

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Psalm 23 Medley Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

\* Call to Worship Elder Doug Harbin

Jesus is the light of the world.

**His grace shines in the darkness.**

God's love changes human hearts.

**Faith, Hope, and Love last forever.**

**Let us worship God.**

\*Hymn of Praise For the Beauty of the Earth # 14

\*Call to Confession Doug Harbin

God's love for us never changes. The Lord is ready to hear about our mistakes and forgive our failures. Let us confess our sin to God.

\* Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our loving God, you are everlasting, the Creator of all that is. Your kindness is beyond measure. We confess that we have sinned against you, our neighbors, and ourselves. In your compassion, forgive us. 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, Em for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

\*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Our God cares when we are brokenhearted and heals our wounds.. The Lord takes pleasure in all who place their trust in Christ's faithfulness. 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.***

\* 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 Doug Harbin

Our Loving God, we pray that your Word will continue to renew our minds and transform our daily living. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Leviticus 19: 17-18 Doug Harbin  
p. 116

Anthem Let Us Build a House Where Love Can Dwell Emily Clem

Second Reading 1 John 4: 7-21 Dr. Kling  
p.1,209

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

Sermon FAMILY MATTERS Dr. Kling  
2: "Present, Not Perfect"

## 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.**

\*Hymn of Discipleship Though I May Speak #693

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 Spirit Open My Heart Emily Clem

\*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 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee #611

\*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 Heaven Opened to Isaiah Emily Clem

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION IN THE SANCTUARY  
Blessing for the Souper Bowl Luncheon**

**Lunch & Full Tummy Pack: Rodgers Center**

*\*Stand if you are able*

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)      Duane Counter (Health & Healing)  
Doris Welch (Home)                      Suzanne Weeks (Healing)  
Dean Steele  
Susie Fogg (Home)                         Jac Catlett  
Sharon Massey                              Diane Lynn (Health)  
Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)         Gale Cottles (Healing)  
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)                 Christy Arnett (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)  
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)  
Cindy Newman (Healing, cousin of Chris Hilgeman)  
Jesse Saunders (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Rick Monroe (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)  
Shane Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)  
Wendy Jordan (Surgery on 2/14 & Recovery, friend of Matt Copeland)

## 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

#### Class of 2025

Karan Baker  
Gary Boyd  
Stanley Hand

*John Noel*

Hal Baker  
Vicki Kellogg

#### Class of 2026

Cindy Witt  
Stephen Ware  
Tom Clem

#### Trustee

*Price Boyd*

#### PNC

Hal Baker      Karla Barnes  
Vicki Kellogg      John Noel (Chair)

#### Class of 2027

DeAnna McNeil  
Chris Shindorf  
David Lyle

*David Whitten*

Stanley Hand      Randi Harbin  
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 Doug Harbin

#### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem

### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

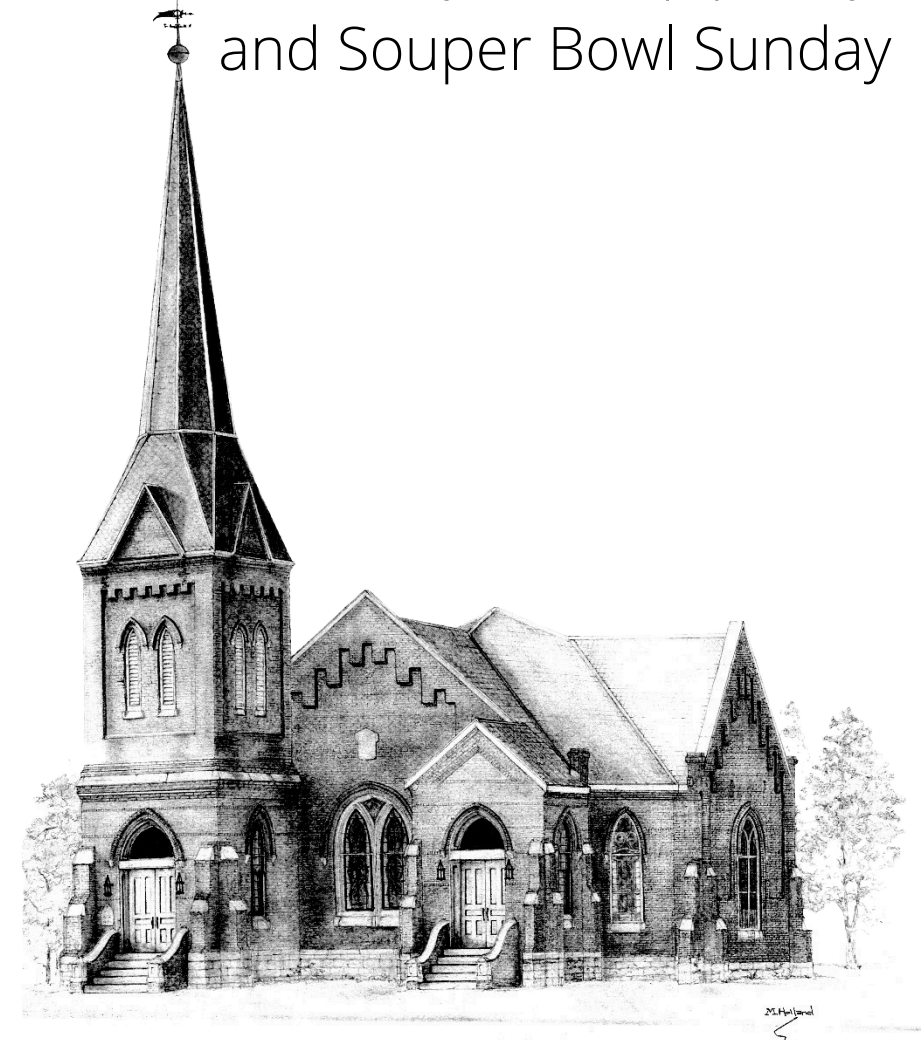
February 16th-Suzanne Paysinger  
February 23rd- Jennifer Quillen

#### Liturgist:

February 16th- Brad Greene

February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany  
and Souper Bowl 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 Blessing for  
the Flower Ministry*  
Jane Gossett and  
Diane Payne and  
families