Serving Today

MUSIC: Mark Davis and Alice Sanders

SOUND: Olin Babb

WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Mary Kate Lively, Neely Mink, Lainie Pearson and

Russ Pearson

GREETERS & USHERS: Cliff and Donna Marchion - Chapel GREETERS & USHERS: Nic and Jenny Clemmer – Sanctuary

FLOWER DELIVERY: Jenella Oliver

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

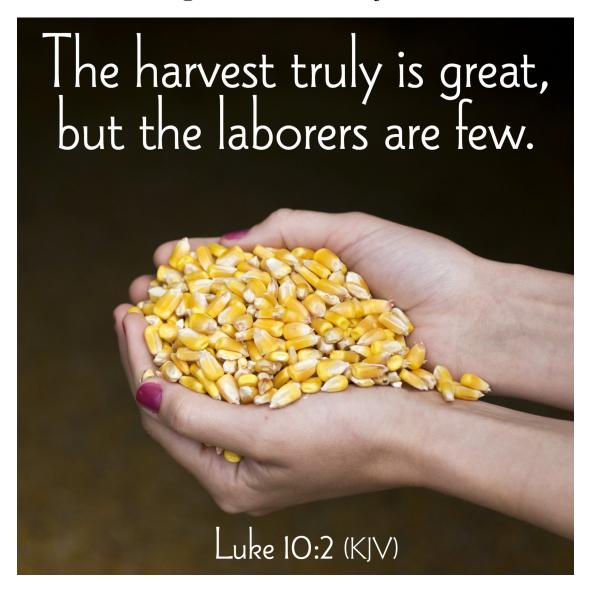
and are presented by Larry Long, David, Craig and Ellen in loving memory of Catherine Long.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

Seeking to see the face of Christ...

Striving to be the hands of Christ



Service of the Lord's Day
June 13, 2021
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Bells of God's Presence

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

Prelude

8:45 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. K. Renfrow 11:00 "Brethren, We Have Met to Worship" arr. D. Hustad

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of hope, we come into your presence this morning with

confidence that you will meet us here.

People: Where there is sadness, bring joy; where there is tiredness,

bring renewal; where there is despair, bring renewed hope.

Leader: Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for us...

People: A home for holy words and songs and prayers, as we devote

ourselves to you.

*Hymn

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true. With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for You.

Lord, now shape me into Your holy image; where there's sadness, bring me joy. Fill my service with Your compassion. Let me live, Lord, for You.

Holy Spirit, come fill us with Your presence; speak within us all that's true. In Christ Jesus, make us one Body; may our lives, Lord, honor You.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

There are so many things we have done that we should have left undone. There are so many things we have said that should have been left unsaid. We are so quick to act impulsively or speak without pausing. For all of this we repent. Slow us down, O God. Help us to be slow to speak and slow to anger. Give us patience and gentle spirits. And when we fail, give us humility to admit our wrongs and turn from them. Make us more like your son, Jesus, each day. (Silent prayer)

Kyrie (Tune: Wayfaring Stranger)

O Lamb of God, Son of the Father, I call to You, Lord, hear my prayer; For I have sinned, I'm filled with sorrow; I need Your healing and Your care. O Lord, have mercy; Lord, forgive me. O Christ, have mercy on my soul. O Lord, have mercy, move within me. Take all my sin, and make me whole.

In You alone, I am made whole.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: What amazing love is this, that God never cuts us off from

compassion and mercy? We are loved, we are forgiven, we are

given a seat of honor at the banquet. Friends, this is Good News!

People: Alleluia! Amen.

*SUNG RESPONSE "Give Thanks" (No. 647)

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One: give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son! And now, let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks. Give thanks.

*Peace of Christ

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Peter 1:3-11

Time with Young Disciples Russ Pearson

GOSPEL READING

Luke 10:1-2

SERMON "Make Every Effort" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Song of Response "Find Us Faithful" J. Mohr

We're pilgrims on the journey of the narrow road, and those who've gone before us line the way. Cheering on the faithful, encouraging the weary, their lives a stirring testament to God's sustaining grace. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run the race, not only for the prize; but as those who've gone before us, let us leave to those behind us the heritage of faithfulness passed on through Godly lives.

O may all who come behind us find us faithful; may the fire of our devotion light their way. May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe, and the lives we live inspire them to obey. O may all who come behind us find us faithful.

After all our hopes and dreams have come and gone, and our children sift through all we've left behind, may the clues that they discover, and the memories they uncover become the light that leads them to the road we each must find...

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*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.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(Tune: Nettleton)

For the life that You have given, for the love in Christ made known, With these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are Your own: Here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring; Give us strength to love and serve You, living what we pray and sing.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, we give because you have so generously given to us. Take these gifts and multiply them. Send these gifts to places and people where they are needed so that others may see Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

*Hymn of Dedication no.757 "Today We

"Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples"

*Charge and Benediction

*Concluding Praise "Hornpipe"

H. Purcell

*Please stand as you are able.