

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Tyler Byford

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\* Call to Worship Elder David Lyle

We praise God for his care for all creation.

**God loves the world so much that he sent his Son for every nation.**

The Holy Spirit continues to bring healing and salvation to all countries.

**God holds the whole world in God's hands.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn for World Communion Sunday

For the Beauty of the Earth # 14

### **MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP-ELIJAH HAND**

\*Call to Confession David Lyle

All have sinned and fall short of God's glory. But God invites us to confess our failures and ask for forgiveness. Let us confess our sin to God.

\* Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our Gracious God, sometimes we focus too much on our own needs and desires. At times, we fail to hear the call to share your resources and hope with the larger world. Forgive our selfishness. Help your people everywhere to care for the world with Christ's love. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. The Risen Christ frees you to live as God's children and share Christ's love with people everywhere.

**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 Dr. Kling

Prayer of Illumination David Lyle

Gracious God, guide us through your Word to live out your grace and hope for people everywhere. We pray this In Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 100: 1-5 David Lyle  
p. 593

Anthem Tyler Byford

Second Reading John 1: 12-18 Dr. Kling  
p. 1,049

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon " Good News for God's World" Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

### **Sacrament of The Lord's Supper**

\*Hymn of Preparation Loaves Were Broken #498

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 Tyler Byford

\*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 Lift High the Cross #826

\*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!**

### **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

*\*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  
Larry and Cynthia Ugarte` (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)  
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)  
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 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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### Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

To sign up for flowers call the church office.



## Today's Services:

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Elder David Lyle

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Tyler Byford

### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

October 13th- Ruth Whitten  
October 20th-Suzanne Paysinger

#### Liturgist:

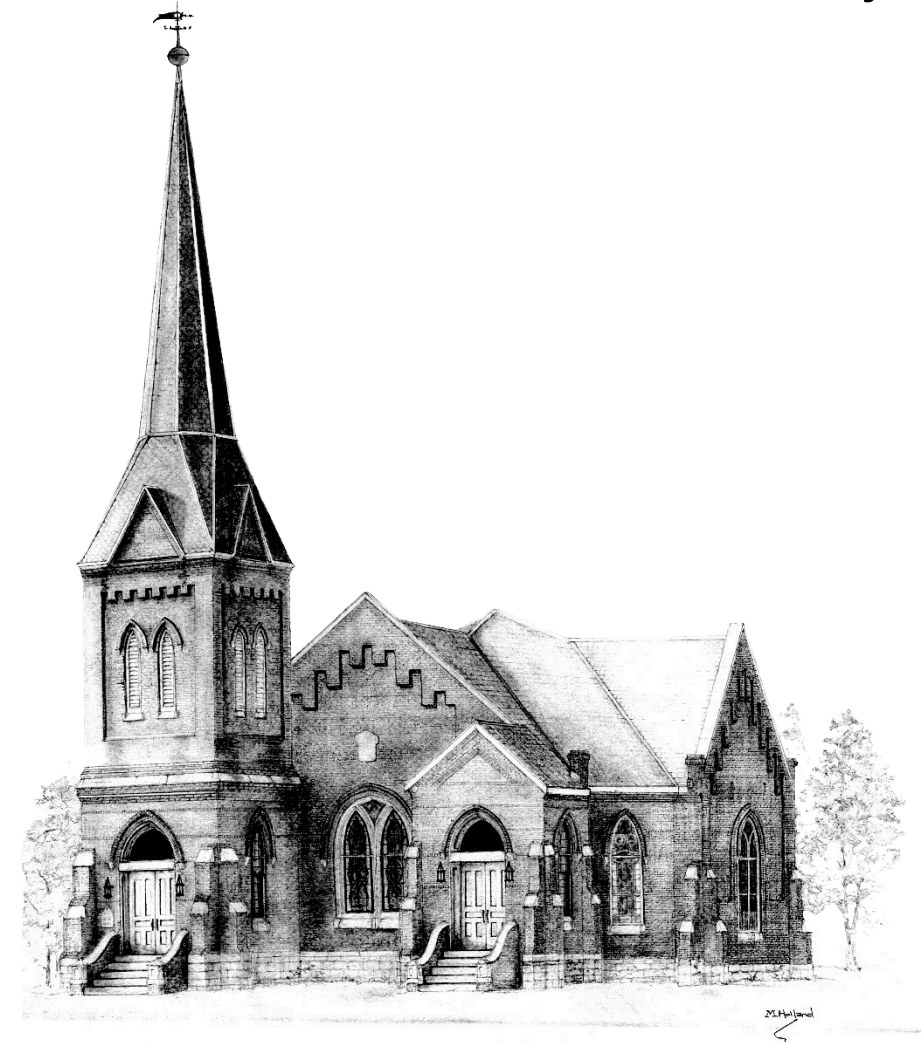
October 13th-Jennifer Quillen

#### Communion Prep:

November 3rd - Karan Baker

October 6, 2024

World Communion Sunday



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