

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude *Dr. Mary Crowell, Dr. Jenny Maclay*

Welcome and Announcements Elder Doug Harbin

* Call to Worship

Come, people of God, let us gather in the Spirit of grace and peace.

We come to worship the One who calls us by name.

From far and near, in joy and in sorrow,

God gathers us together as one body.

The Holy Spirit moves among us, shaping us in love.

Let us open our hearts to God's presence.

*Hymn of Gathering Seek Ye First #175

*Call to Confession Doug Harbin

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* Prayer of Confession Unison

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* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Doug Harbin

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your way. We are quick to speak but slow to listen, eager to judge but slow to forgive. We cling to comfort and overlook our neighbors. We forget your promises and live as if hope has run dry. Forgive us, O God. Renew your Spirit within us, that we may rise with Christ and walk in newness of life.

Amen. **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

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 Doug Harbin

Lord God, help us turn our hearts to Holy God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. By the power of your Spirit, open our hearts and minds so that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

First Reading Hebrews 1: 1-3, 8-14
p. 1,186

Anthem *Dr. Mary Crowell,
Dr. Jenny Maclay*

Second Reading Luke 12: 32-40 Rev. Larry Ugarte`
p. 1,029

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

Sermon *"Just Letting Go"* 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 Praise These Days Are Surely Coming #357

Prayers of The People Doug Harbin

*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,
Dr. Jenny Maclay*

*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 Doug Harbin

*Hymn of Praise Live Into Hope #772

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Ugarte`

*Hymn of Sending Farewell Good Friends #540

* Postlude *Dr. Mary Crowell, Dr. Jenny Maclay*

** 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 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

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

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Flowers

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Today's Services:

Sermon

Rev. Larry Ugarte`

Liturgist

Elder Doug Harbin

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

August 17th- Suzanne Paysinger
August 20th - Jennifer Quillen

Liturgist:

August 17th- Christy Arnett
August 24th - Sharon Hand

Communion Prep:

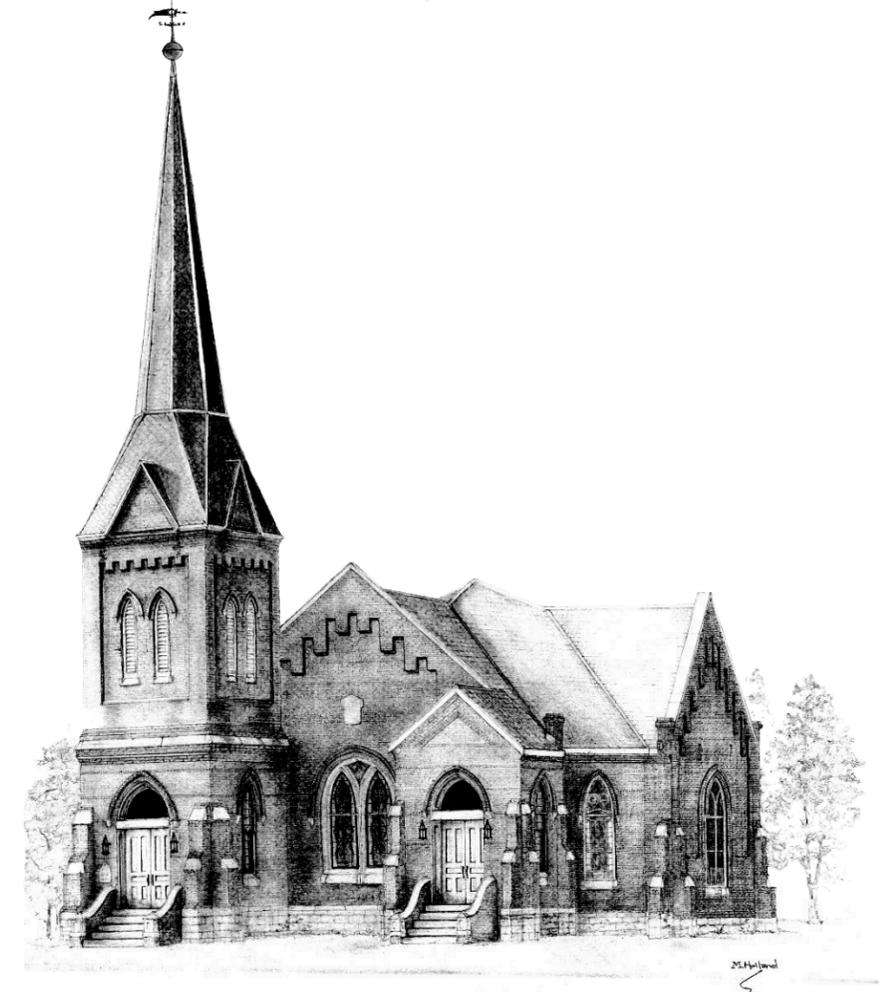
September 7th- Gary Boyd

Prayer Family

Carol and Steve Copeland
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August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost



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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.