

# WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Dr. Karl Kling

\* Call to Worship

Katherine Greene

God's wonderful deeds proclaim His goodness!  
**The Lord surrounds us with never failing love.**  
God has compassion for all people.  
**The Lord brings salvation for all the world!**  
Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ # 526

\*Call to Confession

Katherine Greene

God's grace allows us to open our hearts to forgiveness and healing. Let us confess our sin and allow the light of Christ to set us free.

\* Prayer of Confession

Unison

**Our Merciful God, there were times this past week when we failed to love neighbors. Our own desires distracted us. Fear of pain or inconvenience misled us. We failed to trust you to provide for our needs. Forgive our sin. Help us to love others as you love us. We pray this in Jesus' name.**

\* Kyrie Eleison

Unison

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: Am D C D Em C Em, Em D G Am Em D E

\*Assurance of Pardon

Dr. Kling

We have confessed our sin, and the Lord promises to give us fresh new beginnings. Hear and receive 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

Katherine Greene

Friends, because Christ has called us his own, we are free to live with love and loyalty for God and one another. Receive the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.

First Reading

Philippians 4: 8  
p. 1,158

Anthem

Charles Patterson

Second Reading

Luke 10: 25-28  
p. 1,028

Dr. Kling

Response

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

Sermon

*"Following Jesus in the Neighborhood"*

Dr. Kling

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*Hymn of Discipleship

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

#305

\* 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.**

Pastoral Prayer

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

\*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

To God Be the Glory

#634

\*Prayer of Blessing Food For Fellowship Dinner

\*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

## 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)         Chuck Kellogg (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 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, friend of Matt Copeland)  
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)  
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)  
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)

## 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*

#### PNC

Hal Baker                      Karla Barnes  
Vicki Kellogg                 John Noel (Chair)

#### Class of 2027

DeAnna McNeil  
Chris Shindorf  
David Lyle

*David Whitten*

*Stanley Hand*  
*Libby Shindorf*

## Today's Services:

### Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

### Liturgist

Katherine Greene

### Musicians:

Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell  
Charles Patterson

### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

April 6th-Courtney Greene

#### Communion Prep:

April 6th- Stephen Ware

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### Flowers

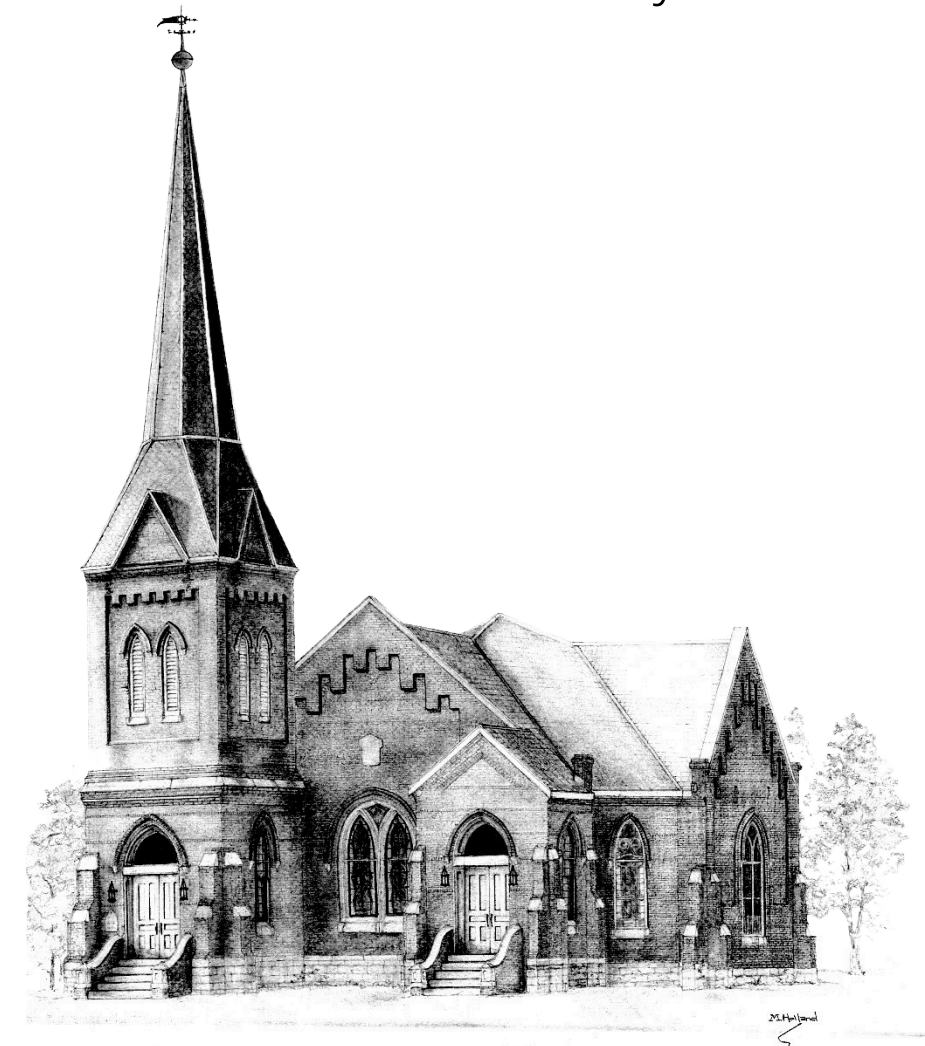
The flowers are given to the glory of God.

To sign up for flowers call the church office.



Prayers of Thanksgiving and well wishes for Karl and Susan Kling, as they move to bless a new congregation at First Presbyterian Huntsville

March 23rd, 2025  
3rd Sunday in Lent



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