

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\*Call to Worship Elder Sharon Hand

We praise God for the gift of new life in Christ.

**The Lord's goodness surrounds us.**

We praise God for His never-failing love.

**Jesus came to offer grace to the whole world.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty #35

Sharon Hand

\*Call to Confession

Isaiah prophesies that Jesus suffered for our sins so that we could be freed from failures. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and each other.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our Gracious God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbors as we should. Too often we do not show others the kindness you have showed us. Please forgive our sins. Help us to hear your call to new life in 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, Em for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

**Friends, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who knows his sheep and calls them by name. Here and receive 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 Sharon Hand

Dear Lord, You are the way, the truth, and the life. Please open our hearts to hear your Word and respond to your call. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Romans 12: 9-15 Sharon Hand  
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Anthem Dr. Crowell

Second Reading Acts 2: 42-47 Dr. Kling  
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Finding Our Family" 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.**

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.**

\*Hymn of Discipleship God, You Spin the Whirling Planets #23

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

\*Hymn of Sending Come Sing, O Church in Joy! #305

\*Charge and Benediction

**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)                      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

<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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## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Elder Sharon Hand

### Musicians:

Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Church Nursery:

July 28th-Jennifer Quillen  
August 4th-Libby Brunson

### Church Liturgist:

July 28th-Kat Greene

### Communion Prep:

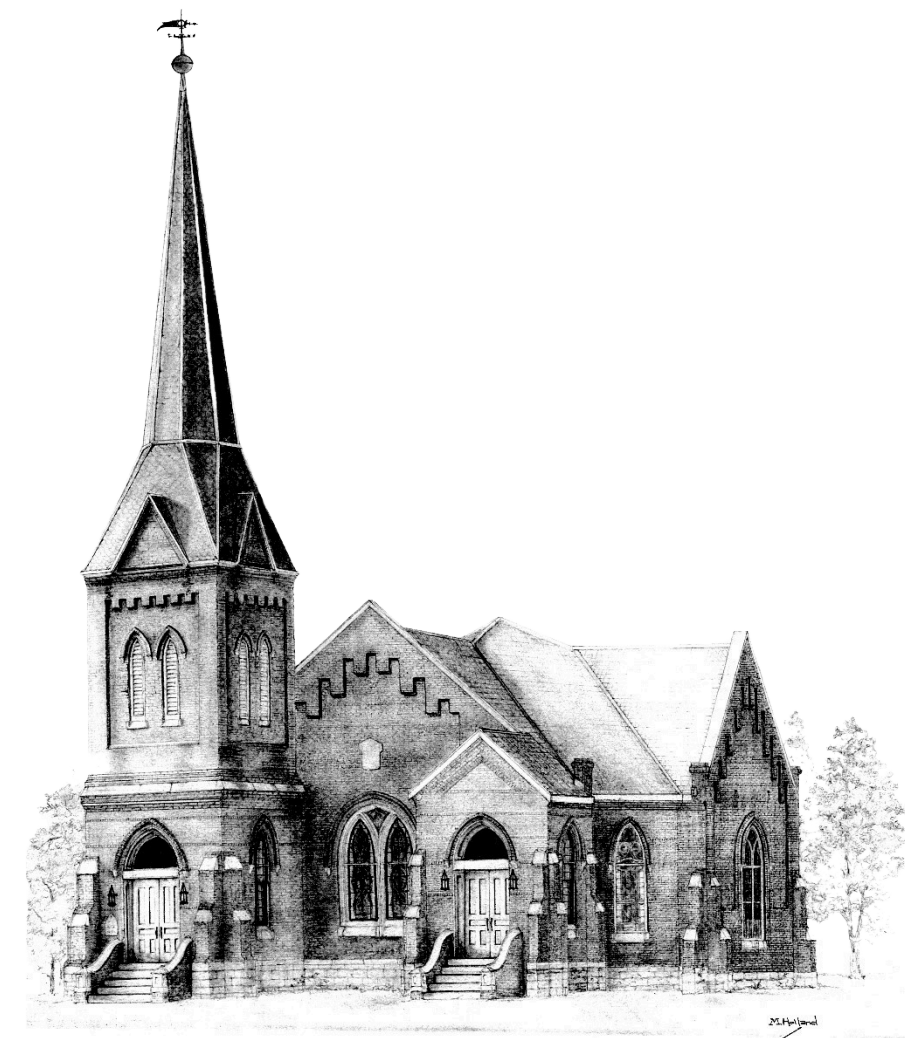
August 4th- Stanley Hand

### *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.*