



## This Week at First Presbyterian Church

### Today, February 11

8:45-9:45am      Worship, *Chapel*  
 9:45-10:45am    Sunday School  
 11:00am-12:00pm    Worship, *Fellowship Center*  
 12:30pm            Church Security Presentation

### Monday, February 12

8:00am-Noon      Clothes Closet Workers  
 9:00am-12:00pm    History Room Research Hours  
 6:30-8:00pm       Evening Bible Study - FC

### Tuesday, February 13

9:00am-Noon      Clothes Closet Open  
 12:15-1:15pm      Knuckleheads Bible Study, *F101*  
 6:30-7:30pm       Church Committee Meeting Night, *meet in the Fellowship Center*

### Wednesday, February 14

10:45-11:45am    Presbyterian Women - F102  
 12:00-1:00pm      Mid-Week Bible Study, *F101*  
 4:30-5:30pm       Mid-Week Bible Study, *F101*  
 5:30-6:30pm       Church Night Supper ~ *Pancakes*  
 6:30pm              Ash Wednesday Service  
 7:00-8:30pm       Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday, February 15

5:00pm              March Newsletter Deadline

### Friday, February 16

11:30am-12:30pm    Balance Class, *Old Fellowship Hall*

### *First Presbyterian Church*

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#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday  
 9:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.  
 Friday, 9:00 a.m. – Noon

#### PARISH NURSE HOURS

12-1:30 p.m., Wednesdays  
 Fellowship Center

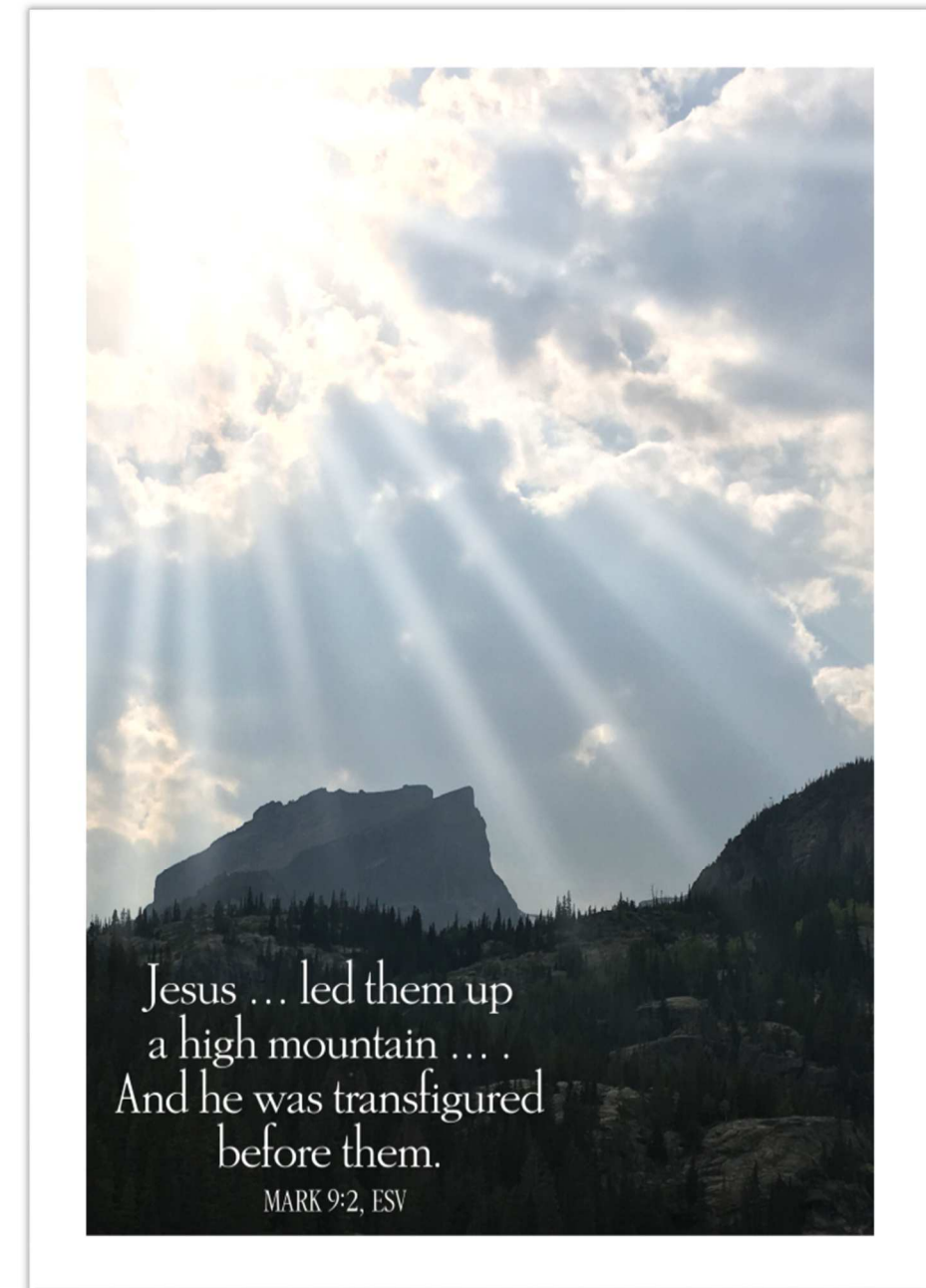
#### **Live Broadcasts of 11:00 a.m. Worship Service:**

Kingsport--Radio WKPT 1400AM/94.3FM  
 Johnson City--Radio WKTP 1590AM/97.7FM  
 Internet: [www.espntricity.com](http://www.espntricity.com) (*click on tune in or listen live.*)

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...  
 Striving to be the hands of Christ*



## Transfiguration of the Lord

February 11, 2018

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

# Every Member in Ministry

## Our Path to Spiritual Growth



### Joyful Worship

### Faith Formation

### Being in Community

### Reaching Out



#### Joyful Worship

**ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE** - On Ash Wednesday, February 14, following our pancake supper, we will gather for an Ash Wednesday time of worship that will include the Imposition of Ashes.



#### Faith Formation

**WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY \* Knuckleheads Bible Study**, Tuesdays, 12:15 p.m., Fellowship Center

There will be no **MID-WEEK BIBLE STUDY** during Lent to allow everyone to engage in the Church-Wide Lenten studies Sunday morning and Wednesday evening.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL DURING LENT** - During the Season of Lent, all Sunday school classes will be studying the same Lenten curriculum, "Come Follow Me – The Qualities of Discipleship."

**LENT DEVOTIONS: "COME, FOLLOW ME"** - This Lenten season we will have "in house" weekly devotions from some of our members. These devotions will be emailed to the congregation each Sunday, and there will be hard copies available as needed for pickup. The devotion title is "Come, Follow Me" which echo the first words Jesus used to call his disciples. So, what does it mean to be a disciple? Each week you will read about a theme that helps answer that question, followed by activity suggestions for your week. We hope this devotion offering and our church-wide study are meaningful to you, as well as challenging, as we all consider our discipleship during the Lenten season.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL SPACE FOR GRACE** - Sunday, February 18, 9:45 a.m. in the Old Fellowship Hall



#### Being in Community

**HOME FROM THE HOSPITAL** – Sally Crawford.

**CELEBRATION** – A rosebud has been placed in the Chancel in celebration of the birth of **Isaac James Zalecki** who was born on January 17, 2018 in Charlotte, NC. Isaac is the son of Nicholas and Linsey Zalecki and the grandson of Ted and Lucie Hagen.

**CELEBRATION** – Welcome to new members Matt and Sarah King, along with their son Mason who joined First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 4, 2018.

**CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY** – The Congregation extends Christian Sympathy to the family of **Alice Malinda "Lynn" Cox Chadwell** upon her death on Tuesday, February 6, 2018 in Kingsport, TN.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Al and Ann Asbury; Bob White; Mike and Pamela Babb; Julia West; Charlie Babb; and Jenne, Madeline and Peyton Watson.

**MISSIONARIES** - Drs. Leslie and Cynthia Morgan, *South Asia*; Michael and Rachel Weller, *Ethiopia*; Philip and Bacilia Beisswenger and Richard and Debbie Welch, *Guatemala*.



#### Being in Community

##### **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

**February 5:** Peyton Lambton

**February 6:** Marian Adams, Evie Heindselman

**February 7:** Harold Childress, Olivia Collins, Evelyn Cantrell

**February 10:** Susan Jackson

**February 11:** Sallie Oaks, Mitch Byerley, Hagan Dietrich

**CHURCH SECURITY** - Capt. Greg Simcox from the Sullivan County Sheriff's Office will be giving a Church Security presentation this afternoon at 12:30 p.m. Please join us in learning how we can make our church a safer place to worship and work.

##### **YOUTH GROUP TODAY**

- 4:00-5:00 p.m. Middle School in the Old Fellowship Hall
- 5:30-6:45 p.m. ~ High School Small Group at Grant's house

**COMMITTEE MEETING NIGHT - FEBRUARY 13** - All committees will meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. There will be child care available to those who need it. Everyone will gather in the Fellowship Center for a time of prayer and sharing before breaking up into individual committee meetings. Committees will meet in the following rooms after the Fellowship Center time together: Administration - Room 202; Discipleship - Room 103; Finance - Room 201; Property - FC101; Worship - History Room; Outreach - Room 104; CF&N - Room 102.

##### On the Menu This Week

**Wednesday, February 14**

Pancake Dinner

(cooked by the Knuckleheads!)

Fruit

Tea/Lemonade/Coffee

*Finance Committee Serving*

**LENT BEGINS FEBRUARY 14** - On Ash Wednesday, February 14, we will gather for a pancake dinner and fellowship before our Ash Wednesday Service. During our Wednesday night dinners during Lent we will reflect on our call to be disciples of Christ after a simple Lenten meal.

**THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE**, charged with finding members willing to serve as Elders and Deacons, will need your help in identifying those people. Please prayerfully keep this in mind and give us your suggestions. Nomination forms will be available in the church during the rest of February and until the 25th of March. A box for receiving the forms will be near Vickie's office during the week and in the foyer on Sundays. Thank you!

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT 2018** at Holton Presbytery Camp - **March 2-4.** "Connected to Christ" All are welcome! Sign ups are confirmed with half payment of weekend.

Adult: Lodge - \$100 or Cabin - \$90

1st child/youth - \$50

2nd child/youth - \$25

Family max for Lodge - \$250

Family max for Cabins - \$230

3 and under - Free

Saturday price - \$30

Includes lunch and dinner

**ALL CHURCH RETREAT DAY TRIP** - Each year we have our church retreat in Banner Elk at our Presbytery camp. Sometimes it may be hard for folks to commit to coming up for the whole weekend. This year we are inviting folks to come up to spend Saturday with us. So you will have two options: stay at camp all weekend or come up on **Saturday, March 3**, for the day. This is a new way to get connected to our retreat and we hope to have a great number. The cost is only \$30 which includes lunch and dinner. You will also get to participate in two sessions, sing some great songs, spend some time around camp, and connect to others in our church. If you are interested in coming up there will be a separate sign up available on January 21 in the foyer. Any and all questions can go to Russ at [rpearson@firstpreskingsport.org](mailto:rpearson@firstpreskingsport.org) or 245-0104. Leave and departure times will be shaped up once transportation is set. This will be communicated to you soon. Thanks!



#### Reaching Out

**WAVERLY ROAD FOOD PANTRY** - Item of the month: **Canned Fruit**

**HABITAT FAITH BUILD** - First Presbyterian Church has joined the Habitat Faith Build for the spring of 2018. The project will begin in February or March of 2018 and it will be in Kingsport. Volunteers will be needed. For more information, please contact Jami Arrowsmith.

## Serving Today

**PROCESSION:** Kellan Good, Lleyton Good and Rowan Good  
**ACOLYTES:** Mary Kate Lively and Lanie Pearson  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**SOUND:** Mike Babb  
**PIANIST/ORGANIST:** Cheryl Patterson  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Dub Lady and Gerry Mayberry - Chapel  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Greg and Mary Easley and Earl and Barbara Lovelace - Fellowship Center  
**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Gail Cole

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Barbara Foust  
in loving memory of her husband Jack Foust.  
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### First Presbyterian Church Staff

Kemper Huber, *Interim Pastor*  
Sharon H. Amstutz, *Associate Pastor*  
Mark Owen Davis, *Director of Music Ministries*  
Cheryl Patterson, *Pianist/Organist*  
Russ Pearson, *Director of Discipleship*  
Annie Hill, *Church Business Administrator and Secretary to the Pastor*  
Vickie Green, *Membership Secretary/Church Receptionist*  
Beverly Johnson, *Financial Administrator*  
Kim Alvis, *Media Specialist*  
Becca Wright, *Parish Nurse*  
W. Wayne Dinsmore, *Custodian*  
Rick Hicks, *Custodian*  
Tammy Jackson Hodge, *Director of Presbyterian Children's Center*

### The Session

Rev. Kemper Huber, *Moderator*      Dorothy Lightfoot, *Clerk of Session*

**Class of 2018**  
Stewart Baggett  
Cooper Bunch  
Mike Bunch  
Roger Goin  
Mary Glenn Lively  
Chris Raines  
Liz Stothart  
Ethan Walker

**Class of 2019**  
Rebecca Combs  
Carol Dixon  
John Good  
Andrew Hagan  
Wes Mink  
Peggy Smith

**Class of 2020**  
Bill Adams  
Jami Arrowsmith  
Mark Barbour  
Liza Howle  
Bill McClure  
Don Sharitt

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE  
8:45      "Blessed Assurance"      arr. J. Schaum  
                 "Standing on the Promises"      arr. J. Schaum  
                 *Sam Barbour, pianist*  
11:00      "Masterpiece for Handbells"      Mouret/Kauffmann  
                 *The Westminster Ringers*

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

WORDS FROM THE FONT

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord has called you here this day.

**Many: Lord, reveal to us your purposes for us.**

One: Open your hearts to receive God's good news.

**Many: Lord, make us ready to serve you.**

One: Come, let us worship God!

**Many: Let us sing our praises to the Almighty One.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE      "Shine, Jesus, Shine"      (*Glory to God #192*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Patient Lord, you know how accustomed we are to "magic" tricks. Our spirits and our senses get fooled easily. We would be just like the disciples, at first not believing what we were seeing and then wanting to make a monument to the event. Thank you for being so patient with us. Forgive us when we get so wrapped up in the moment that we don't take time enough to understand its significance. Help us pause, reflect, think, and thank you for the blessings of unexpected revelations. Give us wisdom and strength to be your disciples, proclaiming your transforming love to all people. Amen.**  
(*Time for silent confession*)

KYRIE      D. Johnson  
*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.*  
*Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*SUNG RESPONSE      SHINE, JESUS, SHINE  
*Praise to our God Who has called us to light from darkness,*  
*Praise Jesus Christ Who has set us free!*  
*Praise to the Spirit Who fills us with breath from Heaven,*  
*Risen with Christ, let us live in the light!*

\*SHARING GOD'S PEACE

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS ~ Psalm 50:1-6 & Mark 9:2-9  
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Russ Pearson

*(Children three through five years of age may depart to Children's Church.)*

*Children's Church pick up  
is located upstairs in the  
nursery.*

Sermon Notes

MESSAGE

"A Mountain-top Experience"

Kemper Huber

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE "Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain" *(Glory to God #193)*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We are not alone; we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.**

**We trust in God. We are called to be the Church, to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

8:45

"Lord, You Know I Am Your Servant"

A. Lovelace

11:00

"Shepherd Me, O God"

M. Haugen

\*SONG OF THANKSGIVING "Give Thanks"

***Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,***

***Give thanks because he's given Jesus Christ his Son.***

***And now let the weak say, "I am Strong," Let the poor say,***

***"I am rich because of what the Lord has done for us." Give thanks!***

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord Jesus, all that we have is yours, and all that we are is yours. As we offer these tokens of our lives, our prayer is that you use them and us in service of you and to the glory of God. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*CLOSING HYMN

"Come! Live in the Light"

*(Glory to God #749)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

"I Worship You Almighty God"

S. Corbett-Wood

**\*Those who are able please stand**