

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

*Call to Worship Elder Randi Harbin

The Lord walks with us during every season of our lives.

We thank God for God's never-failing love.

We are life-long learners with Jesus as our Teacher.

Nothing can separate us from Christ's care.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise Earth and All Stars #26

Graduating Senior Celebration **Avery Paysinger**

*Call to Confession Randi Harbin

If we say we have not sinned, we fool ourselves and each other.

But if we confess our sin, God promises to forgive us and renew our hearts. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Loving God, we confess that we have not been faithful servants. Too often we overlook the needs of our neighbors. Sometimes we fail to trust in your promises. We are distracted by the appeal of human power and wealth. Please forgive our sin. Lead us to honor you with our words and our lives. We pray this in Christ's name. Amen

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with chords Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em. The second staff has the lyrics "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" with chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E. The third staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with chords Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, Jesus is the Savior who offers forgiveness and new beginnings to all all who come to him. Hear and receive the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven. **Thanks be to God, Amen.**

* 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 Randi Harbin

Gracious God, as we hear the reading of Holy Scripture, speak to us of your love, and prepare us to serve others with your grace. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 19: 7-11 Randi Harbin
pgs. 541-542

Anthem Arise, Shine

Second Reading John 21: 15-19 Dr. Kling
pgs. 1,075-1,076

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Life-Long Learning" 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 O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee #738

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 Dr. Mary Crowell

*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 Let All Things Now Living #37

**Everyone Is Invited to the Graduating Senior Reception in Rodgers Center
In Honor of Avery Paysinger immediately following the Benediction**

*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 Dr. Mary Crowell

** Stand if you are able*

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter
Graduation Sunday

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)
Dawn Long (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)

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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PNC

Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand	Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf	

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Flowers

The flowers are given in recognition of graduating senior Avery Paysinger. Class of 2024. By Chris and Suzanne Paysinger.



Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Randi Harbin

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Church Nursery:

May 5th- Gale Cottles
May 12th- Ruth Whitten

Liturgist:

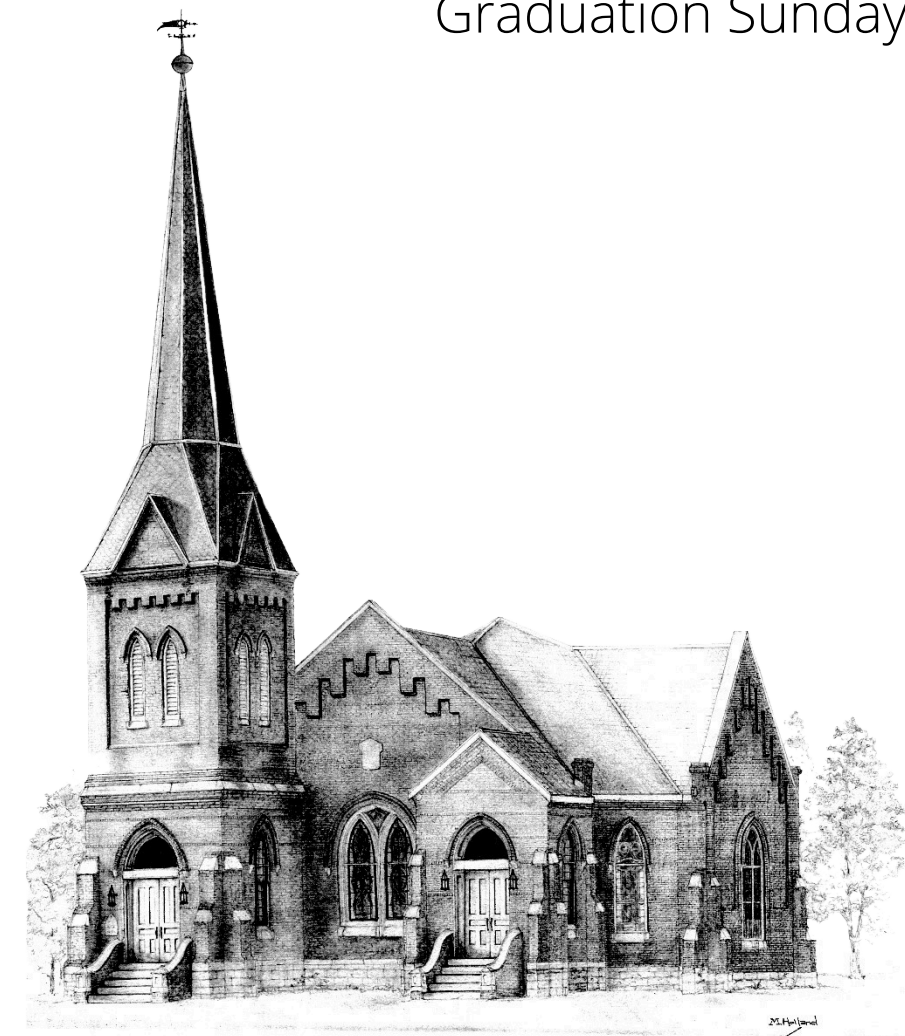
April 28th Randi Harbin

Communion Prep:

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

Prayer Family

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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.