

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder Jerry Witt

* Call to Worship (adapted from Psalm 119) Jerry Witt

We praise God because God’s love lasts forever!
The Lord’s commandments lead to abundant life!
Christ’s teachings transform our relationships.
God’s Word sends us out to share Christ’s grace.
Let us worship God!

*Hymn of Praise Allelujah, Allelujah, Give Thanks # 240

*Call to Confession (1 John 1:8-9) Jerry Witt

“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.”

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Our Gracious God, we confess that frequently we do not do what you command. We are often silent when we should speak. We miss opportunities to help others. We are timid servants who turn neighbors away from your love. Have mercy on us. Please forgive our sin. We pray this in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon (Acts; Ephesians) Jerry Witt

What God promised, he has fulfilled for us by raising up Jesus from the dead. And we were also included in Christ when we heard the message of truth, the gospel of our salvation. When we believed, we were marked in Him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit. Hear 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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ Jerry Witt

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 Jerry Witt

Oh God of light, Father of life, author of grace, creator of worlds, source of all knowledge, giver of wisdom, protector of our souls, who, through the presence of the only begotten Son: we beseech you to open our eyes and hearts to your Word through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

First Reading Genesis 12:1-4; 15: 1-6
p. 11 & 13

Anthem

Second Reading Galatians 3:6-10; 14
p. 1,152-53

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

Sermon "Promise Made; Promises Kept" Jerry Witt

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

*Hymn of Discipleship Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken #495

* 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.

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Jerry Witt

The Communion Prayer
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

With fresh eyes and renewed hope, we join our voices with those around the world and with your heavenly choir in lifting up our thanks and prayers...

Words of Institution and Holy Communion

*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 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 Jerry Witt

*Hymn of Sending Will You Come and Follow Me #726

*Charge Jerry Witt

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
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)
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)

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 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

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Vicki Kellogg

Karla Barnes
John Noel (Chair)

Stanley Hand
Libby Shindorf

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Erica Hand

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Alice Whitt

Today's Services:

Sermon

Elder Jerry Witt

Liturgist

Jerry Witt

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr.. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

May 11th- Ruth Whitten
May18th- Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

May 11th-Julie Mc Neese

Communion Prep:

June 8th -Chris Shindorf

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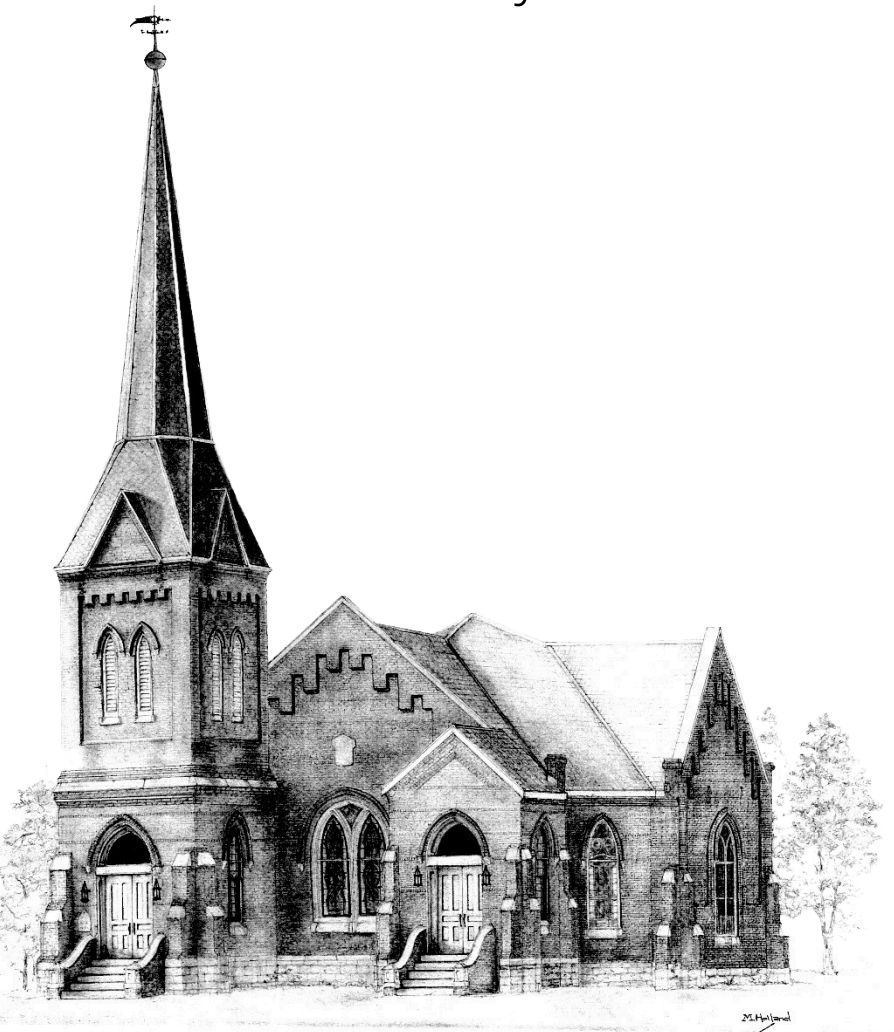
The flowers are given to the glory of God.

To sign up for flowers call the church office.



Prayer Family

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3rd Sunday after Easter

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