

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Call to Worship Brad Greene

Give thanks to the Lord, for God's love lasts forever.

**Because God is with us, we will not be afraid.**

The Lord is our strength and salvation.

**God gives us a future filled with hope.**

Let us worship God!

\*Trinity Sunday Hymn Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty! #1

\*Call to Confession Brad Greene

If we claim to be sinless, we deceive ourselves and deny the truth about all human beings. If we confess our sins, God is merciful, and may be trusted to forgive and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sin to God and each other.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Holy and gracious God, you give us all we need to live. Yet too often we are distracted by the appeal of comfort and wealth. We continually grasp for more power and possessions. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own desires. Forgive our sin and wash us with your grace. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation for the Kyrie Eleison. 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

Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive the Good News! 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 Greene

Our Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises. Help us to hear your truth and share your grace. We pray this in Jesus' Name, Amen.

First Reading Genesis 1:24-28 Brad Greene  
p. 1-2

Anthem I Will Live My Thanks

Second Reading Romans 8: 9-17 Dr. Kling  
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Partners In Ministry" 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 For the Beauty of the Earth #14

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. 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 Dr. Kling

**"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 for Memorial Day Eternal Father, Strong To Save #8

\*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. 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) Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)

### 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)  
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother-in-law of Sean Harbin)  
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)  
Bonnie Key (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

Prayers for sympathy for the Bumpus family upon the loss of  
Pam Bumpus, cousin of Michael Cottles

## 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

Brad Greene

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Church Nursery:

June 2nd- Christy Arnett  
June 9th- Ruth Whitten

### Liturgist:

June 2nd- Gary Boyd  
June 9th- Kristin King

### Communion Prep:

June 2nd- Stephen Ware

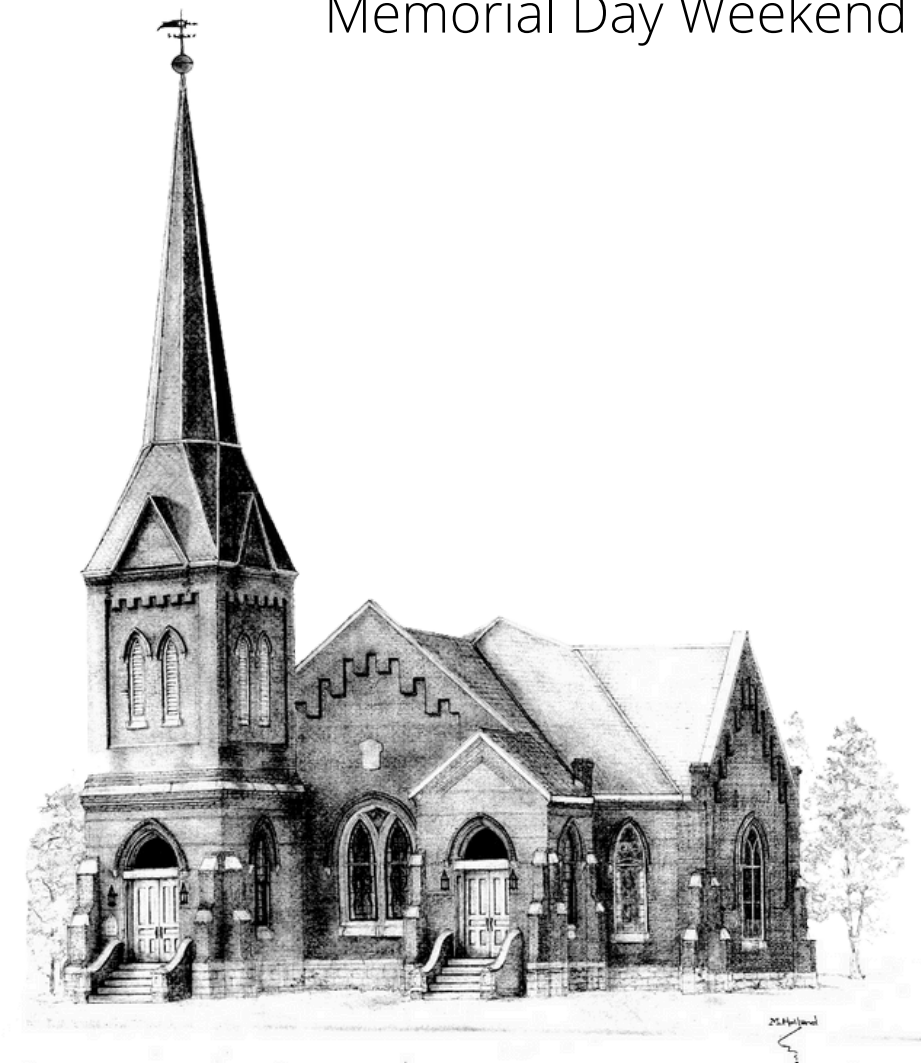
### *Prayer Family*

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May 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday

Memorial Day Weekend



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