

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Elder Carol Copeland

Our Lord, we worship you as the Light of the World.

Your goodness shines for all people and places.

We praise you for putting a new song in our hearts.

Your never-failing love meets our deepest needs.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise O Worship the King # 41

*Call to Confession Carol Copeland

The Apostle Paul teaches us that all human beings sin and fall short of God's love. But when we open our hearts, God promises to hear our confession and forgive our failures.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Gracious God, your compassion exceeds our understanding. Your mercy surpasses human expectations. We confess that we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and ourselves. Because of your grace in Jesus Christ, forgive our brokenness. We place our hope in your steadfast love.

* 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

God promises to renew our broken hearts and heal our wounds. The Lord welcomes all who place their trust in God's mercy. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

* The Gloria Patri Unison

Glorry 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 Dr. Kling

Prayer of Illumination Carol Copeland

Gracious God, you promise to nourish our souls as we listen to your scriptures. Open our hearts to hear wonderful things from your Word. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Isaiah 55: 10-12 p. 733 Carol Copeland

Anthem

Second Reading James 1: 22-25 p. 1,196 Dr. Kling

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Faith in Action" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

*Hymn of Preparation For the Bread Which You Have Broken #516

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 There's a Wideness In God's Mercy #435

*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!

* 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) Christy Arnett (Healing)
Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown

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)
Larry Harris, (Healing, 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 and Silvana Smith (Healing cousins 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)
Robert Jones (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Phyllis Ramshur (Health, mother- in - law of Sean Harbin)
Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)
Dawn (Healing, mother of Brittney Hicks)
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)
The Family of Dr. Charlie Shuler upon their loss of
Dr. Schuler on 8/18

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>		
Hal Baker	Karla Barnes	Stanley Hand
Vicki Kellogg	John Noel (Chair)	Libby Shindorf

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To sign up for flowers call the church office.



Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Carol Copeland

Musicians:

Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell
Dr. Jenny McClay

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

September 8th- Ruth Whitten
September 15th Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

September 8th- Randi Harbin

Communion Prep:

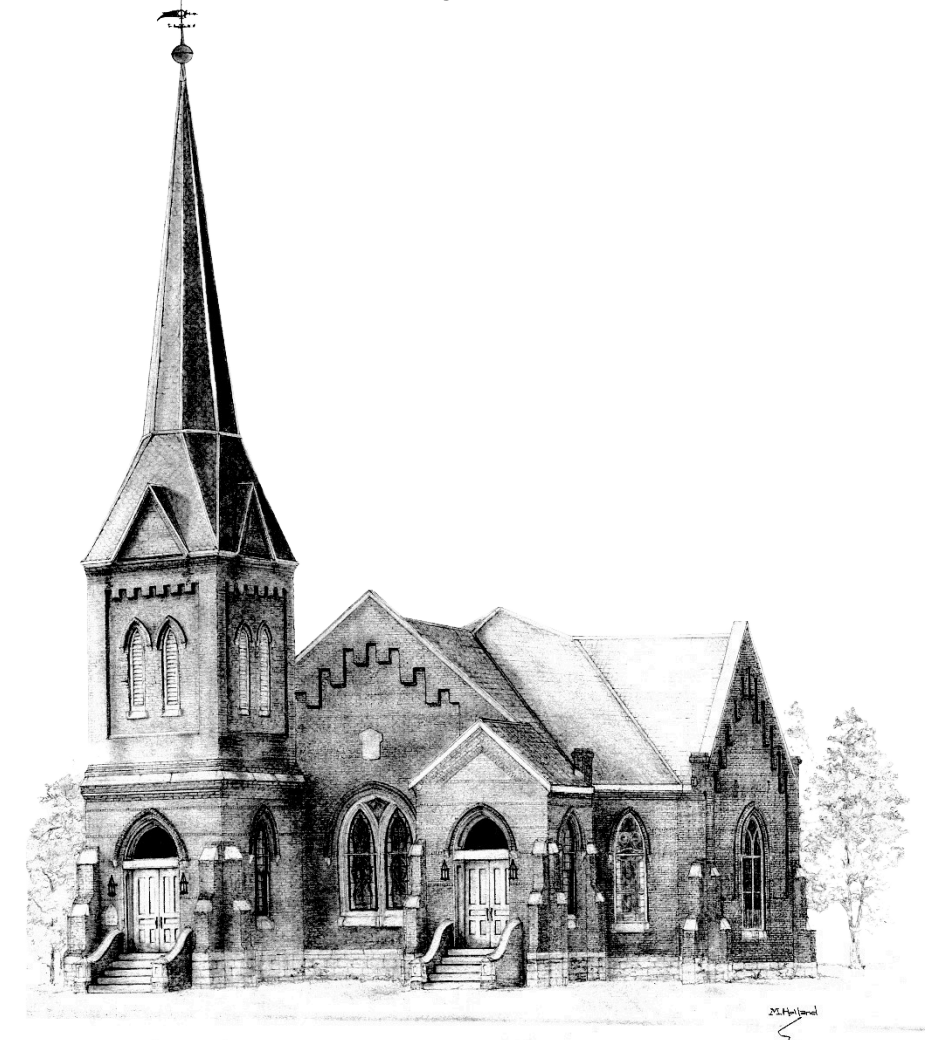
October 6th- Gary Boyd

Prayer Family

Marv and Elizabeth Price
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September 1, 2024

16th Sunday after Pentecost



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