

*Serving Today*

**SOUND:**  
**WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:**  
**GREETERS & USHERS:**  
**GREETERS & USHERS:**  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:**

Olin Babb  
Mary Kate Lively, Neely Mink, Lainie Pearson and  
Russ Pearson  
Stewart Baggett - Chapel  
Miller Family (Steve, Margaret and Ella) – Sanctuary  
Dorothy Lightfoot

\*\*\*\*\*  
THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Doug and Jennie Benton  
in celebration of their  
50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary (June 5, 1971).  
\*\*\*\*\*

# 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 6, 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  
11:00

“Jazz Doxology”  
“The Fifers”

arr. B. Sowash  
J. Dandrieu

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The invitation is given to every person by Jesus Christ: “Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!”

**People: We come to this place at the invitation of Jesus.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

**People: we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Leader: In the name of Christ,

**People: as his disciples, we worship and praise God.**

\*HYMN NO. 401

“Gather Us In”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we live our lives as best we can, dealing with difficult relationships and situations, putting failures and disappointments behind us, and moving into each new day with as much energy, goodwill, and optimism as we can muster. But we seldom have the right answers, and we seldom seek your higher wisdom in our lives. We just move ahead. Forgive us for not asking for your insight. Fill us with your wisdom, that we may live lives of goodness and peace.**

*(Silent prayer)*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: While we were sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received God's mercy, we are able to grant mercy to those who have wronged us.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*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

*I Corinthians 9:19-23*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Russ Pearson

GOSPEL READING

*Mark 10:17-31*

SERMON

“The One Who Got Away”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

\*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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(11:00) As directed, please come forward in the center aisle to receive your elements, and carry them back to your pew by the side aisle. We will partake together as led.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER

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

**God, because we have been given so much, help us to give more.**

**Because we are loved so much, give us the strength to love more. Because we are accepted as we are, give us the grace to accept others without judgment or prejudice. We give ourselves and our gifts with grateful hearts. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 716

“God, Whose Giving Knows no ending”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45  
11:00

“The Fifers”  
“Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven”

J. Dandrieu  
LAUDA ANIMA, arr. L. Smith

*\*Please stand as you are able.*