

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Dr. Mary Crowell
Welcome and Announcements	Elder Jerry Witt
*Call to Worship	Psalm 145:1-6 p. 776Jerry Witt
I will exalt you, O God my Sovereign, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day will I bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; there is no end to your greatness. One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power. I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty and all your marvelous works. They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts, and I will tell of your greatness.	
*Hymn	Shall We Gather At The River#375
*Prayer	Jerry Witt
*Call to Confession	Jerry Witt
*Prayer of Confession	Unison

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults and confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

* 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	Jerry Witt
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* 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	Jerry Witt
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	Elder DeAnna McNeill
Prayer for Illumination	Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken#455
Listen to the word that God has spoken; listen to the One who is close at hand; listen to the voice that began creation; listen even if you don’t understand.	
First Reading	Hebrews 10:19-25 p. 1191Jerry Witt
Anthem	It Is Good to Sing Thy PraisesArr. John Carter
Second Reading	Proverbs 27:17 p. 653DeAnna McNeill
Response	Leader: The word of the Lord All: Thanks be to God.
Sermon	Apprenticeship to Jesus: Friends Sent By My FriendDeAnna McNeill

We Respond to God's Grace

*Hymn	Come Thou Fount#475
*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	DeAnna McNeill
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	
*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	DeAnna McNeill
*Hymn	I’ve Got Peace Like A River#623
*Charge	DeAnna McNeill
*Benediction	
* Postlude	
*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)
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, 2nd 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.

Staff

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Session

Class of 2026:	Tom Clem Cindy Whitt Stephen Ware Price Boyd
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Class of 2027:	David Lyle DeAnna McNeill Chris Shinforf David Whitten
Trustee:	
Class of 2028:	Hal Baker Brad Greene Sharon Hand Jerry Witt
Trustee:	

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Flowers

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July 19, 2026
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