

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude The Patient Heart by Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements Dr. Karl Kling

* Call to Worship Elder Karla Barnes
(Adapted from 1 Corinthians 10:13)

God hears our prayers when we call for help.

The Lord promises strength to face each challenge.

When we face times of darkness, Jesus walks with us.

The Lord does not lead us into temptation, but will deliver us from evil.

Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee # 611

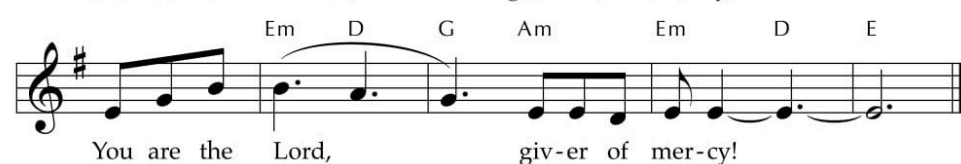
*Call to Confession Karla Barnes

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

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. We look for comfort in earthly kingdoms and overlook your rule over all creation. Sometimes we forget about the Bread of Life that you give us through your Son. Please forgive us. Help us to trust in your never-failing care. We worship and serve you alone. We pray this in Jesus's name. Amen

* Kyrie Eleison Unison



*Assurance of Pardon Dr. Kling

Friends, God's love will never fail you. 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 Karla Barnes

Our Gracious God, through the reading of your Word, open our hearts. With the presence of your Spirit transform our lives. By the gift of your call, lead us to serve your world. We pray this in Christ's name, Amen.

First Reading Romans 10: 8-13
p. 1,121

Anthem No Eye Has Seen Richard Donn

Second Reading Luke 4: 1-13 Dr. Kling
p. 1,017
(selected verses)

Response

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Following Jesus in the Desert" Dr. Kling

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship Take My Life #697

* 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 Peace in My Soul by Lani Smith

*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 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah #65

*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 Strong Praise by Paul Davis

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)

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

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

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Today's Services:

Sermon

Dr. Karl Kling

Liturgist

Elder Karla Barnes

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

March 16th-Suzanne Paysinger
March 23rd-Jennefer Quillen

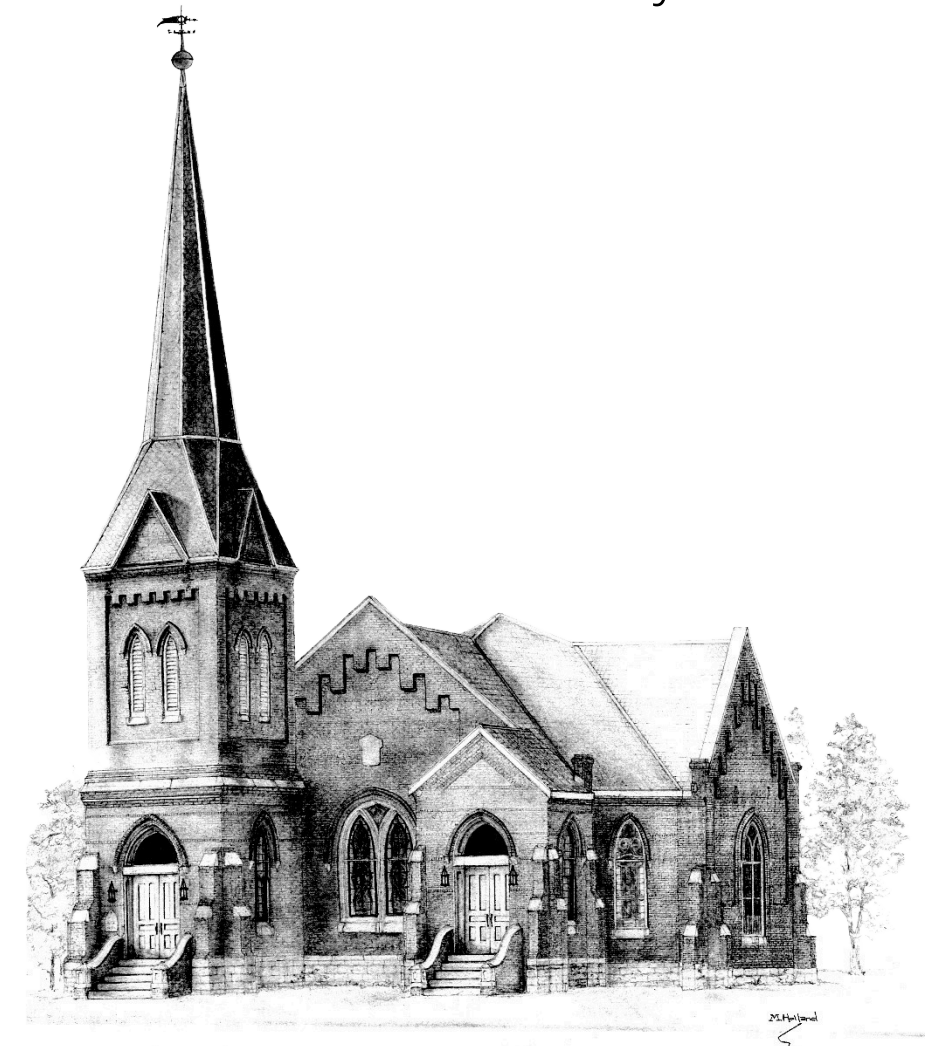
Liturgist:

March 16th-Stephen Ware
March 23rd-Katherine Greene

Communion Prep:

April 6th- Stephen Ware

March 9th, 2025
1st Sunday in Lent



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We serve each other, the Athens community, and the world on the square in downtown Athens. Our church family is a community of believers who come seeking the grace and peace of God.

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 for Christian,
Ian and Everett Emerson
in preparation of
Everett's Baptism next
week (March 16)**