

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Kristin King

We gather to worship the Risen Christ.

God gives us the gift of the Holy Spirit

The Triune God leads us to share Good News with the world.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise Holy, Holy, Holy # 197

*Call to Confession Kristin King

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our brokenness and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sin to God.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Gracious God, we confess we often fail to hear your good news. Forgive us for choosing comfort rather than compassion. Forgive our selfishness and pride. Help us to follow the call of the Risen Christ. 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 above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Jesus Christ offered his life in love to save the world from sin. This is the Easter 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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Dr. Kling

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 of Illumination Kristin King

Dear Lord, we pray that your Word will provide guidance for our hearts and strength for our actions. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 19: 7-11 Kristin King

Anthem p. 541-542

Second Reading John 20: 25-31 Dr. Kling

p. 1,075

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Honest Doubt" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Communion We All Are One In Mission #733

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Dr. Kling

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly choir in lifting up our thanks and prayers...

(Dr. Kling continues with the Communion 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

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr. Kling

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

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 To God Be the Glory #634

*Charge 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!

*Benediction Dr. Kling

As God's people we all say,

Alleluia, Amen!

* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

**Stand if you are able*

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 with you personally. 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 worshiping 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 |
| <u>Trustees</u> | | |
| Larry Burlingame | John Noel | Price Boyd |
| <u>PNC</u> | | |
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| Vicki Kellogg | John Noel (Chair) | Libby Shindorf |

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Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Kristin King

Musicians:

Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

April 14th Ruth Whitten
April 21st- Suzanne Paysinger

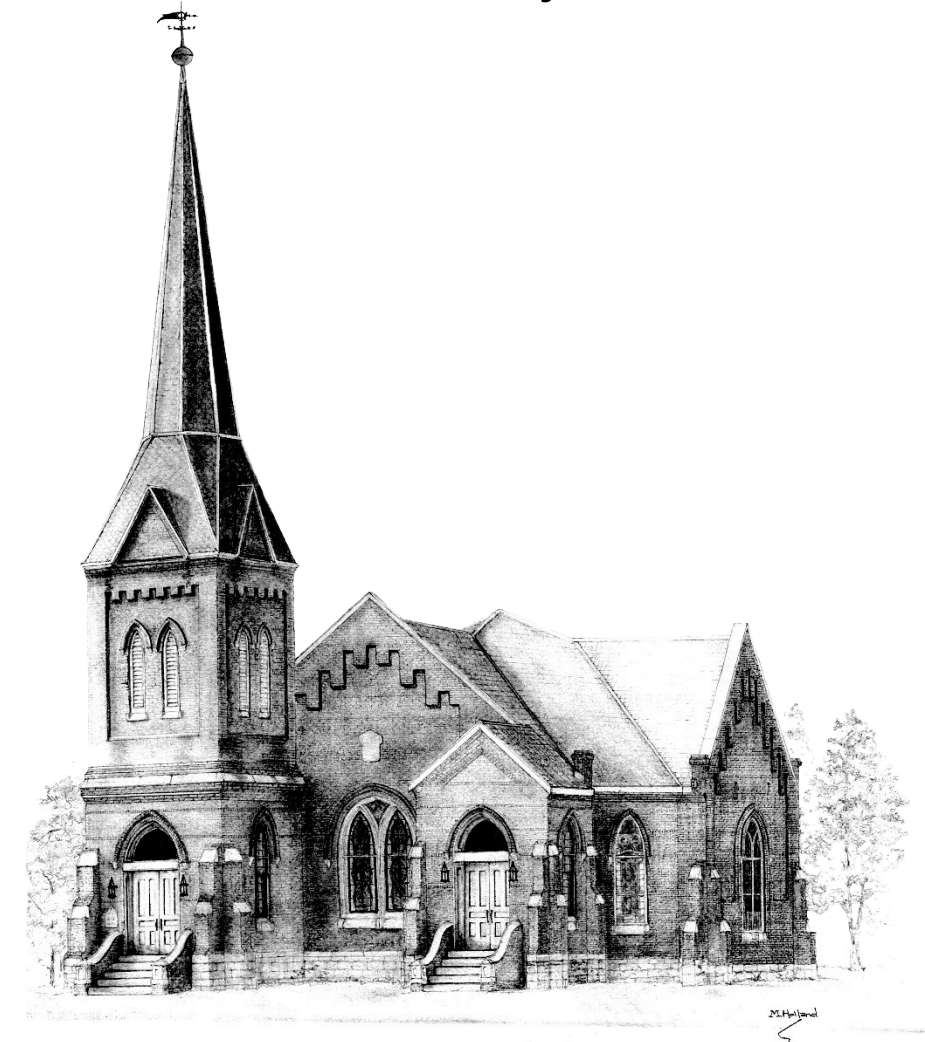
Liturgist:

April 14th- Brad Clem
April 21st- Karla Barnes

Communion Prep:

May 19th -Karan Baker

April 7, 2024
2nd Sunday after Easter



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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.

Prayer Family

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