

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude At the Cross Dr. Mary Crowell  
Dr. Jenny Maclay

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

\* Call to Worship Psalm 130 Elder Cindy Witt

Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice: let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

**If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss,  
O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you, therefore you shall be feared.

**I wait for you, O LORD, my soul waits for you;  
in your word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord, more than sentries for the morning: more than sentries for the morning.

**O Israel, wait for the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy,  
there is plenteous redemption with the Lord, who shall  
redeem Israel from all their sins.**

\*Hymn Spirit, Open My Heart #692

\*Prayer

\*Glory to God in the Highest

\*Call to Confession Cindy Witt

\*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: And also with you.**

## We Listen to God's Word

"This Little Light of Mine"

Time with Young Disciples Pastor Truesdell

Prayer of Illumination Cindy Witt

First Reading Romans 8: 6-11  
p. 1,119 Cindy Witt

Second Reading Ezekiel 37: 1-14  
pgs. 857-8 Cindy Witt

Anthem Alleluia from Exsultate Jubilate  
Dr. Crowell  
Dr. Maclay

Gospel John 11: 1-45  
pgs. 1,063-64 Pastor Truesdell

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

Sermon "The Quick and the Dead" Pastor Truesdell

## We Respond to God's Grace

\*Hymn Though I May Speak #693

\* 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 Menuetto I in C Dr. Crowell  
Dr. Maclay

\*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 Be Thou My Vision #450

\*Charge Pastor Truesdell

\*Benediction

\* Postlude Crown Him with Many Crowns Dr. Crowell  
Dr. Maclay

**\*Stand if you are able**

March 22, 2026  
5th Sunday in Lent

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### CHURCH FAMILY

Marv & Elizabeth Price (Health)	Duane Counter (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)	Charlotte Lyle (Healing)

*Prayers of sympathy and comfort for  
Duane Counter and family,  
and the Blair family on the loss of  
Joyce Counter and Wanda Blair*

### 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)  
MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)  
Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)

### 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!

### Announcements:

- Play (or learn) Mahjong and other games each Monday night at Revival
- 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  
Shine will meet on Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. in Revival

### Staff

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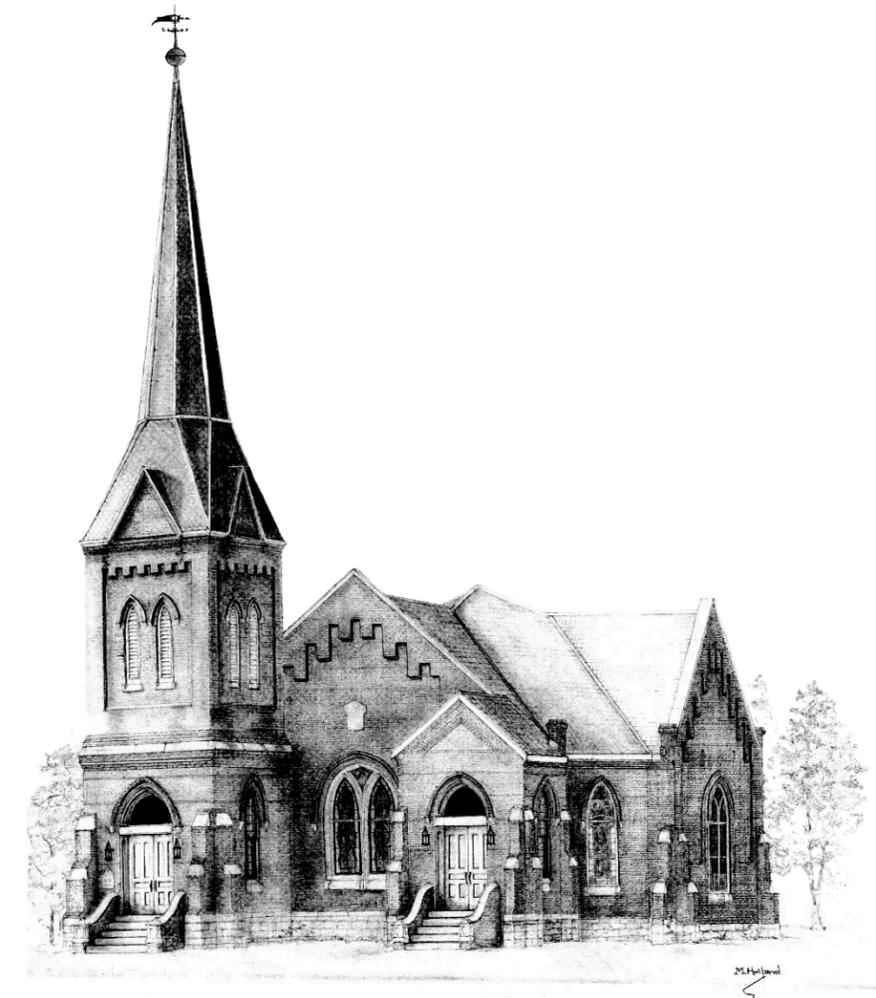
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