

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want Emily Clem

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Larry Ugarte`

*Call to Worship Elder Julie McNeese

We praise God for his help in everyday life.
The Lord is our strength and salvation.
We praise the Holy Spirit for guiding our steps.
The Risen Christ walks with us each day.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us 387

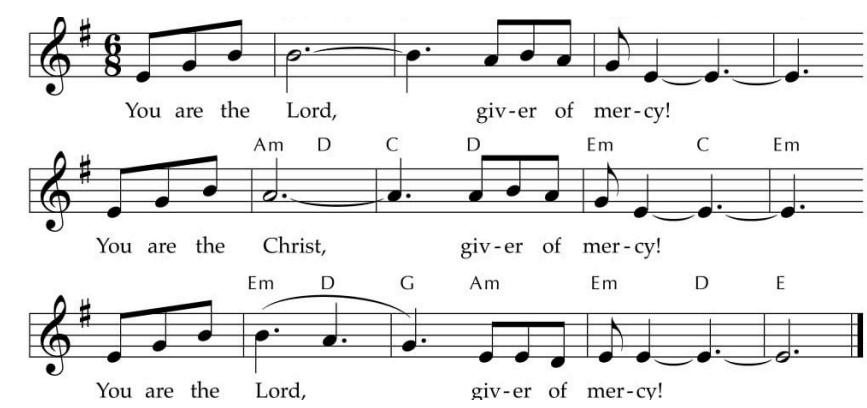
*Call to Confession Julie McNeese

God’s love for us 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 loving God, sometimes we forget to thank you for your generosity and goodness. We spend too much time thinking about ourselves. Too often, our own pride distracts us from serving others. Please forgive our selfishness. Lead us to serve as you have served us. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison



Three staves of musical notation in G major, 6/8 time. The lyrics are: '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 are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the first line; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second line.

*Assurance of Pardon Rev. Ugarte`

Friends, God sent Jesus into the world to be our Savior. Jesus hears our confession and forgives our sin. He makes our hearts clean and helps us to share his love. 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.

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 DeAnna McNeil

Prayer for Illumination Julie McNeese

Our Gracious God, in the reading of your Word, reveal the miracle of your love for us. Then prepare us to serve each other in Christ’s name. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 23 Julie McNeese
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Anthem Day by Day Chancel Choir

Second Reading John 10: 1-18, 27-30 Rev. Ugarte`
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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon “The Only Good Shepherd” Rev. Ugarte`

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 The King of Love #802

Prayers of The People Rev. Ugarte`

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 Rev. Ugarte`

Offertory Bless This House Emily Clem

*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 Rev. Ugarte`

*Hymn of Sending In the Bulb There Is a Flower #250

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Ugarte`

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 Handel’s Fugue in D Emily Clem

**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)

Betty Fae Spencer (Recovery)

Duane Counter (Health & Healing)

Suzanne Weeks (Healing)

Jac Catlett

Diane Lynn (Health)

Gale Cottles (Healing)

Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown

Chuck Kellogg (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

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 (Healing 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)

Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)

Mary Hosteller (Healing, family member of Jan Ruth)

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

Vicki Kellogg

Karla Barnes

John Noel (Chair)

Stanley Hand

Libby Shindorf

Randi Harbin

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Erica Hand

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Alice Whitt

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Sermon
Rev. Larry Ugarte`

Liturgist

Elder Julie McNeese

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Cleml

Church Nursery:

May18th- Suzanne Paysinger
May 25th - Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

May 18th - Stephen Ware
May 25th - Sharon and Mary Hand

Communion Prep:

June 8th -Chris Shindorf

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Flowers

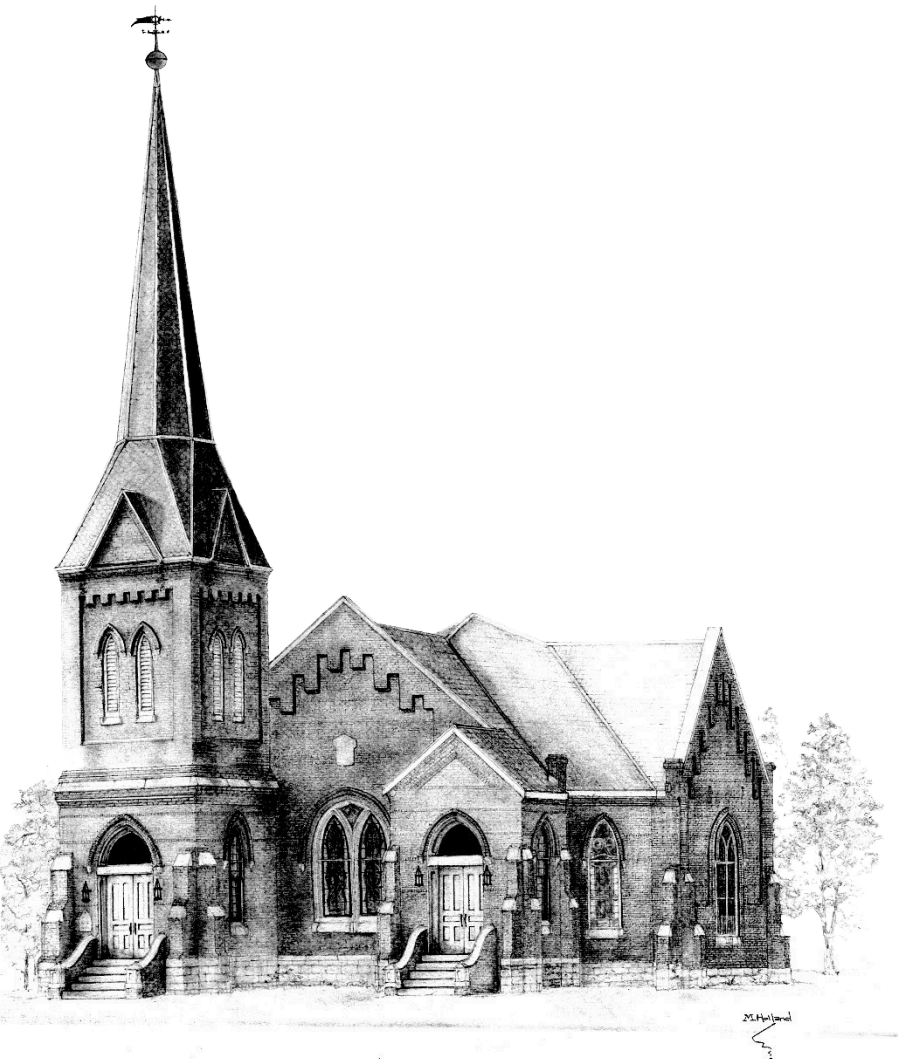
The flowers are given
by Mason Ruf in
honor of his mother
Hazel Ruf



Prayer Family

Prayers of
Thanksgiving for all
the Mother's of
First Presbyterian
Church

May 11, 2024
4th 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.