

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder Jerry Witt

*Call to Worship Jerry Witt
Give thanks to the Lord, for God’s love lasts forever.
Because God is with us, we will not be afraid.
The Lord is our strength and salvation.
God gives us a future filled with hope.
Let us worship God!

*Trinity Sunday Hymn A Mighty Fortress is Our God #275

*Call to Confession Jerry Witt
If we claim to be sinless, we deceive ourselves and deny the truth about all human beings. If we confess our sins, God is merciful, and may be trusted to forgive and cleanse us from every kind of wrong. Let us admit our sin to God and each other.

*Prayer of Confession Unison
Holy and gracious God, you give us all we need to live. Yet too often we are distracted by the appeal of comfort and wealth. We continually grasp for more power and possessions. Rather than trust in your provision, we chase after our own desires. Forgive our sin and wash us with your grace. 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 Jerry Witt
Nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive the Good News! 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"
VBS Children’s Showcase

Prayer for Illumination Jerry Witt
Our Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, speak to us of your promises. Help us to hear your truth and share your grace. We pray this in Jesus’ Name, Amen.

First Reading Genesis 3: 1; 11-13; 17; 23
p. 3-4

Second Reading Romans 5: 12; 17-19
p. 1,116

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

Sermon “A Tale of Two Cities”

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 Lord I Want to Be a Christian #729

Prayers of The People Jerry Witt

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 Jerry Witt

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 Jerry Witt

*Hymn of Sending Holy, Holy, Holy #1

*Charge and Benediction 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!

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)
Donnie May (Healing & Grief, cousin of Jim May)
Trish Cloninger (Brain Healing, family of Jan Ruth)
Caleb (Healing, broken foot)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Paula Weaver (Surgery/ Healing, cousin of Jan Ruth)
William Kennedy (Healing, cousin to David Lyle)

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

<u>Class of 2025</u>	<u>Class of 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>
Karan Baker	Cindy Witt	DeAnna McNeil
Gary Boyd	Stephen Ware	Chris Shindorf
Stanley Hand	Tom Clem	David Lyle

Trustees

Larry Burlingame	John Noel	Price Boyd
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June 29th-Katherine Greene

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June 22- Jack and
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July 6th -Gary Boyd

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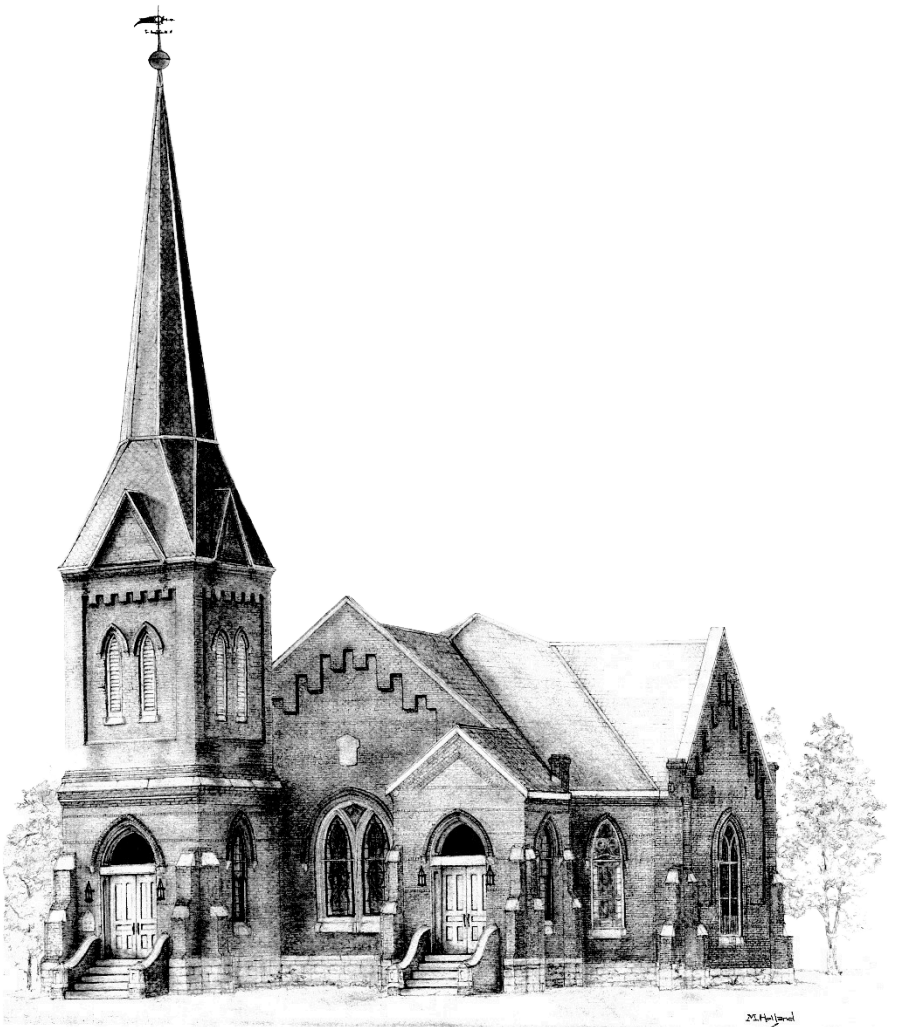
The flowers are given by Amber and Jimmy Hanes in memory of Dr. Furnie Johnston Father of Carole Johnston and grandfather of Jimmy Hanes



Prayer Family

All Children and volunteers that participated in VBS this week

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