

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder John Noel

*Call to Worship John Noel

We praise God for calling people of all ages to follow Christ.

We live our lives to reflect God's grace.

The Lord's goodness and forgiveness show us the way.

People everywhere are invited to share God's hospitality.

Let us worship God.

*Hymn of Praise Spirit Open My Heart #692

*Call to Confession John Noel

When we confess our sins, God promises to forgive us and cleanse us from our failures. Let us pray for God to renew our hearts.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Almighty and Eternal God, through Jesus Christ you have adopted us as your beloved sons and daughters. But rather than claiming this glorious inheritance, we have instead lived as those who belong to this world and not to you. You provide us blessing upon blessing, but we seek our fulfillment in material things; we despair in the face of the world's problems, and try to control our lives rather than committing them to you. In your great mercy, forgive us. By the power of your Spirit, free us from the slavery of our sin to the joyful inheritance of your love shown to us in Christ Jesus our Lord....(silent prayers of confession)

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon John Noel

Those who trust in God will receive new strength from the Lord. They will run and not be exhausted. They will walk and not grow weary. Friends, hear and receive the promise of God: in Jesus Christ 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.

* Sharing the Peace of Christ

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 Katherine Greene

Prayer for Illumination John Noel

Loving God, guide us by the Spirit of truth to hear the Word of life you speak to us today. We pray this in Jesus' name, Amen.

First Reading Psalm 107: 1-9, 43 John Noel
pgs. 600-601

Anthem Love Lifted Me by Greg Gilpin, soloist Ariel Villalobos
with Chancel Choir

Second Reading Colossians 3: 1-11 Rev. Bob Phelps
p. 1,167

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "A New Self" Rev. Phelps

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

Celebration of Church Membership

Destiny Sims

Sacrament of Baptism

Rosie Mae Sims

* Affirmation of Faith The Apostles' Creed 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.

*Hymn of Preparation Baptized in Water #482

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Rev. Phelps

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...

(Rev. Phelps continues with the Communion Prayer)

Prayers of The People John Noel

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.

The Words of Institution Rev. Phelps

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Rev. Phelps

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 John Noel

*Hymn of Praise Rock of Ages #438

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Phelps

*Hymn of Sending Farewell Good Friends #540

**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) Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)
Price Boyd (Healing) Johnathon Cagle (Healing)
Carol Quillen (Healing)

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

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)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Paula Weaver (Surgery/ Healing, cousin of Jan Ruth)
William Kennedy (Healing, cousin to David Lyle)
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)
Don Whitt (Healing, Husband of Alice Whitt)

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

Trustee

John Noel Price Boyd David Whitten

PNC

Hal Baker Karla Barnes Stanley Hand Randi Harbin
Vicki Kellogg John Noel (Chair) Libby Shindorf

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Flowers

The flowers are given to glory of God by Steve and Carol Copeland in recognition of their 61st Wedding Anniversary



Worship Leaders

Sermon

Rev. Bob Phelps

Liturgist

Elder John Noel

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Church Nursery:

August 10th -Ruth Whitten
August 17th- Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

August 10th - Doug Harbin
August 17th- Christy Arnett

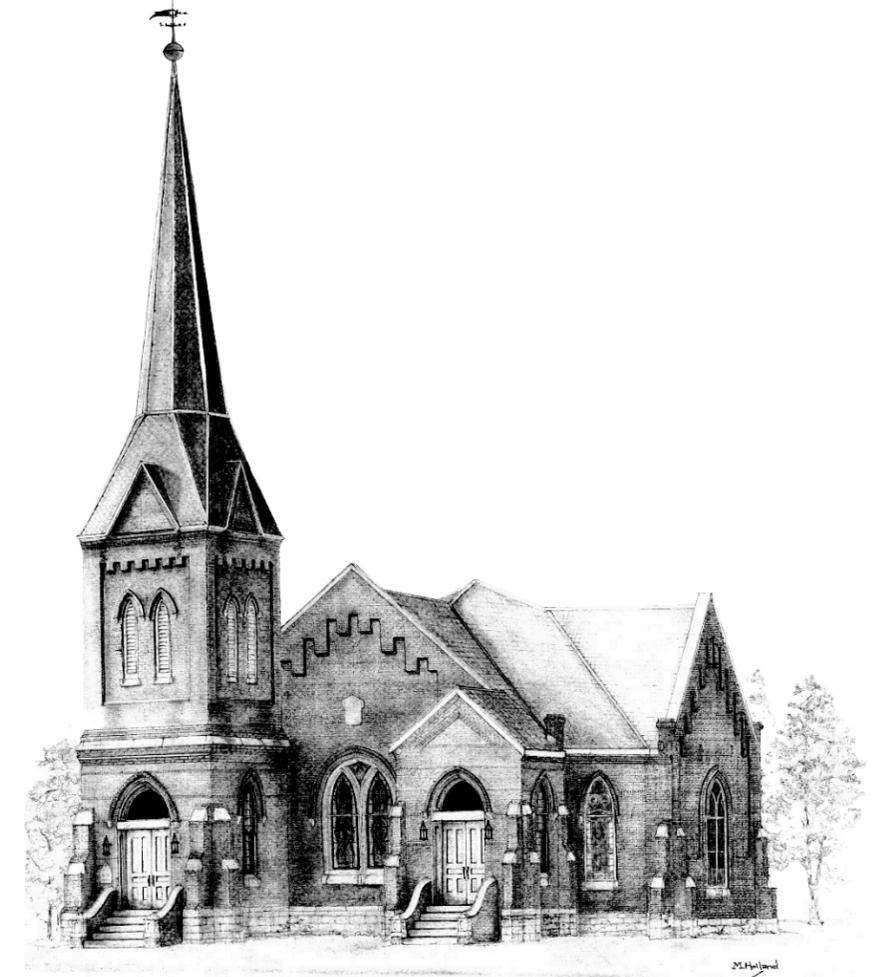
Communion Prep:

September 7th- Gary Boyd

Prayer Family

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Blessings for our new member Destiny Sims and the Baptism of her daughter Rosie Sims

August 3, 2025
8th Sunday after Pentecost



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