

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Wonderful Words of Life Arr. Anthony Giamanco

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Roberta Ress

Because the Lord is our Shepherd, we have everything we need.

God fills our lives with good gifts every day.

The Good Shepherd cares for our hearts, minds, souls, and bodies.

The Triune God surrounds all of us with never-failing love.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise Will You Come and Follow Me? # 726

*Call to Confession Roberta Ress

God's love for us is greater than our failures. The Lord is ready to forgive our mistakes and heal our brokenness.

Let us confess our sin to God.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

God our Redeemer, we confess that our lives do not reflect your glory. You shine on us with wonder, but we fail to see your beauty. You speak to us with truth, but we fail to listen to your voice. Please forgive our sin and open our eyes to your glory. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Our Gracious God sent Jesus into the world to be our Savior. Christ makes our hearts clean and leads us to share his love with the world.

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 Roberta Ress

Our Loving God, we ask you to calm the distractions of our hearts and minds. Please help us to hear your Word and let your light shine through all that we say and do. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Exodus 34: 29-35
p. 89

Anthem Deep Within David Haas

Second Reading Luke 9: 28-36
p. 1,026

Response Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Giving Glory To God" 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

*Communion Hymn I Come With Joy #515

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 (the bread is gluten free)

Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr. Kling

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory A Celtic Benediction by R. Kevin Boesiger

*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 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing #610

*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 Triumphal March by Paul Thurmond

***Stand if you are able**

(*Music during Communion Impromptu by Johnathon Kana)

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health) Duane Counter (Health & Healing)
Doris Welch (Home) Suzanne Weeks (Healing)
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
Betty Fae Spencer (Recovery from Surgery)

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)
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)
Martha Taylor(Healing, mother of John Cagle)
Wendy Jordan (Recovery from Surgery, friend of Matt Copeland)
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol 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 worshiping with us today!

The Session

Class of 2025

Karan Baker
Gary Boyd
Stanley Hand

John Noel

Class of 2026

Cindy Witt
Stephen Ware
Tom Clem

Trustee

Price Boyd

Class of 2027

DeAnna McNeil
Chris Shindorf
David Lyle

David Whitten

PNC

Hal Baker
Vicki Kellogg

Karla Barnes
John Noel (Chair)

Stanley Hand
Libby Shindorf

Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Roberta Ress

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Staff

Transitional Pastor:

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Nursery:

Alice Whitt

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Flowers

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

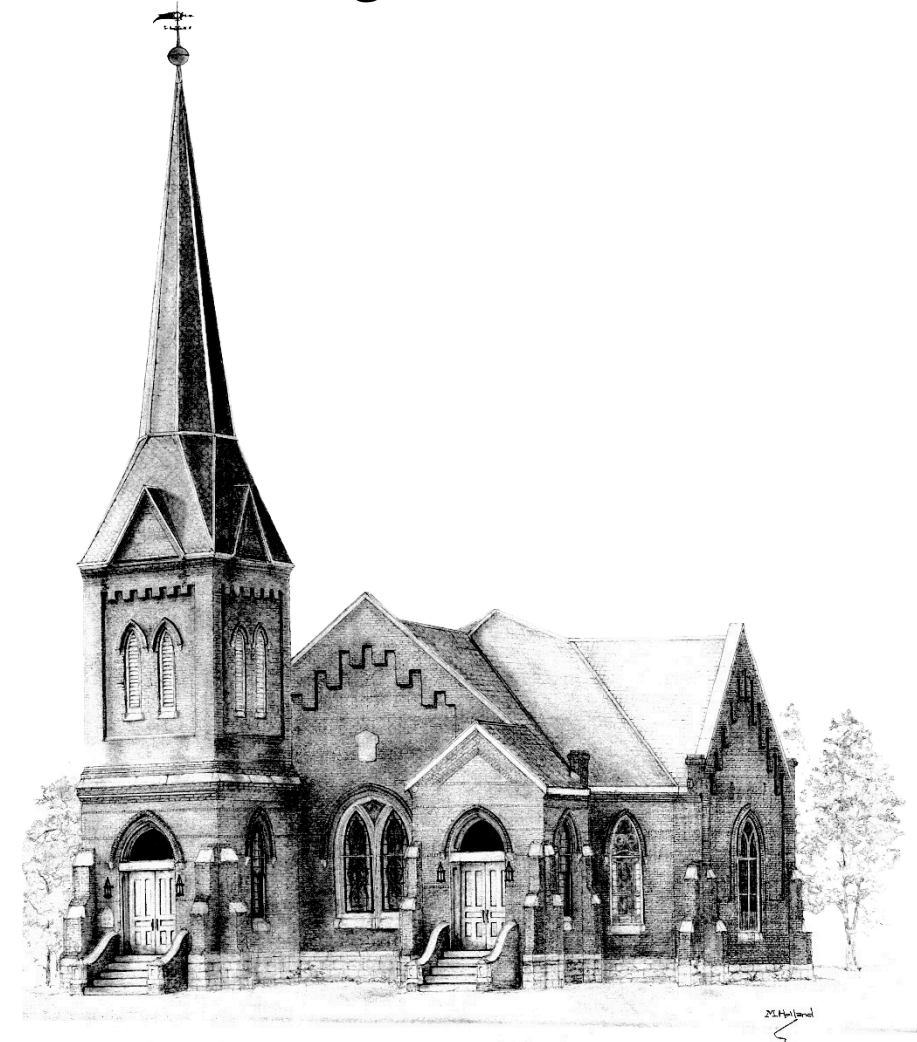
To sign up for flowers call the church office.



Prayers of Blessing and Thanksgiving to All those serving and receiving home communion

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Transfiguration of the Lord



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