

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Call to Worship Elder Karla Barnes

We praise God for his help in everyday life.

**The Lord is our strength and salvation.**

We praise the Holy Spirit for guiding our steps.

**The Risen Christ walks with us each day.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken #81

## **Celebration of Church Membership**

**Al and Judy Munroe**

\*Call to Confession Karla Barnes

God's love for us never changes. The Lord is ready to hear about our mistakes and forgive our failures. Let us confess our sin to God.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our loving God, sometimes we forget to thank you for your generosity and goodness. We spend too much time thinking about ourselves. Too often, our own pride distracts us from serving others. Please forgive our selfishness. Lead us to serve as you have served us. 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; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, God sent Jesus into the world to be our Savior. Jesus hears our confession and forgives our sin. He makes our hearts clean and helps us to share his love. Receive the Good News of the Gospel. 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 Karla Barnes

Our Gracious God, in the reading of your Word, reveal the miracle of your love for us. Then prepare us to serve each other in Christ's name. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 34: 1-4 Karla Barnes  
p. 550

Anthem Psalm 103

Second Reading Ephesians 2: 8-10 Dr. Kling  
p. 1,157

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Grace to Grow" 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 Discipleship Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates #93

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 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound #649  
(vs. 1, 2, 3 & 5)

\*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 21, 2024  
4th 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)  
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	
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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

Elder Karla Barnes

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Cleml

### Church Nursery:

April 28th- Jennifer Quillen  
May 5th- Gale Cottles

### Liturgist:

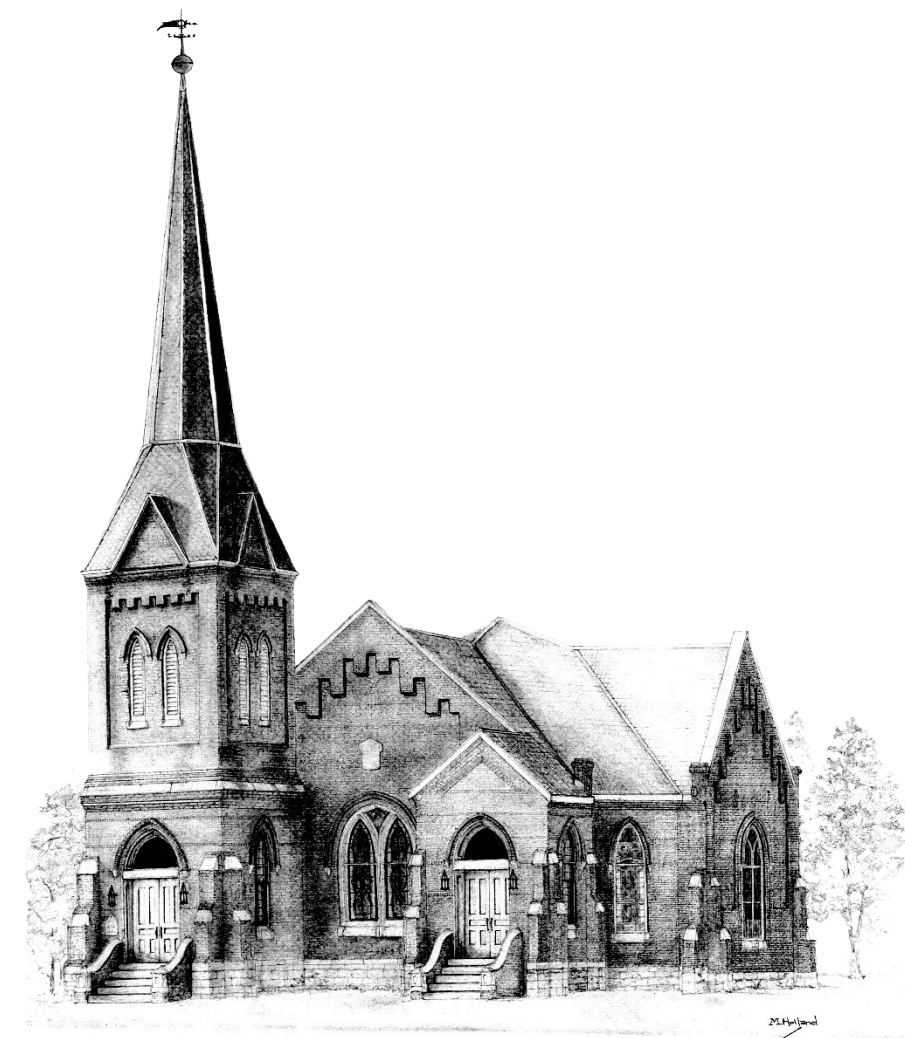
April 28th Randi Harbin

### Communion Prep:

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

### Prayer Family

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