

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Tyler Byford

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\* Call to Worship Elder Courtney Greene

Jesus said, All power and honor has been given to me;

**Therefore share my grace with all people,**

Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**Teach them the joy of my call.**

Remember, I will be with you each step of the way.

**Let us worship God!**

\*Hymn of Praise Come, Christians, Join to Sing # 267

### **Celebration of the Sacrament of Baptism Mila Stover Mallette**

\*Call to Confession Courtney Greene

The prophet Isaiah promises us "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool." Let us confess our sin to God.

\* Prayer of Confession Unison

**Gracious God, we confess that often we fail to be an obedient Church. At times, we break your law and resist your love. We do not care for the needs of neighbors as we care for our own needs. Please forgive our sin. Help us to serve others with joy. We pray this in Jesus's name. Amen**

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

In Jesus Christ we have redemption through his sacrifice of himself for us. The Triune God forgives our sin according to the riches of His grace in Christ Jesus. Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

\* 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 Courtney Greene

Our Gracious God, through the reading of your Word open our hearts to receive your love. Through your grace strengthen our faith so we can trust you in all circumstances. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Luke 18: 15-17 Courtney Greene  
p. 1,038

Anthem Tyler Byford

Second Reading Luke 3: 21-22 Dr. Kling  
pgs. 1,016

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

Sermon *Blessed & Baptized* Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\* Affirmation of Faith Unison

**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.**

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn of Communion Your Only Son. O Lamb of God #518

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 Called As Partners in Christ Service #761

\*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 Tyler Byford  
*\*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)  
Shane Cramer (Healing, neighbor 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 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
<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 by Karl and Susan Kling



## Today's Services:

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Elder Courtney Greene

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Tyler Byford

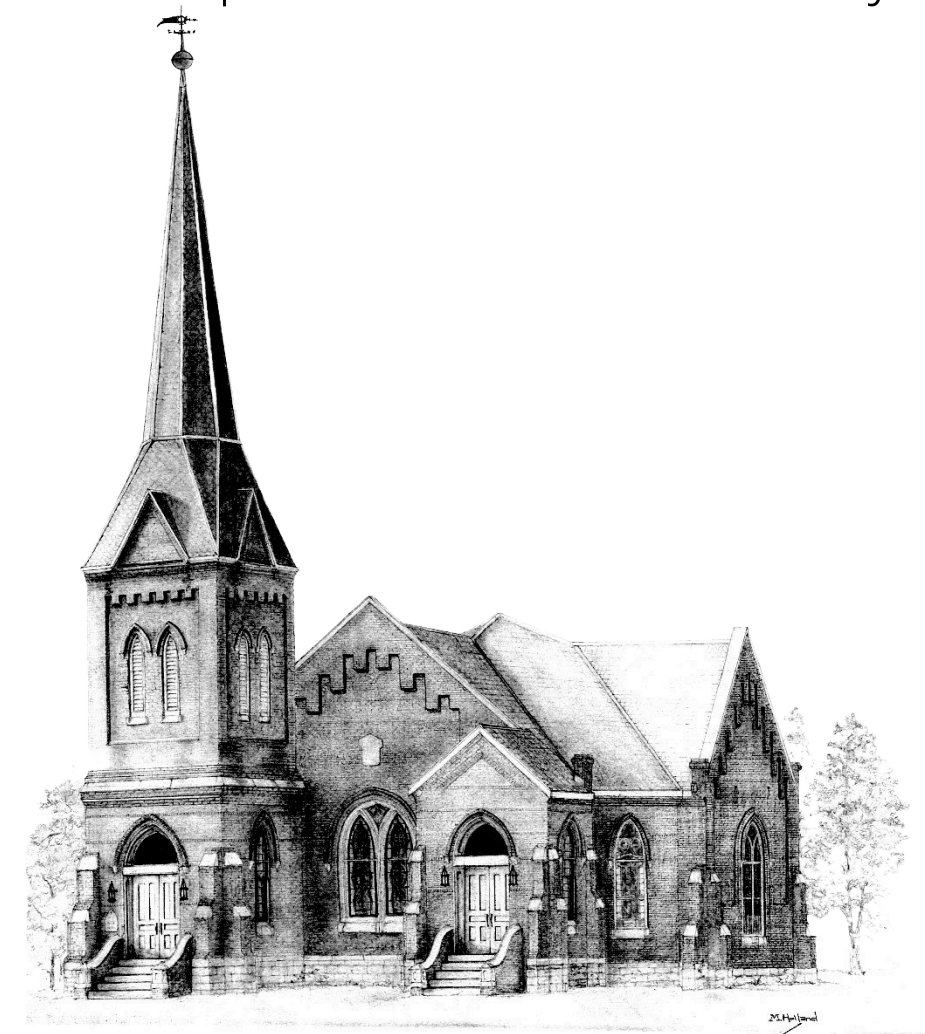
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### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

January 19th-Suzanne Paysinger  
January 26th- Jennifer Quillen

January 12, 2025  
Baptism of the Lord 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.*

*Prayers of Celebration  
for the Mallette  
Family and the  
Baptism of  
Mila Stover Mallette*