

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP

Prelude	Dr. Mary Crowell
Welcome and Announcements	Elder Karla Barnes
Minute for Stewardship	Stanley Hand
*Call to Worship	Karla Barnes

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

Even faith the size of a mustard seed is enough for God to do great things.

We come, not boasting in our strength, but trusting in the power of Christ.

We are servants of the Living God, ready to follow where Christ leads.

Come, let us worship the Lord with glad and willing hearts.

For we serve a faithful God, whose grace is more than enough.

*Hymn of Praise Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak #722

*Call to Confession Karla Barnes

We often long for greater faith, yet forget that even a little faith calls us to obedience and trust. Let us come before the Lord, confessing our weakness and our sin, and seeking God's mercy.

*Prayer of Confession Unison

Merciful God, We confess that we have not always lived as your faithful servants. We have sought recognition instead of humility, comfort instead of service, our own way instead of your will. Forgive us, Lord. Increase our faith, so that we may trust your power, walk in obedience, and serve with grateful hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* Kyrie Eleison Unison

*Assurance of Pardon Karla Barnes

Hear the good news: Our faith may be small, but God's grace is great. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, renewed, and made whole. **People: 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 Sharon Hand

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, Your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. By your Spirit, open our hearts and minds, that the faith you plant within us, even as small as a mustard seed, may grow strong and bear fruit. Speak to us now through your living Word, so that we may hear, believe, and obey, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

First Reading Psalm 137: 1-9 Karla Barnes
p. 617

Anthem Choir

Second Reading Luke 17: 5-10 Rev. Dr. Susan Parker
pgs. 1,037

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Dr. Parker

"I am Not Okay, But We're All Gonna be Alright"

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 Preparation God of Grace and God of Glory #307

Sacrament of The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Table Dr. Parker

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. Parker continues with the Communion Prayer)

Prayers of The People Dr. Parker

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 Dr. Parker

Sharing the Bread and Cup

Please hold each element until all have been served.

Prayer After Communion Dr. Parker

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.**

*Hymn of Praise My Faith Looks Up to Thee #829

*Charge and Benediction Dr. Parker

*Hymn of Sending "God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending" #716

* Postlude Dr. Crowell

Announcement: October 12, 2025 there will be a Congregational Meeting to follow the 10am service. The purpose of the meeting is to elect a nominating committee, slate of officers, and hear the recommendation from PNC.

**Stand if you are able*

October 5, 2025
World Communion Sunday

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)	Bonnie Noel (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. 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

Class of 2025	Class of 2026	Class of 2027
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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PNC

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

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Rev. Dr. Susan Parker

Liturgist

Elder Carol Copeland

Musicians:

Erica Hand
Emily Clem
Dr. Mary Crowell

Church Nursery:

October 12th- Ruth Whitten
October 19th- Suzanne Paysinger

Liturgist:

October 12th- Sharon Hand
October 19th- Randi Hand

Communion Prep:

November 2nd- Karan Baker

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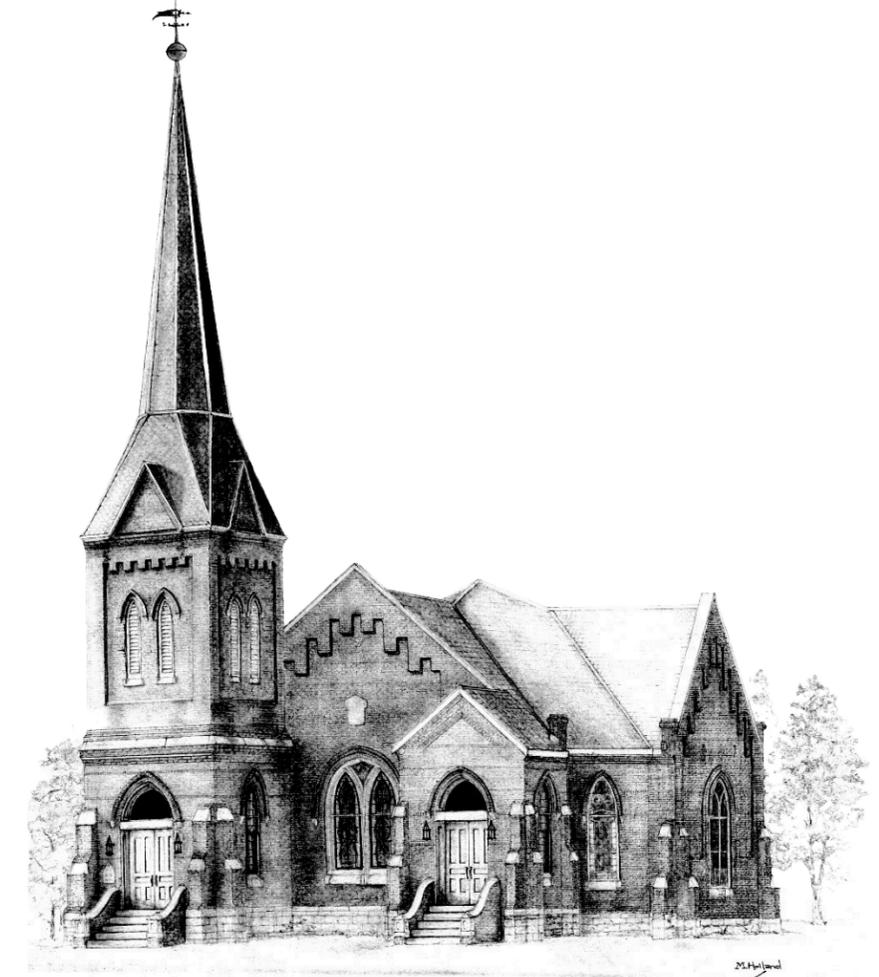
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