

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Christy Arnett

\*Call to Worship Christy Arnett

We praise God for the Lord’s love and faithfulness.  
**God’s compassion and generosity never end.**  
The Lord fills our lives with grace and goodness.  
**We worship God with our hearts, minds, and actions.**  
Let us worship God.

\*Hymn of Praise All Hail the Power of Jesus Name #263

\*Call to Confession Christy Arnett

God is perfect, but God invites us to come to worship just as we are. Rejoicing in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our Merciful God, at times this past week, we were too proud to listen to your voice. We overlooked our own faults and focused on the mistakes of others. Forgive our sin. Help us to follow the example of humility that Jesus taught us. We pray this in Christ’s name, Amen.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

Musical notation for Kyrie Eleison with lyrics and chords.

\*Assurance of Pardon Christy Arnett

Friends, our Loving God has heard our confession in the light of Christ’s death and resurrection. Hear and receive the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we 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.**

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 for Illumination Christy Arnett

Dear Lord, we pray that you will open our eyes to see the wonderful truth in your Word. Then guide our steps as we share the good news of Jesus’ love with our words and actions. We pray this in Christ’s name, Amen.

First Reading Ephesians 1:15-23 Christy Arnett  
p.1,157

Anthem Be Thou My Vision Mary and Emily Duet

Second Reading Luke 24:44-53 Rev. Bob Phelps  
p.1,048

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

Sermon “How Open?” Rev. Phelps

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\* Affirmation of Faith Unison

The Apostles' Creed

**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 I Come with Joy #515

Prayers of The People Christy Arnett

The Lord's Prayer

**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 Dr. Crowell

\*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 Christy Arnett

\*Hymn of Sending Love Divine All Love Excelling #366

\*Charge and Benediction Rev. Phelps

**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!**

As God’s people we all say,  
**Alleluia, Amen!**

\* Postlude Dr. Crowell

*\*Stand if you are able*

**PRAYER REQUESTS**

**CHURCH FAMILY**

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)

Doris Welch (Home)

Dean Steele

Susie Fogg (Home)

Sharon Massey

Melvin & Ruth Clem (Health)

Debbi O'Neill (Healing)

Duane Counter (Health & Healing)

Suzanne Weeks (Healing)

Jac Catlett

Diane Lynn (Health)

Gale Cottles (Healing)

Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown

Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)

**THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY**

Brandon Noel – Army

Adam Naves - Marines

Kevin O’Neill-Army Nat. Guard

Joshua Hargrove – Deployed

Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

Sean Miller - Army

Damien Williams - Army

Michael Ress – USAF –AZ

Jay Tulley- Middle East

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS**

Larry Harris, ( Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman

Sue Guyer (Health & Healing, Bonny Noel’s sister)

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)

Keith Clem (Healing, cousin of Chris Paysinger)

Amy Cotten (Potter's Hand)

Telula Thornton (Healing and Comfort, mother of Karan Baker)

Mike Frehner (Support, friend of David Lyle)

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)

Karryl Anderson ( Healing, Mexico mission supporter)

Mary Hosteller (Healing, family member of Jan Ruth)

Donnie May (Healing & Grief, cousin of Jim May)

Trish Cloninger (Brain Healing, family of Jan Ruth)

Caleb (Healing, broken foot)

**FOR OUR VISITORS:**

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect. 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

**Class of 2026**

Cindy Witt

Stephen Ware

Tom Clem

**Class of 2027**

DeAnna McNeil

Chris Shindorf

David Lyle

**Trustee**

John Noel

Price Boyd

David Whitten

**PNC**

Hal Baker

Karla Barnes

Stanley Hand

Randi Harbin

Vicki Kellogg

John Noel (Chair)

Libby Shindorf

**Staff**

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Julie McNeese

**Choir Director:**

Erica Hand

**Nursery:**

Alice Whitt

**Worship Leaders**

**Sermon**

Rev. Bob Phelps

**Liturgist**

Christy Arnett

**Musicians:**

Erica Hand  
Emily Cleml

**Church Nursery:**

June 8th-Ruth Whitten  
June 15th-Suzanne Paysinger

**Liturgist:**

June 8<sup>th</sup>- Cindy Witt

**Communion Prep:**

July 6th-Gary Boyd

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**Flowers**

The flowers are given to the glory of God.

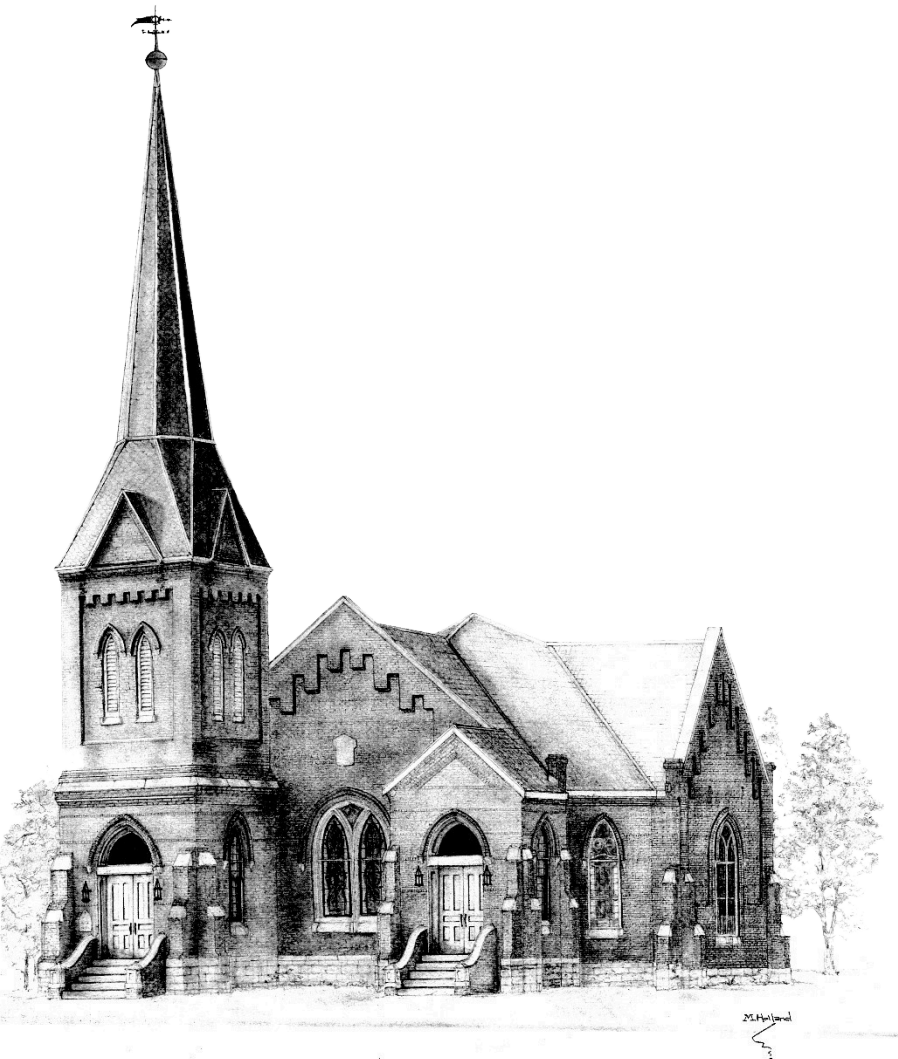
To sign up for flowers call the church office.



*Prayer Family*

Prayers of comfort and peace to Vicki Kellogg and family in the passing of Chuck Kellogg

June 1, 2025  
7th Sunday of Easter



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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.*