

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Touch the Earth Lightly Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

*Call to Worship Elder Cindy Witt

O sing to the LORD a new song;

Bless God's name and tell of his salvation from day to day.

Declare God's marvelous works among all the peoples.

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised!

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise To God Be the Glory #634

*Call to Confession Cindy Witt

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Eternal God, you love us, but we often stray from your way. We sin against you in thought, word, and deed. Too often we fail you through what we have done or what we have left undone. We ask you to forgive our sin and help us to live the new life that Christ gives us. We pray this in Christ's 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, Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

The Lord promises that Christ, who was without sin, carried our sin on himself. God covers us with Christ's righteousness. Receive the good news of God's mercy. In the name of 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 Cindy Witt

Our Loving God, open our hearts, prepare our lives, and lead our Church Family to live out the compassion inspired by your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Matthew 5:13-16 Cindy Witt
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Anthem Come Thou Font Emily Clem

Second Reading Hebrews 12: 1-2 Dr. Kling
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Long Distance Races" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship Guide My Feet #741

* 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.

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering Dr. Kling

Offertory I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light 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 Dr. Kling

*Hymn of Sending Hear the Good News of Salvation #441

*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 Lord Make Us More Holy Emily Clem

**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)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Gale Cottles (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing) Jan Ruth (Healing for eyes)
Christy Arnett (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

Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd	
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Worship Leaders

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Cindy Witt

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem

Church Nursery:

August 18th- Suzanne Paysinger
August 25th-Jennifer Quillen

Church Liturgist:

August 18th-John Noel

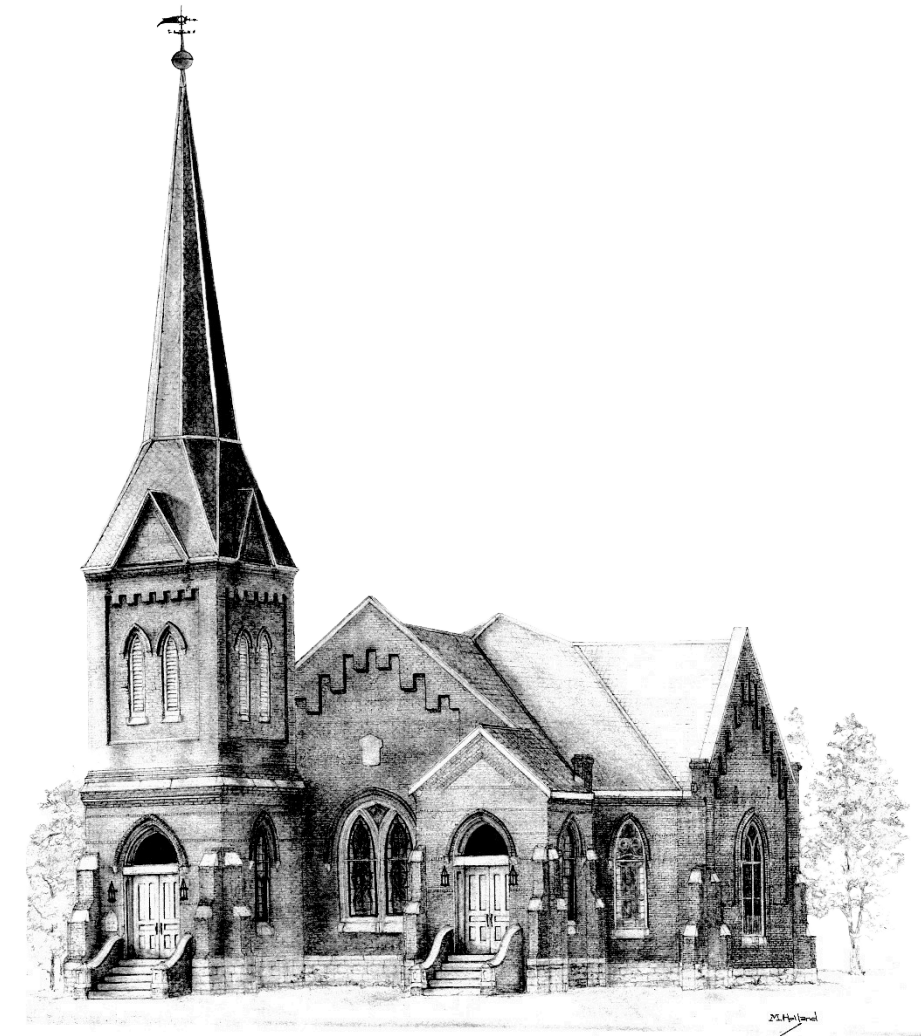
Communion Prep:

September 1st-Jerry Witt

Prayer Family

Christian and Ian Emerson
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Celebrating the birth of
Everett Russell Emerson

August 11, 2024
12th Sunday after Pentecost



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