

Serving Today

MUSIC: Mark Davis, Alice Sanders - Chapel
Roger & Agnese Goin, Larry & Barbara Maston, Mark Davis, Alice Sanders - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
LIVE STREAM: Russ Pearson
MONITORS: Russ Pearson
GREETERS & USHERS: Jenny Clemmer - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Jenella Oliver and Kathy Redwine - Sanctuary
CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Nursery Workers

Check out our weekly Children's Church videos on YouTube or Facebook

Prayer List

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK – Florence Godat; Kay McBee, David McBee; John and Inez McBee; and Roger and Agnese Goin

MISSIONARIES - Michael and Rachel Weller, *Ethiopia*.

Birthdays This Week

October 4: John Newell, Pat Bryan, Rebecca Quillen
October 5: Donnie Osborne, Tal Francisco
October 6: Leola Campbell, Matt King
October 7: Ellen Sims, Taylor Bunch
October 9: Ian Ward
October 10: Morris Hadden
October 11: Marthe Kincaid

"God's Will in an Unwilling World" Study Series

Wednesdays through Nov. 11 on Facebook and YouTube

Mike's video series on *God's Will* continues this week with Lesson 4. Tune in on Wednesday!

World Communion Sunday and Peace & Global Witness Offering

The World Communion Sunday and Peace & Global Witness Offering is to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice and to promote peace making efforts around the world. Twenty-five percent (25%) of this offering stays in the local community to aid in peace making. This offering will be received this morning.

Online Giving and QR Code Giving Instructions

Online giving is available on the church website: www.firstpreskingsport.org. Scroll down to the "Give Online" bubble. Follow the instructions on that page. To use the QR code, you will need to have a QR app installed on your mobile device. If you have questions, contact the church office at 245-0104.

Help Still Needed!

We have had a very limited response to our plea for breakfast bag help on Saturdays and Sundays in October. Here are the dates we still need volunteers: October 4--2 volunteers; October 10-1 volunteer; October 18--2 volunteers; October 25--1 volunteer; November 1--2 volunteers. If you are able to fill any of these needs, please email Sarah Good at sar4680@gmail.com or text 423-967-3148. Thank you in advance for helping our church to be the hands and feet of Christ!

Let's Help Build the Holston Habitat House!

First Presbyterian Church volunteers, please join Ashleigh, Maloakai, Z'mya and Emberlee in building a Holston Habitat House on **October 14, 15, 16, 17**. FPC volunteers will install insulation and siding at 116 Virgil Street from 8:30 to 3:00. Please go online to register and complete your waiver at: <https://donate.holstonhabitat.org/campaigns/16072-ashleigh-s-build> or call or email Mandy Pentz at 239-7689 extension 801 or volunteer@holstonhabitat.org. No experience is necessary. Your help is needed and will be greatly appreciated. Once again, let us join together in being "the Hands of Christ" in helping another family in Kingsport benefit from Holston Habitat home ownership. Thank you.

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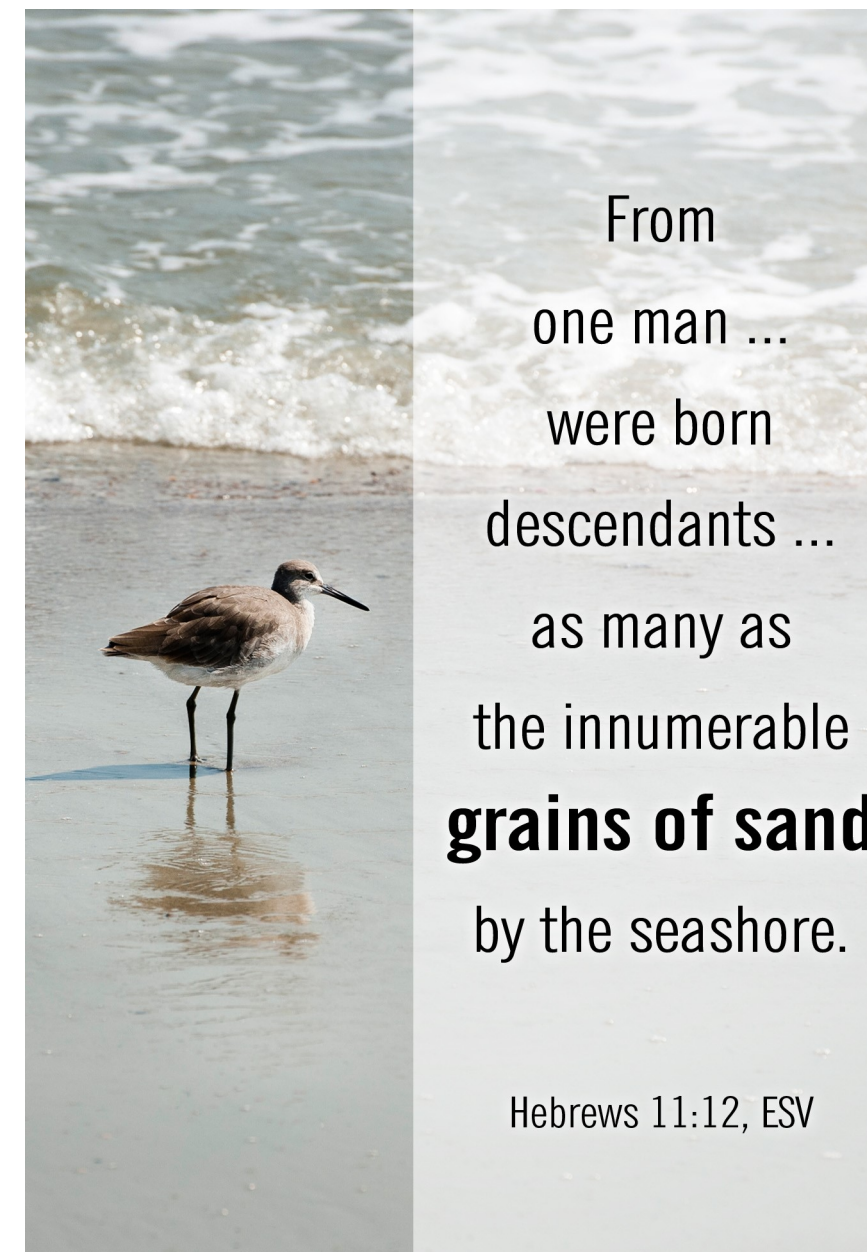
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Seeking to see the face of Christ...

Striving to be the hands of Christ



From
one man ...
were born
descendants ...
as many as
the innumerable
grains of sand
by the seashore.

Hebrews 11:12, ESV

World Communion Sunday

October 4, 2020

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP ~ *Every Member...Even Me!* (Stewardship Campaign) Jeremy Lively

PRELUDE

8:45 "It is Well with My Soul"
11:00 "Be Thou My Vision"

P. Bliss, arr. R. Vandall
Irish Tune, arr. J. Behnke

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Hear, all the earth:

All: The Lord, who calls us, is here.

One: When all seemed barren, God called forth a great people.

All: We are here, Lord, because of your call.

One: God called Abraham to a new and promised land.

All: We are here, O Lord, to follow the call to your promised kingdom.

One: God called Abraham to faithful sacrifice.

All: We are here, O Lord, because of your loving sacrifice. May our faith overflow in praise!

HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 49

"The God of Abraham Praise" (vs.1,2,4)
*The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
the Ancient of Eternal Days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I am, by earth and heaven confessed,
we bow before your holy name, forever blest.*

*Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will.
In prophet's word you spoke of old and you speak still.
Established is your law, and changeless it shall stand,
deep writ upon the human heart by your strong hand.*

*You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise you, living God! We praise your holy name:
the first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
we bring our brokenness, our sinfulness,
our fears and despair,
and lay them at your feet.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
we hold out our hearts and hands,
minds and souls
to feel your touch,
and know the peace
that only you can bring.**

**God of healing, God of wholeness,
this precious moment
in your presence and power
grant us faith and confidence
that here broken lives are made whole.**

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

Merbecke, 1550

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, no matter how deep is our darkness,

All: God is light, and in Him is no darkness at all!

One: No matter how crushing is our defeat,

All: The victory of Christ has the power to pardon!

One: No matter how hardened or broken,

All: The love of the Spirit gives us a new heart!

One: Therefore, with one voice, let us rejoice!...

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

GLORIA

"Glory to the Father" John Weaver, 1978
*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Amen. Amen.*

PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Genesis 22:1-19, Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19

SERMON

"The Best and Worst Story in the Bible" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE (11:00)

"When I Survey I the Wondrous Cross" (vs.1,4) NO. 223

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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 and THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SENDING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD NO. 655 "What Shall I Render to the Lord?"

*What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be,
for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?*

*To God, who did not spare his Son, but offered Him in love,
I bow to offer all I am to serve His courts above.*

*Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord,
and praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord!*

SONG OF SENDING NO. 546

"Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing"

*Lord, dismiss us with your blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
let us each, your love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.*

O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

"We're Marching to Zion"

R. Lowry, arr. J. Carlson

11:00

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

Welsh melody, arr. J. Carlson