

We Gather to Worship

Prelude	Ezekiel Saw the Wheel	Arr. Teresa Wilhelmi
Minute For Montreat Mission		Elder Randi Harbin
* Call to Worship		Randi Harbin
God, you are the one who made us and claimed us as your own. We praise you and give you thanks for you called us "My Beloved". Your ways are not our ways for we are imperfect and in need of your grace. Praise to you, Lord Jesus for in you we find courage to speak. Praise to you, Holy Spirit for we are witnesses to God's love.		
*Hymn	Alleluia! Sing to Jesus	#260
*Prayer		Randi Harbin
*Call to Confession		Randi Harbin
*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		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.		
<u>We Listen to God's Word</u>		
Art In Worship		
Time with Young Disciples: "Kids of the Kingdom"		Mary Crowell & Emily Clem by Ralph Torres
Prayer for Illumination	Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken	
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	Acts 16:6-10 Pg. 1096	Randi Harbin
Leader: The word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.		
Music At Montreat		
Anthem	Keep God's Light	Mark Patterson
Second Reading	Acts 16:11-17 pg. 1096	Pastor Truesell
Sermon	Apprenticeship to Jesus: Where Is Your Macedonia?	Pastor Truesdell
<u>We Respond to God's Grace</u>		
*Hymn	Here I am, Lord	#69
*Affirmation of Faith		Unison
*The Apostles' Creed		Pastor Truesdell
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	Faith	Mark Hayes
*Doxology		Unison
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	You Shall Go Out with Joy	#80
*Charge		Pastor Truesdell
*Benediction		
* Postlude	Heavenly Sunlight	Arr. Mark Hayes
*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.
- Working Men - 8 Week Bible Study on Philippians - A "Round Table Pulpit" where you get to study the text BEFORE the preaching the following Sunday. Starting Tuesday, August 11 at 6:30am till 7:30am at AMBL Architecture Studio on 106 East Washington Street. Coffee and simple handheld breakfast provided. Yes! It's early. It's 8 weeks. You can do anything for 8 weeks.

Staff

Pastor:
Pastor Jim Truesdell

Office Administrator:
Kelly Wessler

Treasurers:
Julie McNeese

Choir Director:
Erica Hand

Session

Class of 2026: Tom Clem
Cindy Whitt
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David Whitten

Class of 2028: Hal Baker
Brad Greene
Sharon Hand
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August 9, 2026

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