

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Suzanne Paysinger

\*Call to Worship Avery Paysinger

We praise God for calling people of all ages to follow Christ.

**We live our lives to reflect God's grace.**

The Lord's goodness and forgiveness show us the way.

**People everywhere are invited to share God's hospitality.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise Lift Every Voice and Sing #330

### **MOMENT OF CELEBRATION Reflection on Montreat- Avery Paysinger and Emily Clem**

\*Call to Confession Colleen King

When we confess our sins, God promises to forgive us and cleanse us from our failures. Let us pray for God to renew our hearts.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Almighty and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ you have adopted us as your beloved sons and daughters. But rather than claiming this glorious inheritance, we have instead lived as those who belong to this world and not to you. You provide us blessing upon blessing, but we seek our fulfillment in material things; we despair in the face of the world's problems, and try to control our lives rather than committing them to you. In your great mercy, forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, free us from the slavery of our sin to the joyful inheritance of your love shown to us in Christ Jesus our Lord.... (silent prayers of confession)**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 8/8 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 Colleen King

Those who trust in God will receive new strength from the Lord. They will run and not be exhausted. They will walk and not grow weary. Friends, hear and receive the promise of God: in Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God. Amen**

\*Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me #582

1. Glory to God, Whose goodness shines on me, And to the Son, Whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free

2. World without end, without end Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, Without end. Amen

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.

Avery Paysinger and Colleen King

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 DeAnna McNeil

### **Greetings From North Alabama Presbytery: Dr. Tom Lovell, Executive Presbyter**

Prayer for Illumination Dr. Lovell

Loving God, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak to us today. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading John 1:1-5:10-14 Dr. Lovell  
p. 1,048

Special Music Here I Am Lord Colleen King  
Lynn Ware

Second Reading Ephesians 3: 1-14 Dr. Lovell  
pgs. 1,157-58

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Celebrating the Blessings of Christmas" Dr. Lovell

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Hymn of Praise Joy to the World #134

\*An Affirmation of Faith (From: "A Declaration of Faith") Unison

**God sent the promised Deliverer to his people. Jesus, the long-expected Savior, came into the world as a child, descended from David, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of Mary, a virgin. He announced to his people the coming of God's kingdom of justice and peace on earth. In the person and work of Jesus, God himself and a human life are united but not confused, distinguished but not separated. The coming of Jesus was itself the coming of God's promised rule. Through his life, death, and resurrection, he brings about the relationship between God and humanity that God always intended. Amen.**

Prayers of The People Kristin King

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.**

### **MOMENT OF CELEBRATION Reflection on Montreat- Colleen King and Randi Harbin**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Kristin King

Offertory In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness 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 Kristin King

\*Hymn of Sending EveryTime I Feel the Spirit #66

\*Charge and Benediction Dr. Lovell

**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 The Beauty of This Sacred Place Emily Clem

*\*Stand if you are able*

July 14, 2024  
Montreat Youth Sunday

## 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)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)	Gale Cottles (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)	Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)
Brittany and Brad Mallette	

### 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

<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

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### Flowers

The flowers are given this week by Gina Garth to the Glory of God



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Tom Lovell

### Liturgist

Suzanne Paysinger  
and Kristin King

### Musicians:

Emily Clem

### Church Nursery:

July 21st-Suzanne Paysinger  
July 28th-Jennifer Quillen

### Liturgist:

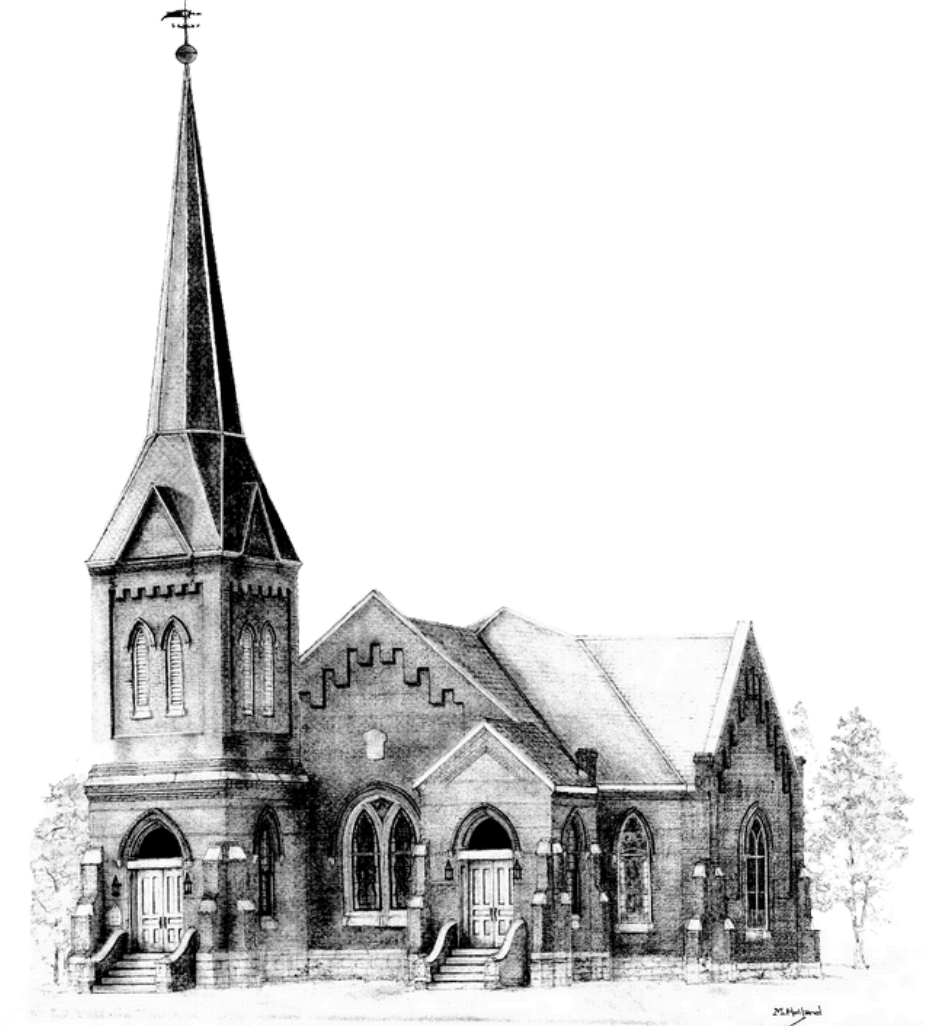
July 28th- Katherine Greene

### Communion Prep:

August 4th- Stanley Hand

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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.*