

## WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell  
Welcome and Announcements Dr. Stephen Ware  
\*Call to Worship Stephen Ware

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
**God's love endures forever!**  
The Lord is our strength and our song;  
**God has become our salvation!**  
Let us worship God!

\*Hymn of Praise The Church's One Foundation #321

### **Graduating Senior Celebration Colleen King and Eloise Chouinard**

\*Call to Confession Stephen Ware

I The Lord watches over all our ways. Let us put our trust in  
God's grace and confess our sins.

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Our Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against  
you in thought, word and deed. We have failed you with our  
actions and inactions. We have not loved you and our  
neighbors with our whole hearts. For the sake of Jesus  
Christ, forgive us. We pray this in His name.**

\* 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!" (first staff), "You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!" (second staff), and "You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!" (third staff). Chords are indicated above the notes: Am, D, C, D, Em, C, Em for the first staff; Em, D, G, Am, Em, D, E for the second staff.

\*Assurance of Pardon Stephen Ware

In Christ Jesus, God has promised to forgive us and  
reconcile us to God and each other. With joy, receive God's  
grace. In Jesus' name, you are forgiven.  
**Thanks be to God, Amen.**

\* 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 Sharon Hand

Prayer for Illumination Stephen Ware

Gracious God, you call us to follow Christ and spread the good news of  
your love for all people. Guide us through your Word to live out your love  
and grace. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen

First Reading Isaiah 40:27-31 Stephen Ware  
p. 715

Anthem Hear I Am Lord Colleen King

Second Reading Hebrews 12:1-5 Rev. Alison. Kling  
p. 1,193

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

Sermon "Milestone Faith" Rev. Kling

## 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 May Faith Look Up to Thee #829

Prayers of The People Stephen Ware

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 Stephen Ware

Offertory Dr. Mary 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 Stephen Ware

\*Hymn of Sending God Be the Love to Search and Keep Me #543

**Everyone is Invited to the Graduating Senior  
Reception/Mexico Mission Meal in Rodgers Center  
In Honor of of Colleen King and Eloise Chouinard  
immediately following the Benediction. Proceeds will  
support Faith Ministries and the Mexico Mission Project.**

\*Charge and Benediction Rev. 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!**

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

\* Postlude Dr. Mary Crowell

*\*Stand if you are able*

## 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)         Ken (Healing) and Connie Brown  
Debbi O'Neill (Healing)                 Chuck Kellogg (Healing)  
Betty Fae Spencer (Recovery)

### 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 (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                     Karla Barnes                     Stanley Hand                     Randi Harbin  
Vicki Kellogg                     John Noel (Chair)                     Libby Shindorf*

### Staff

#### **Office Administrator:**

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#### **Treasurer:**

Julie McNeese

#### **Choir Director:**

Erica Hand

#### **Nursery:**

Alice Whitt

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### Flowers

**The flowers are given to the glory of God.**

**To sign up for flowers call the church office.**



## Worship Leaders

### Sermon

Rev. Alison Kling

### Liturgist

Dr. Stephen Ware

### Musicians:

Erica Hand  
Emily Clem  
Dr. Mary Crowell

### Church Nursery:

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Jennifer Quillen  
June 1<sup>st</sup> -Courtney Greene

### Liturgist:

May 25<sup>th</sup> - Christy Arnett  
June 1<sup>st</sup> -Cindy Witt

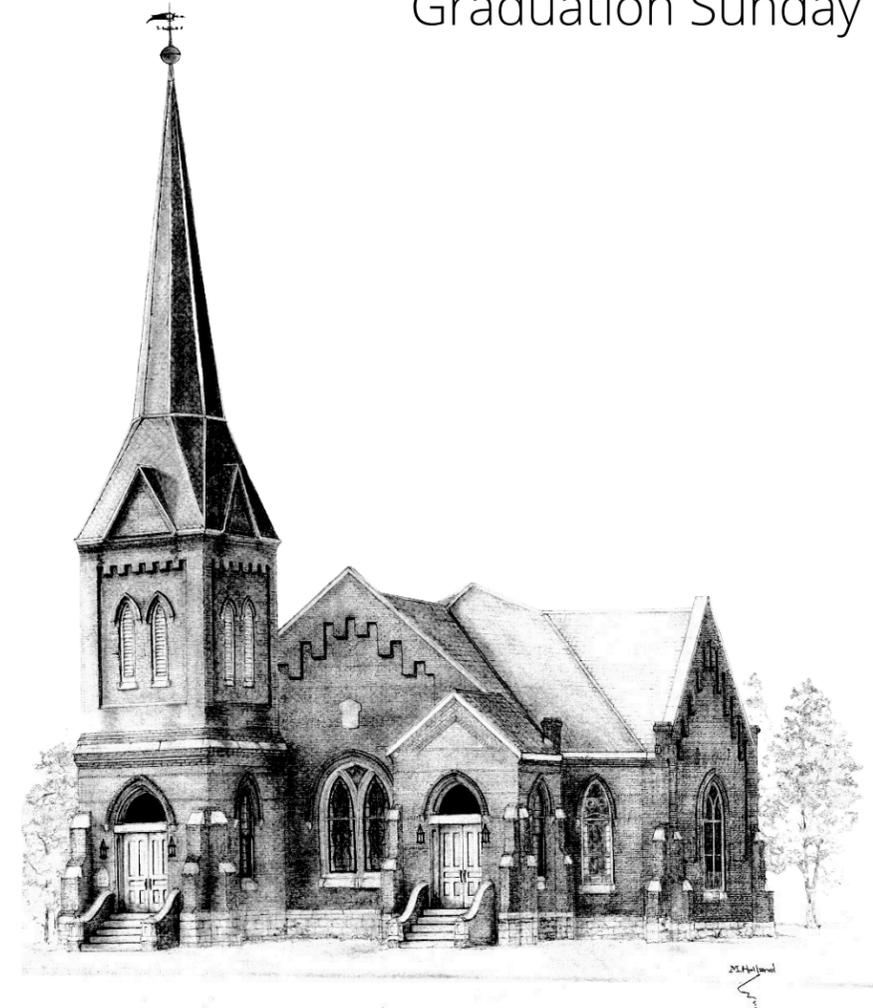
### Communion Prep:

June 8<sup>th</sup> -Chris Shindorf

### *Prayer Family*

**Prayers of blessings and thanksgiving for Colleen King and Eloise Chouinard Graduating Seniors**

May 18, 2025  
5th Sunday of Easter  
Graduation Sunday



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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.*