

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

*Call to Worship Brad Greene

Our Gracious God, we praise you for your never-failing love.

Your forgiveness brings peace and joy into our hearts.

We worship you because your truth leads to abundant life.

Your kindness and care surround us every day.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise I Sing the Mighty Power of God #32

Brad Greene

*Call to Confession

The writer of the Psalms promises that when we confess our sins, God will remove them from us "as far as the east is from the west." Trusting in his mercy, let us confess our sin to God.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Lord, in Jesus Christ you call us to be a servant people. Too often, we fail to do what Jesus commands. We are silent when we should speak. Or we say things that are selfishness rather than words that bring Christ's hope. Please forgive us for our sin; We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has lyrics: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!". The second staff has lyrics: "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!". The third staff has lyrics: "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!". Chord symbols are provided above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second staff; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third staff.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Because we are in Christ, we are now part of God's family – the past is finished and gone, everything has become new. Friends, believe 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 Brad Greene

Dear Lord, we pray that you will open our hearts to hear words of guidance from your scriptures. We pray this in the name of Jesus, the Way, the Truth, and the Life, Amen.

First Reading Habakkuk 2:18-20 Brad Greene
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Anthem

Second Reading Matthew 6: 9-15 Dr. Kling
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Free To Forgive" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship My Hope is Built on Nothing Less #353

* 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

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 We All Are One in Mission #733

*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)
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)
Silvana Smith (Loss of Spouse 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
Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Rick Monroe (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)

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

Brad Greene

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Church Nursery:

September 29th-
Katherine Greene

Liturgist

September 29th-
Don Payne

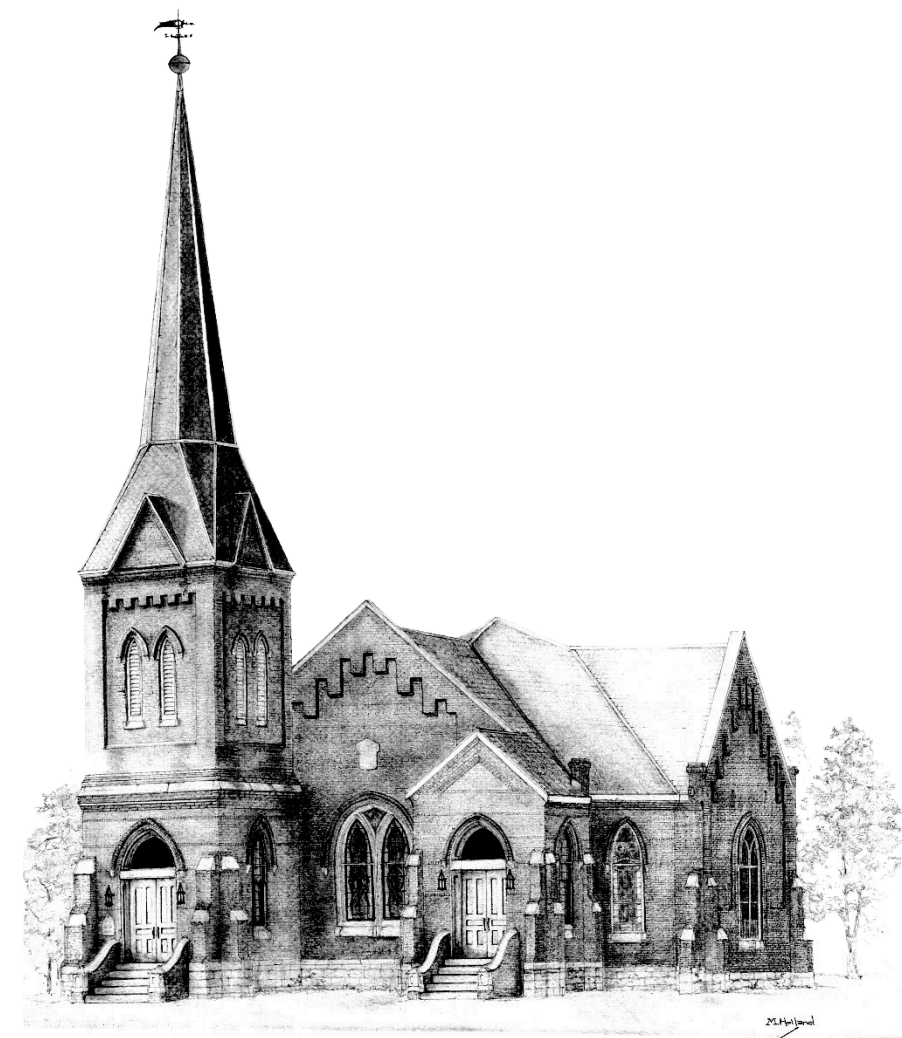
Communion Prep:

October 6th- Gary Boyd

Prayer Family

Prayers of Thanks for
Alice Whitt
for her ongoing, faithful,
ministry to the
FPC Nursery

September 22th, 2024
18th Sunday after Pentecost



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