the Pastor Nominating Committee		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	Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love	#203
*Prayer of Dedication		
*Charge and Benediction		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> As God’s people we all say, <b>Alleluia, Amen!</b>		
* Postlude	I’m Gonna Sind When the Spirit Says Sing	Arr. Anthony Giamanco
<i>*Stand if you are able</i>		

**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**

<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	Stephen Ware
Jerry Witt	Stanley Hand	Tom Clem

**Trustees**

Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
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**Flowers**

The flowers are given to the glory of God in honor of Wanda Blair’s birthday by the Blair and Woodruff grandchildren.



**Worship Leaders**

**Sermon**

Dr. Karl Kling

**Liturgist**

Katherine Greene

**Musicians:**

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

**Church Nursery:**

March 17th- Suzanne Paysinger  
March 24th-Jennifer Quillen

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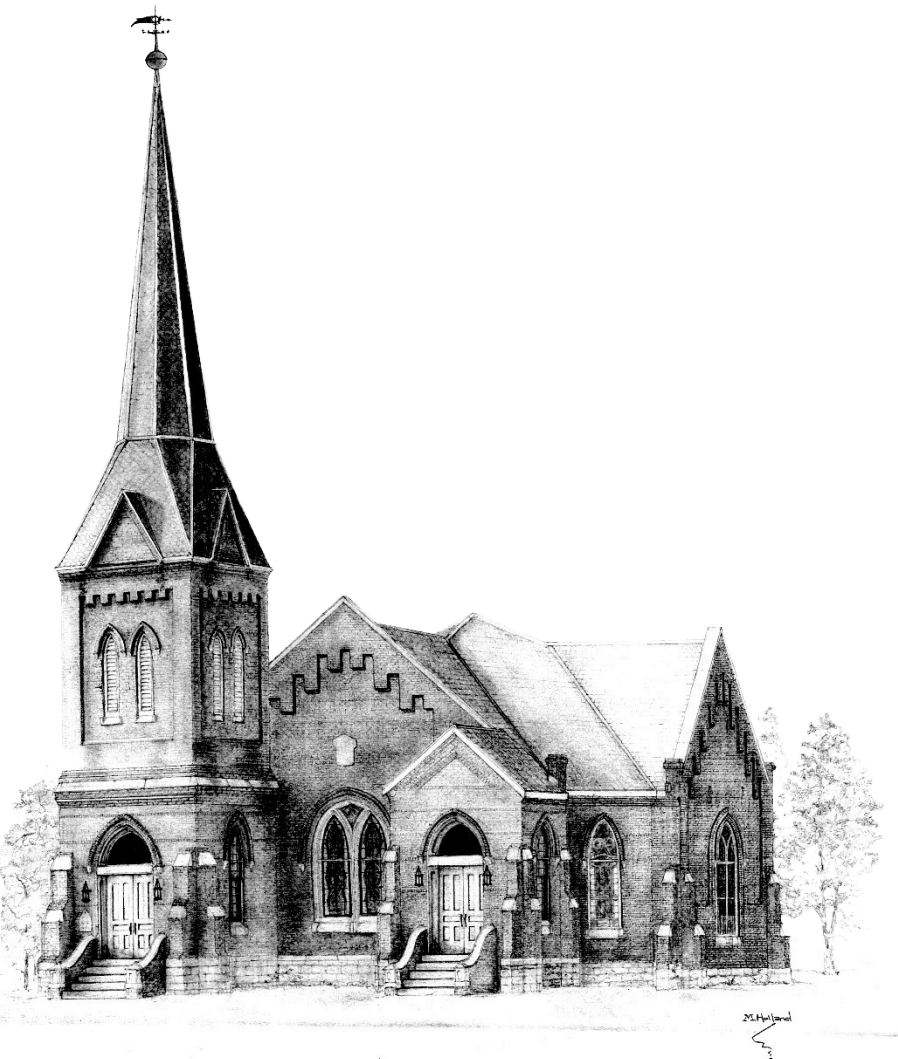
**Communion Prep:**

April 7th- Gary Boyd

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