

We Gather to Worship

Prelude Wonderful Words of Life Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

* Call to Worship Psalm 95 Travis Gray

Come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
**Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms.**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great Sovereign above all gods.

**The Lord holds the caverns of the earth,
and sustains the heights of the hills.**

The sea belongs to God, who made it,
whose hands have molded the dry land.

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

*Glory to God in the Highest

*Prayer Travis Gray

*Hymn Rejoice the Lord is King #363

*Call to Confession Travis Gray

*Prayer of Confession Unison

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside
from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves
pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We
have failed in love, neglected justice and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of
righteousness for your Name sake through Jesus Christ our
blessed 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.

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 Travis Gray

First Reading Romans 5: 1-11
p. 1,116

Second Reading Exodus 17: 1-7
p. 71

Anthem

Gospel John 4: 5-42
pgs. 1,052-53 Pastor Truesdell

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

Sermon Pastor Truesdell
"What Does 'Justification' Accomplish Anyway?"

We Respond to God's Grace

Hymn The Bread and Wine Are Here # 512

* 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; e 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.**

Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering

Offertory A Celtic Benediction Dr. Crowell

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

Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving

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.

Words of Insitution

Sharing the Bread and Cup
**All bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have
been served.**

Prayer After Communion

*Hymn Precious Lord, Take My Hand #834

*Charge Pastor Truesdell

*Benediction

* Postlude Triumphal March Dr. Crowell

*Stand if you are able

March 1, 2026
2nd Sunday in Lent

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)
Joyce Counter (Healing)	

Prayers of celebration for Charlotte Lyle's 90th birthday

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 and kidneys, cousin of Jan Ruth)
Stephanie Reed (Support, family member 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 Cloninger (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)
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 worshiping with us today!

Announcements:

- Come play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night on Revival at 5 pm
- Potter's hand meets each Wednesday morning from 9-12
- Fourth Day, a follow-up for Walk to Emmaus participants, meets each Wednesday at 5:30 pm in the Washington St. meeting room by the sanctuary. All are welcome.
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- FPC Children and Youth: Join us for SHINE
- Come celebrate Baby Mallette on March 1, 2026, at 3:00 pm for a baby shower for Brittany and Brad Mallette

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