

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude "We Gather Together" Pepper Choplin

Welcome and Announcements Elder Randi Harbin

* Call to Worship Randi Harbin

God calls us to lives of faithfulness, truth, and compassion.

We come to worship the One who equips us to lead with grace and humility.

In Christ, we learn what it means to serve with integrity and love.

We lift our hearts to the Lord, who shapes our character and guides our steps. Let us worship God, who calls and strengthens His people for every good work.

*Hymn of Gathering "Here I am Lord" #69

*Call to Confession Randi Harbin

Scripture reminds us that those who seek to lead must first be led by Christ. Let us come before God with honest hearts, admitting our failures and trusting in His mercy.

* Prayer of Confession Unison

Gracious God, You have called us to live lives worthy of the gospel, to be self-controlled, gentle, and faithful in all we do. Yet we confess that too often we seek our own comfort over Your calling, our own status over humble service, and our own desires over Your truth. Forgive us, Lord. Renew in us a spirit of integrity and compassion. Shape our hearts by Your Word, so that in our homes, our church, and our world, we might reflect the love and faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Shepherd and Lord. Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Randi Harbin

Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ, we are not judged by our failures but restored by His grace. The One who calls us to faithful living also gives us His Spirit to renew and strengthen us. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven 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 Cindy Witt

Prayer of Illumination

Holy God, Your Word teaches, corrects, and trains us in righteousness. By the power of Your Spirit, open our minds to understand and our hearts to receive what You are saying to Your church today. May the truth of Scripture form us into a people who live with wisdom, humility, and love. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

First Reading 1 Timothy 3:1-10 Randi Harbin
p. 1,175

Anthem Choir

Second Reading Titus 1:5-9 Rev. Susan Parker
p. 1,181

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

Sermon "Expectations: what you should expect from your new past and what he should expect from you" Rev. Parker

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 "Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak " #722

Prayers of The People Randi 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 "Faithful" Todd Beaney

*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 Randi Harbin

*Hymn of Praise "Take My Life" #697

*Charge and Benediction Rev. Parker

*Hymn of Sending Fill My Cup (refrain only) #699
Fill my cup; let it overflow;
Fill my cup; let it overflow;
Fill my cup; let it overflow;
Let it overflow with love.

* Postlude "Every Day I Will Bless You" Richard Blake

**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)
Carol Quillen (Healing) Johnathon Cagle (Healing)
Gene Quillen (Healing) Stephen Ware (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)
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, 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

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Sermon

Rev. Susan Parker

Liturgist

Elder Randi Harbin

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Volunteers:

Church Nursery:

October 26th- Jennifer Quillen
November 2nd- Courtney Greene

Liturgist:

October 26th- Julie McNeese

Communion Prep:

November 2nd- Karan Baker

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Prayer Family

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