

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Lord, I Want to Be a Christian	Dr. Mary Crowell	* The Gloria Patri	Unison	* Affirmation of Faith	Unison		
Welcome and Announcements		Pastor Jim Truesdell	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.		The Apostles' Creed			
* Call to Worship	Psalm 95 :6-7	Elder Julie McNeese			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.			
	O come let us bow down and worship; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. For the LORD is our God; we are the Lord's people, the flock that God shepherds.		* Sharing the Peace of Christ	Pastor Truesdell				
			Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. All: And also with you.					
			<u>We Listen to God's Word</u>					
*Hymn	Christ is Alive!	#246	"This Little Light of Mine"					
*Prayer			Time with Young Disciples	Pastor Truesdell	Prayers of The People	Pastor Truesdell		
*Hymn	In the Bulb There is a Flower	#250	Prayer of Illumination	Julie McNeese	The Lord's Prayer	Unison		
*Call to Confession		Julie McNeese	First Reading	Psalm 23 ((KJV)	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.			
*Prayer of Confession		Unison	The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: And I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.		Invitation to Worship God with Our Offering			
	Our Father in heaven, you have searched us and known us. You discern our thoughts from afar and are intimately acquainted with all our ways. We confess that evil has grown around us and, if we are honest with ourselves, within us. We confess our selfishness and our lack of concern for others. We have betrayed and wounded those closest to us. We have neglected mercy and judged others harshly. Good Shepherd, forgive our sins and deliver us from evil. Astound us with your mercy and loving kindness. Ground us in your grace and lead us in the way everlasting.		Anthem	Keep Your Lamps	arr. Andre Thomas	Offertory	Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child	Dr. Crowell
* Kyrie Eleison		Unison	Gospel Reading	John 10: 1-10 p. 1,062	Pastor Truesdell	*Doxology		
	You are the Lord giver of mercy! You are the Christ giver of mercy! You are the lord giver of mercy		Response	Leader: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.		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.		
			Sermon	"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"	Pastor Truesdell	* Prayer of Dedication		Pastor Truesdell
*Assurance of Pardon		Pastor Truesdell	<u>We Respond to God's Grace</u>			*Hymn	Precious Lord, Take My Hand	#834
			*Hymn	The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want	# 801	*Charge		Pastor Truesdell
						*Benediction		
						* Postlude	Go Down Moses	Dr. Crowell
							*Stand if you are able	

April 26, 2026

4th Sunday after Easter

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)

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)
 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)
 Ullis Vaughn (homeless, asked prayers of the church)
 Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)
 Laura Christopher (Healing, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)
 John (Healing, friend of Jan Ruth)

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
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm

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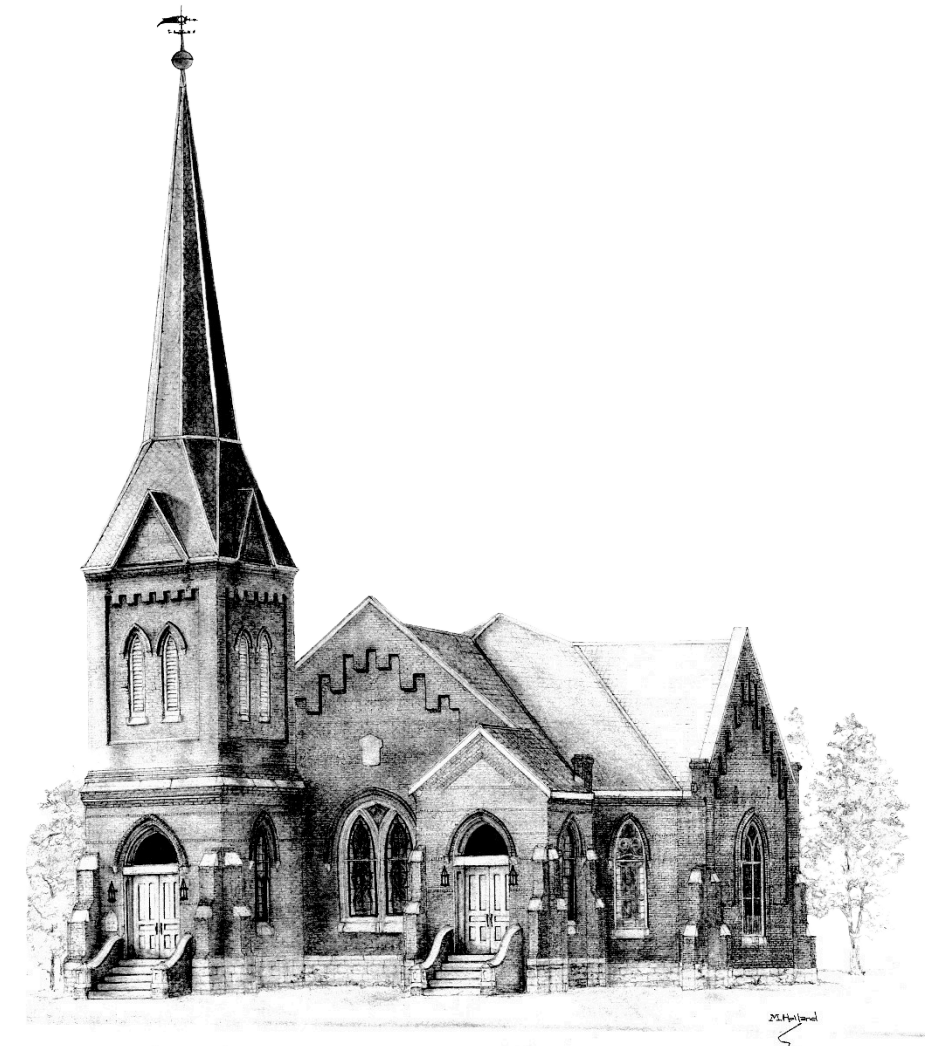
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Erica Hand

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Flowers

The flowers are given today by Pastor Jim Truesdell in honor of Sonja Truesdell's birthday



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If you are looking for a place where you will be accepted, nurtured, and nourished in your journey of faith, or if you are still examining the claims of Christianity, then you are welcome at First Presbyterian Church.