

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell
Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling
* Call to Worship Elder Doug Harbin

God's wonderful deeds proclaim His goodness!
The Lord's never failing love surrounds us.
God's compassion and forgiveness transform our lives.
The Lord brings salvation for all the world!
Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise I Come With Joy # 515

PRAYER FOR THE START OF UNIVERSITY EDUCATION Avery Paysinger

*Call to Confession Doug Harbin

The Lord's grace allows us to open our hearts to God's mercy and healing. Let us confess our sin and allow Christ to set us free.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our merciful God, there were times this past week when we failed to love others. Our own desires distracted us. The fear of pain misled us. We failed to trust you to provide for our needs. Forgive us for our sin. Give us the grace to follow our Savior. We pray this in Jesus' name.

* 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 for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, because Jesus Christ was crucified and raised from the dead, our sin no longer owns us. We are set free to live with love and loyalty for God and one another. Receive the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we 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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Dr. Kling

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 **Blessing of the Backpacks & Devices**

Prayer of Illumination Doug Harbin

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and share the good news for all people. Guide us through your Word to live out Christ's love and grace. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Exodus 16: 1-5 Doug Harbin
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Anthem The Love of God Natalie Sleeth

Second Reading John 6: 35-40 Dr. Kling
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Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Following Instructions" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Preparation Loaves Were Broken #498

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper
Invitation to the Table Dr. Kling

The Communion Prayer

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly choir in lifting up our thanks and prayers...
(Dr. Kling continues with the Communion Prayer)

*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.

The Words of Institution Dr. Kling

Sharing the Bread and Cup
Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr. Kling

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

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 Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ #526

*Charge 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!

*Benediction Dr. Kling

As God's people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

PRAYER OF BLESSING FOR RALLY DAY SPAGHETTI DINNER

* 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)
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 with you personally. 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 worshiping 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
<u>Trustees</u>		
Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
<u>PNC</u>		
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Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God and for departed love ones



Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Doug Harbin

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

August 11th- Ruth Whitten
August 18th-Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

August 11th-Cindy Witt
August 18th- John Noel

Communion Prep:

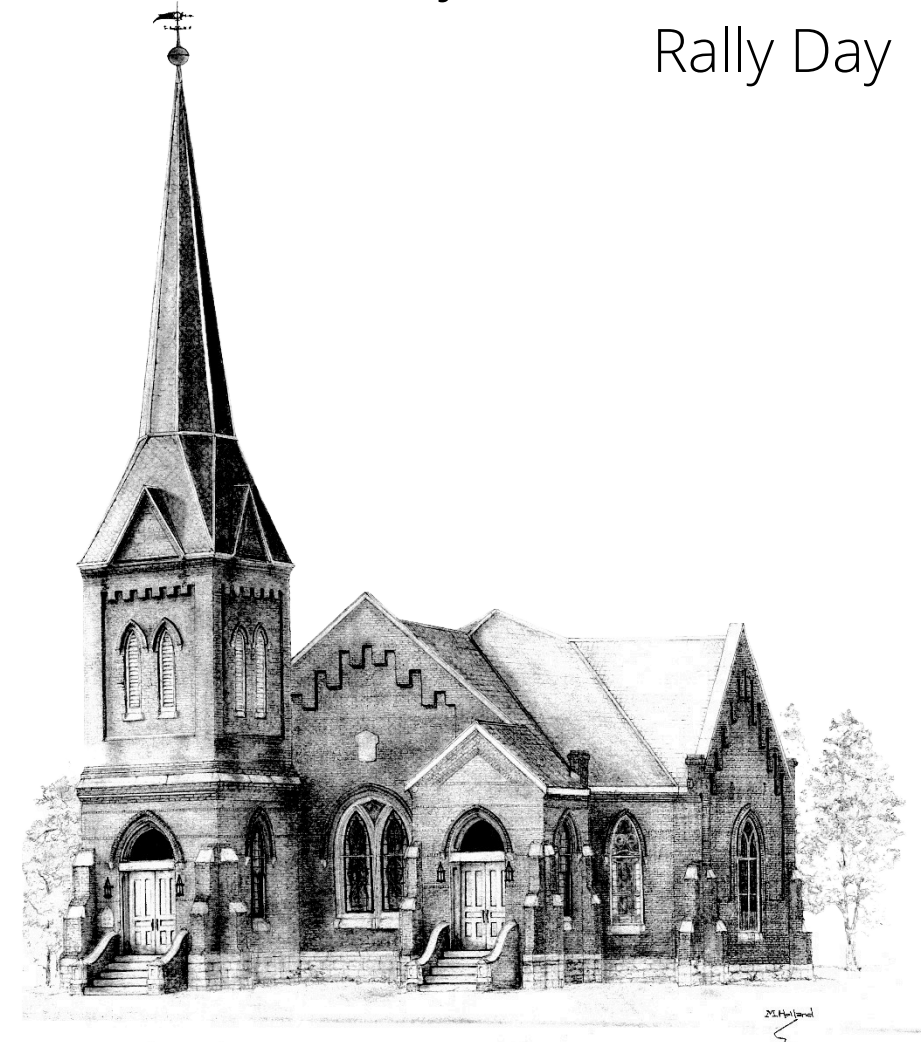
September 1st-Jerry Witt

Prayer Family

Christy Arnett
700 5th Ave Apt. L-33
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August 4th, 2024

11th Sunday after Pentecost
Rally Day



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