

Welcome In the Name and Love of Jesus Christ

Welcome! We are thankful for your presence as we share in the worship of God. We pray you will find the blessing of fellowship among us. If you are visiting, please know that no one is really a visitor. This is God's house and all are welcome. We invite you to pray with us, sing with us, rejoice with us, and hear Christ's call with us. Since we all have needs, during the closing hymn, the altar is open for you to pray, give thanks, dedicate or re-dedicate your life.

Worship Resources: A Nursery is provided during our service. We invite you to use this facility for infants and toddlers. Children's bulletins are available from the ushers. You will find at the center aisle end of each pew a Hospitality Pad. Please fill out the information and pass it along the pew. In the pews, you will also find Prayer Cards that you are invited to use to share specific prayer concerns. Please place the card either in the offering plate or in the prayer boxes located in each entryway.

Order of Worship

Come in and chat, but when the prelude begins – prepare for worship in a spirit of prayer and expectation! As we begin worship, please silence and put away all cell phones!

**Indicates people stand as they are able.*

Prelude *More Love to Thee, O Christ* Doane
 Welcome & Announcements Minister
 *The Call to Worship *In the Spirit of Worship* CCLI #1887226 Gordon
*In the spirit of worship we come, we come; In the spirit of worship we come unto Thee.
 As we bow before Your throne, we worship You, and You alone;
 We were made to worship You, O Lord.*

*The Response
 Pastor: Welcome, people of God, to this time of worship.
People: With eager hearts and open minds we come, ready to encounter God in this time and place.
 Pastor: The life of faith is one of continually growing and learning.
People: With each passing day, we seek to become more and more Christ-like in our daily living.
 Pastor: This process of becoming more Christ-like has moments when we do pretty good and moments when we fail to live up to the expectations God has for us. In other words, we all know the setbacks of sin in our lives.
People: And we know redeeming grace offered time and time and time again by a God who loves us.
 Pastor: From brothers and sisters in faith we find nurture, knowledge, and encouragement for the faith journey.

People: We long to be more Christ-like. We long to grow in our faith. (Mary Kay Totty)

*The Opening Prayer (In Unison) (Mary Kay Totty)
Holy God, it is the cry of our hearts to follow you, but sometimes it is difficult as we struggle with the demands of life. Help us in the quest to live more Christ-like lives. Strengthen those relationships that encourage and challenge us to grow in our faith journey. Deepen our commitment to you so that following you becomes a priority. Shape us into the people you would have us to be. In Christ's name. Amen.

* Hymn #384 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Wesley
 *Affirmation of Faith #881 *The Apostles' Creed*
 *Gloria Patri #70 *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost* Meineke
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

*The Fellowship Moment – *Greet your brothers and sisters in Christ*
 The Children's Time Minister
 The Sharing of Joys and Concerns
 The Prayer Chorus #601 *Thy Word Is a Lamp* Grant
 The Prayer Time including the Lord's Prayer Minister

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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever, Amen.

The Anthem: Pam Cooley & Patti Rae Bryant *Robe of Calvary* St. Claire

The Worship with God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

*The Doxology #95 **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.**

*Hymn #395 *Take Time to Be Holy* Longstaff

The Scripture Lessons *Ephesians 4:21-4:1, Luke 10:38-42* Minister

The Scripture Response *Change My Heart O God*
Change my heart O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart O God. May I be like You.

You are the potter. I am the clay. Mold me and make me. This is what I pray.

Change my heart O God. Make it ever true. Change my heart O God. May I be like You.

—words and music by Eddie Espinosa CCLI# 18872

The Sermon *How Intentional Are We at Developing Our Faith?* Minister

The Invitation to Christian Discipleship and Faith Renewal Minister

*The Hymn of Invitation #382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* Pollard

*The Benediction Minister

*The Benediction Response #668 *Let Us Now Depart in Thy Peace* Bristol

*Postlude

Assisting with Today's Service

Organist.....Charlotte Newman Pianist..... Gielda Reese

Chancel Choir Director.....Becky Jaquish

Acolytes..... Jordan Baines & Katelyn Hutchison Nursery Attendants.....Elaine & Cortney Davidson

Church Calendar

10:00 AM Sunday: Sunday School	9:00 AM Monday: Bible Study
11:00 AM Sunday: Morning Worship	6:30 PM Monday: Boundaries Class
6:00 PM Sunday: Men's Last Supper Practice	6:30 PM Wednesday: Prayer Ministries
7:00 PM Sunday: Lenten Study	7:00 PM Wednesday: Chancel Choir Practice
7:00 PM Sunday: Divorce Support Group	6:30 PM Thursday: Boundaries Going Forward

Our Stewardship Last Week

Sunday School	85	Church Budget	\$5,505.00
Morning Worship	189	Parsonage Fund	\$ 50.00
		Sunday School O/Reach	\$ 14.16
		Cookbook	\$ 15.00
		Youth	\$ 10.00

Announcements

Altar Flowers: The flowers today are given by Herb Dake in honor of Hailey's birthday on the 25th and in honor of his mom, Hazel Dake's birthday on the 24th.

Lenten Sermon Series: Today we continue our Lenten Sermon Series on the Five Practices of Fruitful Congregations by Bishop Robert Schnase. Our topic today is Intentional Faith Development. Next Sunday our topic will be Risk Taking Mission and Service.

Local Missions Sunday: Next Sunday we will be celebrating Local Missions Sunday. We have invited representatives of several local missions ministries to be with us in worship. They will also have displays set up in the fellowship hall prior to our services. Come a little early to either Sunday School or Worship and browse the displays and see what God is doing in our community and how we can be more involved in His work here.

Prayer Group: Did you know that we have a prayer group that meets each Wednesday night? Did you know that you are invited to be part of the group and pray for the concerns shared with our church family? Well, you are and we need you! We are restructuring the time frame and hope more of you will participate. Join us this Wednesday night at 6:30 as we pray.

Something For Everyone: Please join us on Wednesday, April 15th, for our **Spring Fling** in Wattenbarger Hall. Our theme this year is "Fill My Cup Lord". The program will be presented by Charlotte and Becky. Each person is asked to bring a favorite cup or mug. Our noon meal will consist of Ham/brown sugar glaze, Jeannies Turkey Meatballs, Green Beans, Spinach Maria, Tossed Salad, Hash Brown Casserole, Wild Rice with almonds, French Bread and a variety of desserts. The meal is free; however, we need to know how much to prepare. Please make your reservation by Sunday, April 12th with Kathy or Charlotte. Please note that we are meeting on the 3rd Wednesday instead of the 1st Tuesday this month. Our trip to the **National Cornbread Festival in South Pittsburg** will be on Saturday, April 25th. We will leave the church at 9:00 AM and return around 5:00 PM. The deadline for reservations and the \$5.00 fee for the historic tour is April 12th. For more information, see the side vestibule for a brochure or call Kathy or Charlotte.

Cookbooks: We have had several requests for cookbooks so we are back in production. If you would like a cookbook, please see Charlotte Newman, call the church office at 745-1560 or get a copy in the side vestibule.

Body & Soul: Thank you to the Men's Group for hosting the meal. We had a great meal, a great crowd, and a great program.

Newsletter: If you would like to have something published in the April Newsletter we will need your information no later than in the morning.

Holston Home Offering: Next Sunday, we will receive our 5th Sunday Offering for Holston Home. We know the value of this special ministry and we hope you will give so the ministry can minister to children in need.

Acolytes Next Sunday: Austin Meadows & Dylan Carpenter

Flowers Next Sunday: Tim & Lisa Sharp

Pew Pal this week: Todd Baines

We are Praying For.....

Family of Walt Wright, Carl Anderson, Todd Baines, Nancy Barton, Chris Beaton, Darren Beckett, Cindy & Kenny Benton, Jimmy Blair, Tina Bouchard, Houston & Ruth Bryant, Bonnie Burmood, Teresa Carpenter, E.J. Castillo, Melynda Caylor, June Clark, Connie Coleman, Tamera Coleman, Melanie Cook, John Cooley, Nancy Cranfield, Gil Dake, Shirley Dalton, Eva & Glenn Dockins, Randle Dockins, Elmer & Fonda Dreyen, Nancy Ferguson, Nancy Fitzpatrick, Tyler Ford, Leroy Foster, Joshua Freeman, Brian, Nancy & Vera Fryar, Steve Garren, Rebecca Gray, Bill Guffey, Melvin Haney, Jim Harrison, Kristen Harrison, Richard Hashe, Garrett, Jason, and Wendy Henderson, Gene Higham, Gary Hooper, Lonnie Hughes, Matt Hutchison, Don Hutsell, Pam Hutsell, Chris & Vickie Jackson, Dewey Jackson, Jimmy Johnson, Cheryl Lambert, Gwen & Larry Lane, Charlie Littleton, Ed Long, Glenn Mason, Zachery Mason, Rubye Maupin, Patricia McDonald, Jerry McLemore, Wanda Sue Messer, Rev. Joe Miller, Nathan Murray, Jim & Linda Neil, Rossie Ogle, Judie & Phillip Ohman, Roseanne Ostrowski, Randy Paisley, Paul Pettyjohn, Rev. Jim Purser, Eddie Rich, Jerry Roberts, Paul Rose Family, Gene & Sherry Sabo, Darlene Schenck, Danny Shannon, Donna Shannon, Mildred Smith, Nell Smith, Mary Sparkman, Gay Stewart, Britianie Stieb, Linda Thompson, Becky Tynes, Bruce Vincent, Mildred Vincent, Robert Wallace, Willard Walden, Bill Wiggins, Pauline Wilson, Teresa Wojtanowicz; Bill Yielding, *In nursing homes, assisted living or shut-in:* Evelyn Black, Lorene Ensminger, Nell Gambill, Violet Goodner, A.C. Lockmiller, *Expecting Mothers:* Carrie Tydingco; *Missionaries or in Mission Work:* Ryan & Candice Hewitt, Neal Hicks & family, Steve King Family, Anna Mitchell, Patrick Moore, Amy Roberts, Chris Russell Family, Mary Diana Samuel Orphanage and Herbert & Mary Zigbuo, Pray for our Pastor, our District Superintendent, Mike Travis, our Bishop, James Swanson. *Pray for our Service men and women:* Josh Arsenault, Joe Betterton, Brandon Carter, Joe Clark, Keith Coleman, Tyler Cooley, Taylor Creasman, Duane Diebold, Michael Dyer, Josh Gary, Taylor Gray, Eric Greisenhour, Brent Harbin, Brandon Hashe, Lee Hashe, Paul Herron, Daniel Hickey, Derek Hickey, Tim Lammers, Wayne McKenzie, Will Nation, Klaus Ohman, Adam Randle, Alex Randle, Zach Roberts, Brittany Rupert, Raymond Shumate, Dwain Slinger, Brent Stephens.

If you know of someone who has improved and can be taken off the list or if we have removed someone from the list who still needs to be listed, please fill out a new card and give us an updated report. Thank You.

Church Prayer Focus for the Week: Pray for people to grow in the Lord.



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