

# We Gather to Worship

Prelude Meleah Shrout

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

\* Call to Worship Psalm 99 Elder Randi Harbin

The LORD is Sovereign; let the people tremble; the LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

**The LORD is great in Zion and is high above all peoples.**

Let them confess the name of the LORD, which is great and awesome; the LORD is the Holy One.

**O mighty Sovereign, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and fall down before the footstool of the Holy One.

**Moses and Aaron among your priest, and Sammuel among those who call upon your name, they called upon you, O LORD, and you answered them.**

You spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

**O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;**

You were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

**Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God and worship upon God's holy hill; for the LORD our God is the Holy One.**

\*Hymn Lord, the Light of your Love is Shining #192

\*Call to Confession Randi Harbin

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory, but we turn away, distracted by our own plans. We confess that we speak when we should listen, and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasm. Grant us wisdom to live in your light and to follow in the way of your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

\* Kyrie Eleison Unison

**You are the Lord giver of mercy!**

**You are the Christ giver of mercy!**

**You are the lord giver of mercy**

\*Assurance of Pardon Pastor Truesdell

\* 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 Pastor Truesdell

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Truesdell

Prayer of Illumination Randi Harbin

First Reading 2 Peter 1: 16-21 p. 1,204 Randi Harbin

Anthem The Chancel Choir

Second Reading Matthew 17: 1-9 p. 973 Pastor Truesdell

Response Leader: The Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Eyewitness to His Majesty" Pastor Truesdell

## We Respond to God's Grace

\*Hymn Christ is Made the Sure Foundation # 394

\* 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.**

Prayers of The People Pastor Truesdell

\*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 Meleah Shrout

\*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 Pastor Truesdell

\*Hymn When Morning Gilds the Skies #667

\*Charge Pastor Truesdell

\*Benediction

\* Postlude Meleah Shrout

**\*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)    Charlotte Lyle (Healing)  
Joyc Counter (Healing)    Gary Boyd (Healing)

### THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

Brandon Noel – Army    Sean Miller - Army  
Adam Naves - Marines    Damien Williams - Army  
Kevin O'Neill-Army Nat. Guard    Joshua Hargrove – Deployed  
Jay Tulley- Middle East    Justin Ruf- Army Air Guard

### FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Larry Harris (Healing, friend of Chris Hilgeman)  
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)  
Martha Taylor (Healing, mother of John Cagle)  
Silvey Family (Healing, daughter 3 years old)  
Maryann McKee (Healing, friend of Carol Copeland)  
Shannon Underwood (Healing, daughter of Barbara Welborn)  
Cadence Brooks (Healing, student of Cindy Witt)  
Karryl Anderson (Healing, Mexico mission supporter)  
Gerry Smith (Healing for knees, cousin of Jan Ruth)  
Tim Swymer (Healing, Lauren Cagle's uncle)  
Kristie Whitt (Healing, daughter of Alice Whitt)  
Charlotte Pickett (visitor to the church)  
Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father (in-law) of Michael & Gail Cottles)  
Patricia Kloninger (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)  
Mia Bennett's mom (Healing, friend of Jim May)  
Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)

## 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 2026</u>	<u>Class of 2027</u>	<u>Class of 2028</u>
Cindy Witt	David Lyle,	Hal Baker
Stephen Ware	DeAnna Mc Neil	Brad Greene
Tom Clem	Chris Shindorf	Sharon Hand

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*Prayers of healing for:*

*Joyce Counter and  
Gary Boyd*

## Today's Services:

### Sermon

Pastor Jim Truesdell

### Liturgist

Elder Randi Harbin

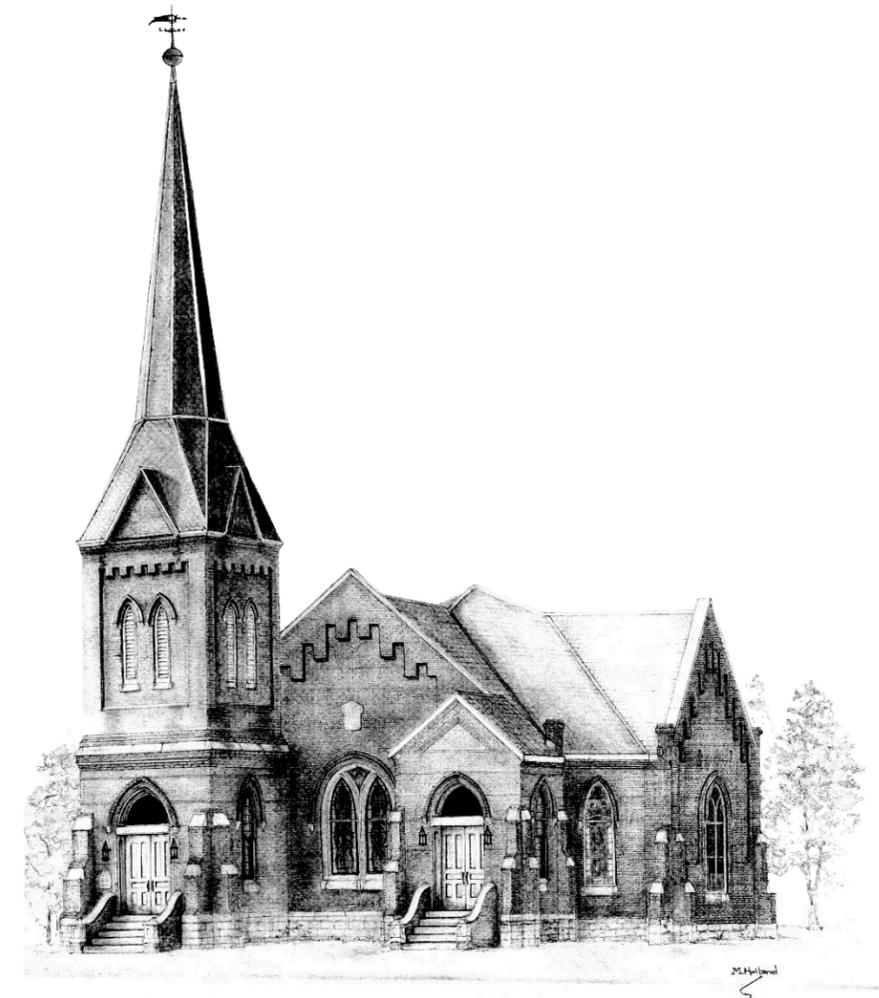
### Musicians:

Meleah Shrout

### Volunteers:

#### Church Nursery:

February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Jennifer Quillen  
March 1<sup>st</sup> - Courtney Greene



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