

## We Gather to Worship

Prelude Come Christians, Join to Sing Dr. Mary Crowell

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Jim Truesdell

\* Call to Worship Psalm 100 Elder Stephen Ware

Leader: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness. Come into God's presence with singing!

**All: For the Lord is a gracious God, who mercy is everlasting; and who faithfulness endures to all generations.**

\*Hymn Come, Christians, Join To Sing #267

\*Prayer

\*Call to Confession Stephen Ware

\*Prayer of Confession Unison

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

\* 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"

Vacation Bible School: Elder Sharon Hand and VBS Kids  
Songs and Experiences

Song Prayer for Listen to the Word #455  
Illumination That God Has Spoken

First Reading Acts 4: 32-37 Stephen Ware  
p. 1081

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

Second Reading Acts 13: 1-5 Pastor Truesdell  
p. 1901

Sermon Apprenticeship to Jesus: Pastor Truesdell  
Who Is Your Barnabas?

## 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 What A Friend We Have in Jesus 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 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty #35

\*Charge Pastor Truesdell

\*Benediction

\* Postlude Triumphal March Dr. Crowell

**\*Stand if you are able**

**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**

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)  
 Ronnie Cottles (Healing, father-in-law of Michae & Gail Cottles)  
 Leigh Ann Looyenga (Healing, friend of Gina Haraway)  
 MaryJo Ghadimi (Healing, friend of Matt Robinson)  
 Allison Hargrove Bains (Sympathy, niece of Diann Copeland)  
 Great Uncle of Rosie Sims (Hospice)  
 Widower Heath, Children Bess and David (Grieving Laura  
 Christopher, friend of Suzanne Paysinger)  
 Judy Cramer (Healing, neighbor of Jan Ruth)  
 Sue Guyer (Healing, sister of Bonny Noel)  
 Macie Garrett (Healing, 12 years old, great niece of Christy Arnett)  
 Carl Dean Bolin (Health, Uncle of Joyce Amptmeyer)  
 Evelyn Walker (Health/Healing, daughter of Sarah Pearson Walker)  
 Phillip Love (Healing, family member of Jan Ruth)  
 Margaret Gray (Health, mother of Travis Gray)

**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. Stop by the Farmer’s Market and see how we raise funds for people in need.
- Choir practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm
- Shower Day with Hearts for Homeless, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month at 12:00 at Revival. Volunteers are welcome to set up at 11:00, lunch and fellowship at 12:00, and clean-up at 2:00.

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**Session**

**Class of 2026:** Tom Clem  
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**Class of 2027:** David Lyle  
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Chris Shinforf  
David Whitten

**Class of 2028:** Hal Baker  
Brad Greene  
Sharon Hand  
Jerry Witt

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Become like Jesus.  
Do what Jesus did.

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