

We Gather to Worship

Prelude My Jesus, I Love Thee Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

* Call to Worship Psalm 32 Elder Courtney Greene

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,
and those whose sin is put away!

**Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away
because of my groaning all day long.

**For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;
my moisture was dried up in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord."

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore, all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach
them.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord;
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

*Hymn God is Here #409

*Glory to God in the Highest

*Prayer

*Call to Confession Courtney Greene

*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 Courtney Greene

First Reading Genesis 2: 15-17; 3: 1-7
pgs. 2-3 Courtney Greene

Anthem How Majestic is Your Name arr. Fred Bock

Second Reading Romans 5: 12-19
p. 1,116 Pastor Truesdell

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

Sermon "Human as Jesus is Human" Pastor Truesdell

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn Love Divine, All Loves Excelling # 366

* 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 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 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.**

* Prayer of Dedication Pastor Truesdell

*Hymn God Be With You Till We Meet Again #542

*Charge Pastor Truesdell

*Benediction

* Postlude Glorious Morning Dr. Crowell

***Stand if you are able**

March 8, 2026
3rd Sunday in Lent

PRAYER REQUESTS

CHURCH FAMILY

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 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'Neil (Healing) | Charlotte Lyle (Healing) |
| Joyce Counter (Healing) | Gary Boyd (Healing) |

Prayers of comfort for Doris Welch

THOSE SERVING IN THE MILITARY

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| 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)

For Our Visitors:

We welcome you to worship and would love to connect with you personally. Prayer Request (white) Visitor cards (yellow) 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 in 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
- Jim will be out of the office March 11-21. He is leading a retreat for the Ministry Collaborative on March 11-13 in Dahlonga, Georgia. The Ministry Collaborative is committed to developing a national network of pastors and congregations committed to faithful, creative, and collaborative engagement in their communities. March 13th is the start of Spring Break for Athens City Schools. Transitioning in the middle of the school year is challenging, so I'm taking Sonja to the beach for some rest. Our own Larry Ugarte` will be preaching on March 15th. Please contact Dr. Karl Kling or a member of the session for any emergencies. (941 228-5165)

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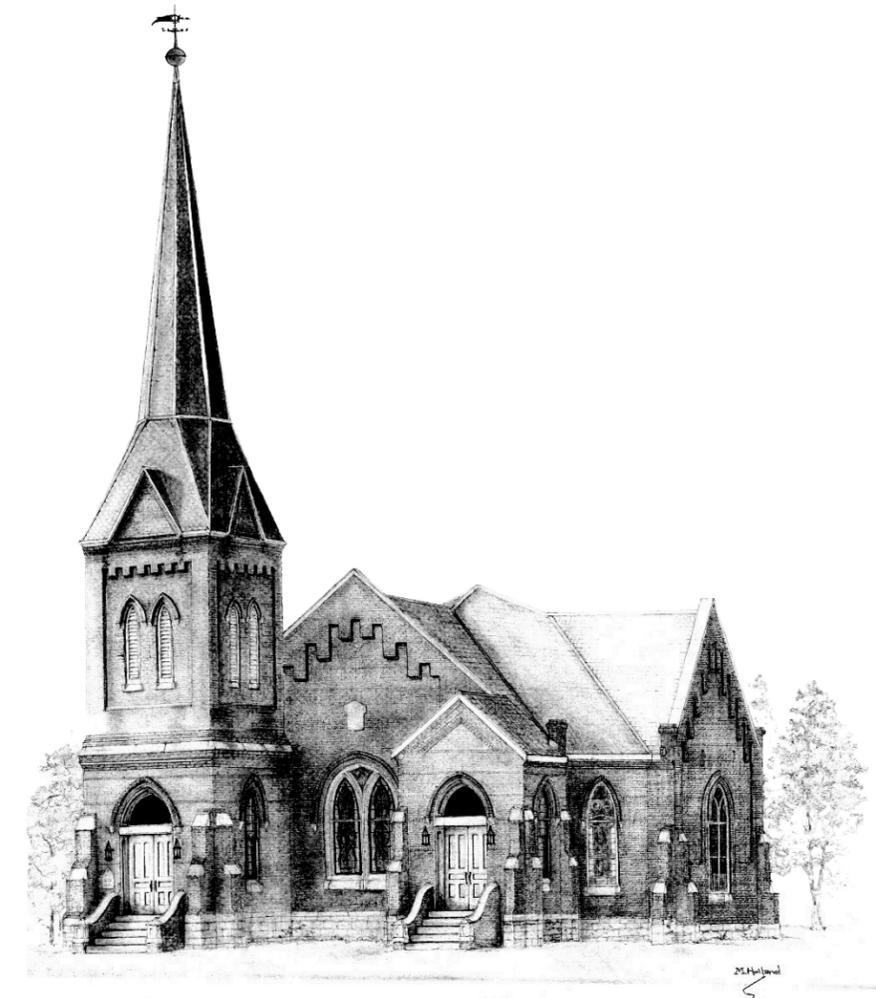
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