

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Emily Clem
Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling
*Call to Worship Elder Brad Clem
(adapted from Psalm 119)
We praise God because God's love lasts forever!
The Lord's commandments lead to abundant life!
Christ's teachings transform our relationships.
God's Word sends us out to share Christ's grace.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise I Sing The Mighty Power of God #32

*Call to Confession Brad Clem
If we claim to be sinless, we are deceiving ourselves. If we confess our sins, we can trust God to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sin before God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Gracious God, we confess that frequently we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak. We miss opportunities to help others. Sometimes we are timid servants who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us. Please forgive our sin. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: "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-cy!" Chords are indicated below the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Because we are in Christ, we become new people altogether. The past is finished and gone. Everything has become fresh and new. 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.
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 Brad Clem
Dear Lord, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Please open our hearts to hear your Word. Then guide our steps to respond to your call. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Romans 10: 11-15 Brad Clem
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Anthem In the Bulb There is a Flower Erica Hand, Soloist

Second Reading John 17: 15-20 Dr. Kling
p. 1,071

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Wherever We Go" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

* 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.

*Hymn of Celebration Come Sing, O Church, In Joy! #305

Prayers of The People Dr. Kling

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 Dr. Kling

Offertory Emily Clem

*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 Be Thou My Vision #450

*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 Emily Clem

** Stand if you are able*

April 14, 2024
3rd Sunday of Easter

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Doris Welch (Home)	Bonnie Chambers (Home)
Dean Steele	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Susie Fogg (Home)	Stephen Toney (Home)
Sharon Massey	Jac Catlett
Rene Brown (Healing)	Diane Lynn (Health)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (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)
 Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
 Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)

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	
<u>PNC</u>			
Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf	

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Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Brad Clem

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem

Church Nursery:

April 21st- Suzanne Paysinger
April 28th- Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

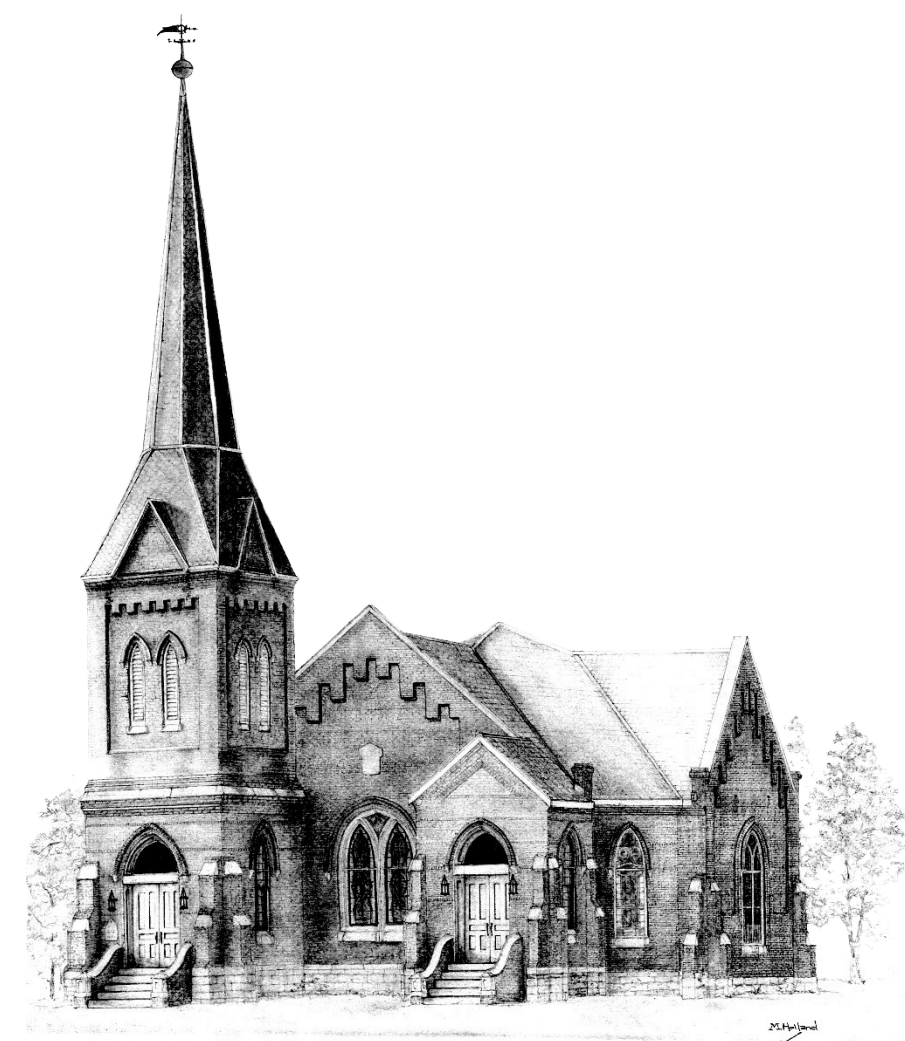
April 21st-Karla Barnes

Communion Prep:

May 5th (am)- Jerry Witt
May 5th (pm)- Karan Baker
May 19th -Karan Baker

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