

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Elder Stanley Hand

* Call to Worship Stanley Hand

Come, beloved of God, let us live in love, showing hospitality to all.

We gather to welcome Christ among us.

Remember those who are suffering, and do good, for God is pleased with such sacrifices.

We bring our hearts, our prayers, and our lives in worship.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

Let us offer our praise to God with grateful hearts!

*Hymn of Gathering "When Morning Gilds the Skies" #667

*Call to Confession Stanley Hand

God calls us to live with love, compassion, and generosity, yet we often fall short. We forget to welcome the stranger, neglect those in need, and put our trust in things that cannot last. Let us come before God with honesty, confessing our sins and seeking God's mercy.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Merciful God, we confess that we have not always loved others as you call us to. We have failed to show hospitality, to remember those who suffer, and to be content with the gifts you have given. We have trusted in our own strength instead of your unchanging grace. Forgive us, Lord. Renew our hearts, and help us to live lives of love, doing good and sharing with others, so that our worship may please you. Through Jesus Christ, our Savior, we pray. Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Stanley Hand

Hear the good news: Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Through him, God has promised never to leave us or forsake us. In Christ, we are forgiven, strengthened, and made new.

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 Stanley Hand

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, your Word is living and unchanging, just as Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever. By your Spirit, open our hearts and minds so that as the Scriptures are read and proclaimed, we may hear your voice, trust your promises, and be shaped into people who live in love and service. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

First Reading Psalms 81: 1,10-16 Stanley Hand
pgs. 582-583

Anthem Chancel Choir

Second Reading Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16 Rev. Bob Phelps
p. 1,194

Response

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon "Moving Forward" Rev. Phelps

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 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #39

Prayers of The People Stanley Hand

*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 Stanley Hand

*Hymn of Praise "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" #12

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Phelps

*Hymn of Sending Rain Down (2x) #48

* 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)	Betty Fae Spencer (Healing)
Price Boyd (Healing)	Johnathon Cagle (Healing)
Carol Quillen (Healing)	Bonnie Noel (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)
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)

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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Reverend Bob Phelp

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Elder StanleyHand

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

September 7^t -Courtney Greene
September 14h- Ruth Whitten

Liturgist:

TBD

Communion Prep:

September 7th- Gary Boyd

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The flowers are given to glory of God in loving memory of Ed and Juanita Hilgeman and Pat from Chris Hilgeman

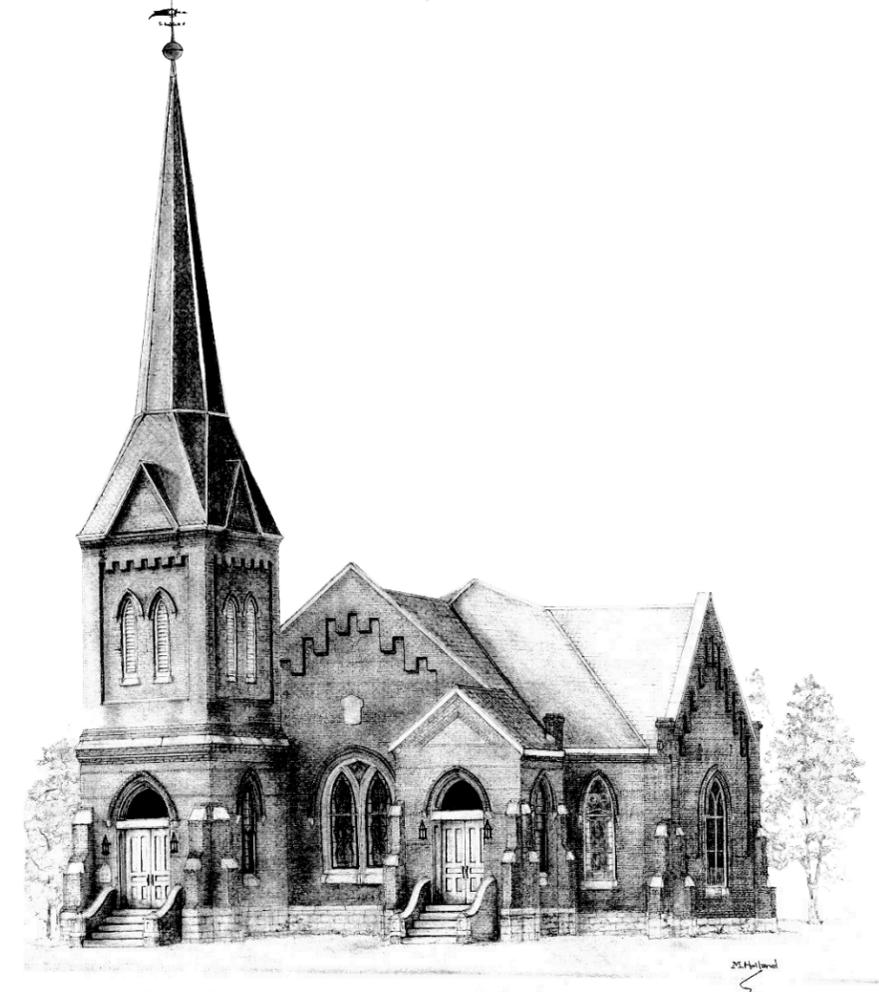


Prayer Family

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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.