

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Joshua Fit de Battle of Jericho by Marianne Kim

Welcome and Announcements Elder Suzanne Paysinger

* Call to Worship Suzanne Paysinger

The Lord walks with us in every situation.

God calls us to joyfully follow Jesus Christ.

The Holy Spirit leads us each day.

The Good Shepherd surrounds us with never-failing care.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise Let All Things Now Living #37

*Call to Confession Suzanne Paysinger

God's love 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 Merciful God, we frequently fail to recognize your care for us. Too often we overlook your answers to prayer. We focus on our own comfort and overlook the distress of neighbors. Please forgive our selfishness. Through your Spirit, soften our hearts. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The first staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a whole note on "Lord" and a dotted half note on "giv-er of mer-cy!". The second staff has the lyrics "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a whole note on "Christ" and a dotted half note on "giv-er of mer-cy!". The third staff has the lyrics "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" with a whole note on "Lord" and a dotted half note on "giv-er of mer-cy!". Chords are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the second staff, and Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the third staff.

*Assurance of Pardon Suzanne Paysinger

Friends, God sent Christ into the world to be our Savior. Jesus hears our confession and forgives our sin. Receive God's grace and share the Good News of Jesus Christ with your words and actions. 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 Suzanne Paysinger

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

Prayer of Illumination

Dear Lord, you are the way, the truth, and the life. Please open our hearts to hear your Word and to obey your call. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Deuteronomy 15:7-11 Suzanne Paysinger
p. 186-7

Anthem

Second Reading John 12: 1-8 Rev. Larry Ugarte`
p. 1,065

Response

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Waiting for the Parade" Rev. Larry Ugarte`

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship Fairest Lord Jesus # 630

* 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 Suzanne Paysinger

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 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me by Marianne Kim

*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 Suzanne Paysinger

*Hymn of Sending Standing On the Promises #838

*Charge Suzanne Paysinger

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 Rev. Larry Ugarte`

As God's people we all say,
Alleluia, Amen!

*Postlude Swing Low, Sweet Chariot by Marianne Kim

Our Pulpit Supply this morning is the Rev. Larry Ugarte, MSW, MDiv, a retired Minister of the Word and Sacrament and member of North Alabama Presbytery. He and his wife, Cynthia, have made Athens their home since August 2024. They have two adult children - Gabriella and David. Rev. Ugarte was born and reared up in Dallas, TX. He holds degrees in Social Sciences (SMU, 1964), Social Work (Pitt 1979), and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (1979). He is a Navy veteran with 24 years of service, first as an Unrestricted Line Office, and later as a Chaplain. While still in seminary Rev. Ugarte was called as Student Pastor of Mountours Presbyterian Church, Oakdale PA (1976-77). His first call to ordained service was as Stated Supply, First Presbyterian Church, Rensselaer, IN (1979-80). After he left the Navy Chaplaincy, he was called as Pastor of New Hope Presbyterian Church, Virginia Beach, VA. Then, he was approved to work outside the Bounds of the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia, to answer the call as Pastor of First Lutheran Church (ELCA), Portsmouth, VA.. He served in that capacity for 15 years. In the years since his retirement, Pastor Ugarte has served as Transitional Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, VA, St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, Suffolk, VA, and Grace Covenant Presbyterian Church of Princess Anne, Virginia Beach, VA. Pastor Ugarte likes to joke that over his 46 years in the pulpit he has had many requests, but he's going to continue to preach anyway.

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)
Don Payne (Healing)
Cagle Family as they welcome a new baby and prayers for those caring for Miles
Prayers of sympathy for Stephen Ware and family at the passing of Stephens' mother

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)
Kim Fears (healing, friend of Jim May and 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 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
Vicki Kellogg

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John Noel (Chair)

Stanley Hand
Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given in honor of Michael and Gale Cottles and their grandchildren Gretta and Brian



Today's Services:

Sermon

Rev. Larry Ugarte`

Liturgist

Elder Suzanne Paysinger

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

April 13th- Ruth Whitten
April 20th-Suzanne Paysinger

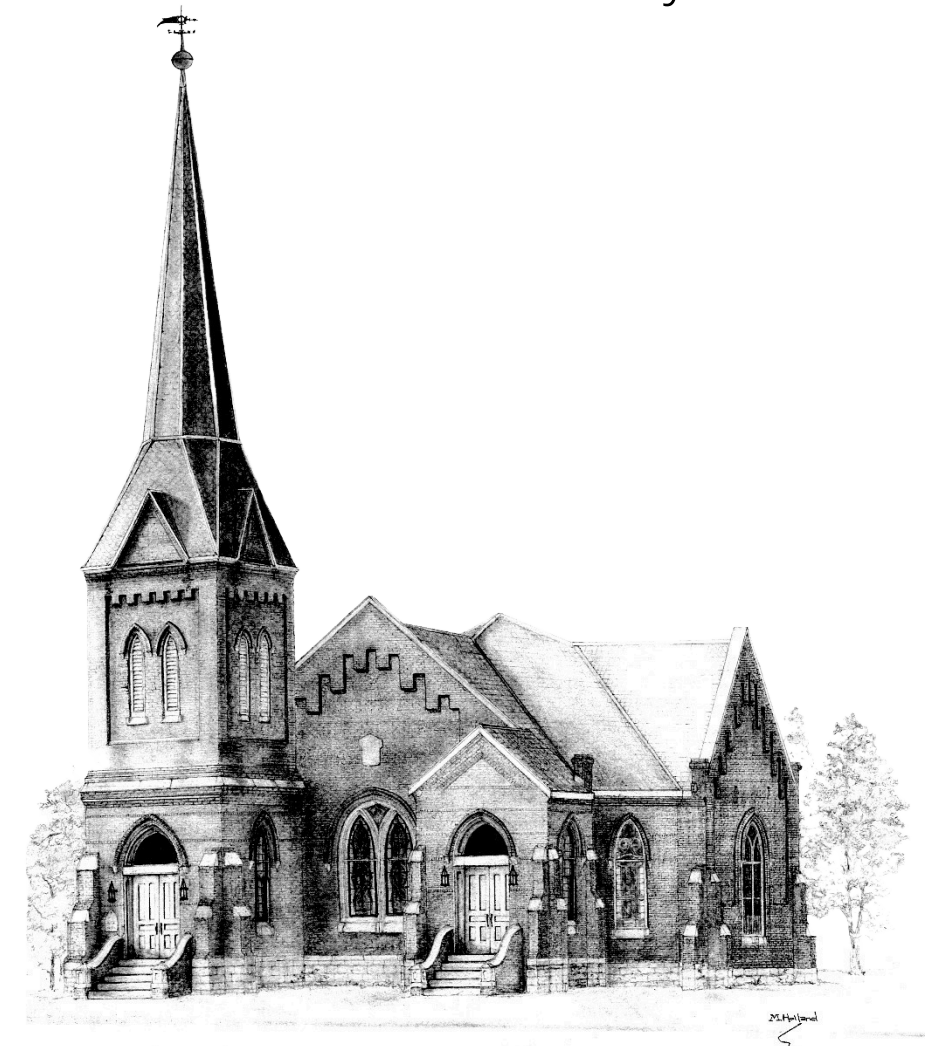
Liturgist:

April 20th- Sharon Hand

Communion Prep:

April 17th- Stephen Ware
April 20th- Stanley Hand

April 6th, 2025
5th 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 the Cagle family as they welcome the new baby Miles.