

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Call to Worship Kristin King

We praise God for his never-ending care.

**Our strength comes from the Lord.**

God's Spirit continually guides our steps.

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

**All: Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn of Praises Praise Ye The Lord, The Almighty! #35

\*Call to Confession Kristin King

God's love for us never changes. The Lord is ready to hear our confession and forgive our failures. Let us admit our sin before God and each other.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our gracious God, too often we overlook your generosity. We often envy what other people have. We focus on our own desires instead of serving neighbors. Please forgive our selfishness. Lead us to serve others as the Risen Christ has 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 for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

God sent His Son into the world not to be served, but to give himself as a sin offering for all people. Because he carried our sins in his body on the cross, our debt has been cancelled. Friends, hear 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 Kristin King

Spirit of God, through the reading of your Word, help us to see the miracle of Your love. Strengthen our faith and help us to grow as Christ's servants. We pray this in His Name, Amen.

First Reading Joel 2:25-32 Kristin King  
pgs. 902-903

Anthem How Majestic is Your Name

Second Reading Luke 7:11-17 Dr. Kling  
p. 1,022

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Giving Back" 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 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 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 of Sending Let All Things Now Living #37

\*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*

June 9, 2024

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Doris Welch (Home)	Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Dean Steele	Stephen Toney (Home)
Susie Fogg (Home)	Jac Catlett
Sharon Massey	Diane Lynn (Health)
Rene Brown (Healing)	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)
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
Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard	

**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)  
 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)  
 Bonnie Key (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
 Dawn (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)  
 Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)

**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**

<b><u>Class of 2024</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2025</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2026</u></b>
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
<b><u>PNC</u></b>		
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Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

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**Worship Leaders**

**Sermon**

Dr. Karl Kling

**Liturgist**

Kristin King

**Musicians:**

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

**Church Nursery:**

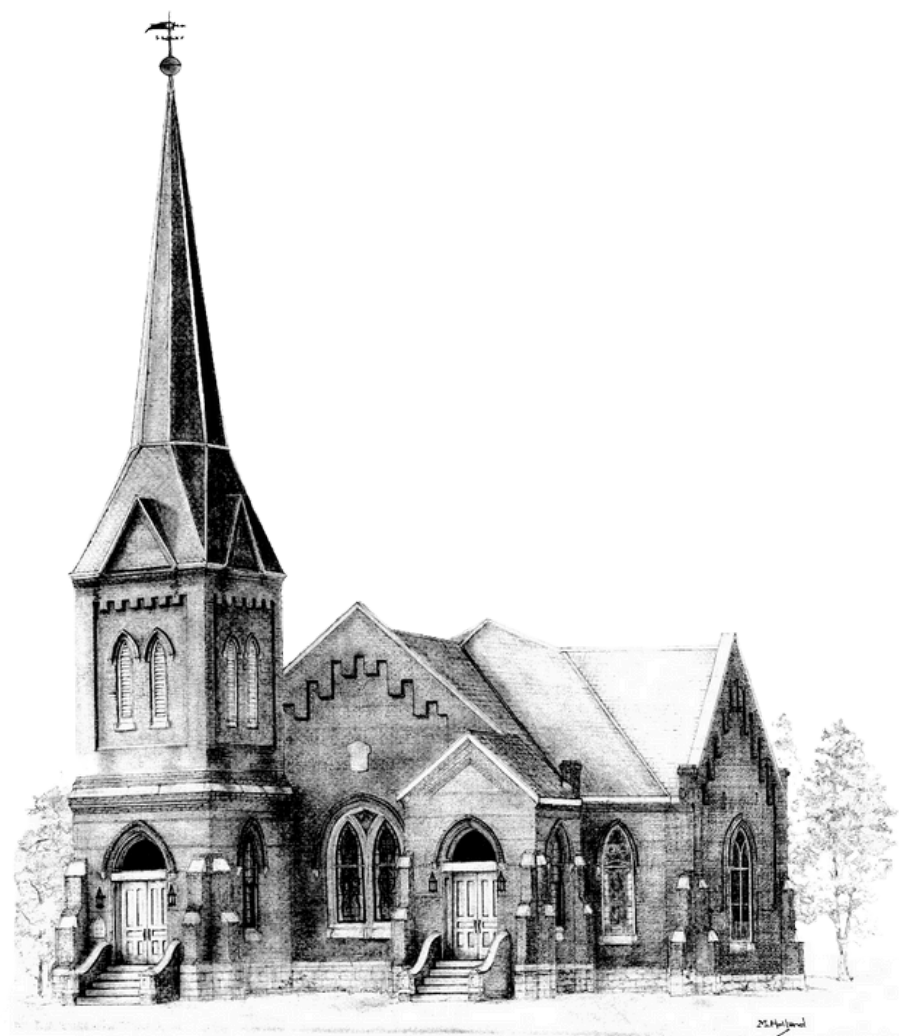
June 16th- Suzanne Paysinger  
June 23rd- Jennifer Quillen

**Communion Prep:**

July 7th Stephen Ware

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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.*