

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Elder Julie McNeese

With joy and thanksgiving let us worship the Lord!

We see God's goodness and beauty all around us.

The Lord's love never fails.

God's grace is fresh and new each day.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise We Gather Together # 336

*Call to Confession Julie McNeese

The Book of Isaiah proclaims: "Come now, let us reason together," says the Lord. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;" Trusting in God's promises, let us confess our sin to God.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Loving God, there were times this past week when we took your good gifts for granted. We were slow to give you thanks and quick to focus on our next desires. Too often we focus on our possessions at the expense of our relationships. Please forgive our sin and renew our hearts. We pray this in Jesus' 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 for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, there is one God, and one mediator, Jesus Christ, who gave his life to free us from our sin. Believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

PEOPLE: 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 Julie McNeese

Our Gracious God, open our hearts to hear your truth. By your Spirit, guide our steps each day. Through Christ, the Living Word, help us share your compassion. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

First Reading Psalm 100 Julie McNeese
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Anthem

Second Reading Philippians 4: 4-7 Dr. Kling
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Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Thanksgiving Prayers" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship Come, Ye Thankful People, Come #367

* 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. Mary 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 All Things Now Living #37

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

* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

**Stand if you are able*

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Larry and Cynthia Ugarte` (Healing) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
Doris Welch (Home) Stephen Toney (Home)
Dean Steele Jac Catlett
Susie Fogg (Home) Diane Lynn (Health)
Sharon Massey Gale Cottles (Healing)
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health) Christy Arnett (Healing)
Debbi O'Neill (Healing) 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 Smith(loss of Spouse 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)
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)
Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Rick Monroe (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
Candee & Blair Berger (Loss of a spouse & father damage from
the hurricanes, friend of Jan Ruth)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)

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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Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Julie McNeese

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

December 1st- Courtney Greene
December 8th-Ruth Whitten

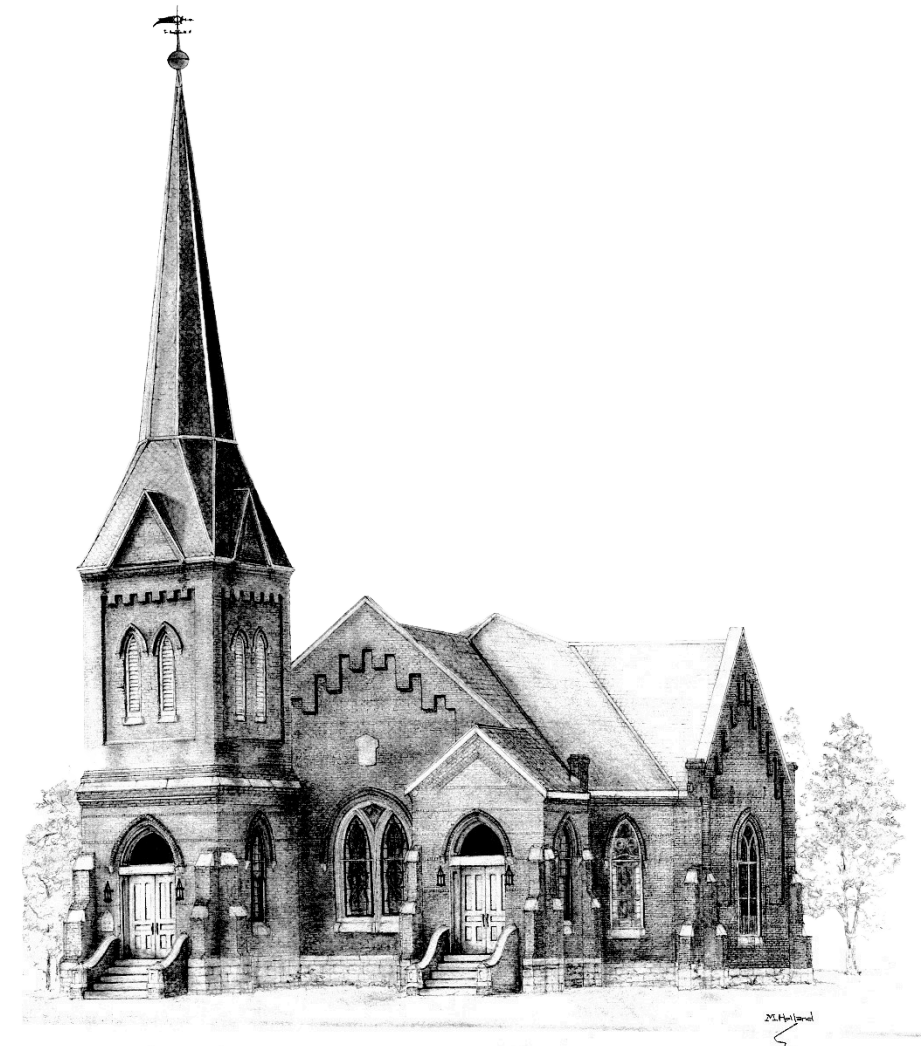
Liturgist:

December 8th- Stephen Ware

Communion Prep:

December 1st- Stanley Hand
December 24th- Courtney Greene

November 24, 2024
Thanksgiving Sunday



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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.

Prayer Family

Prayers of Thanks
and Care for
Margaret Lotz and
the Lotz's Family