

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Agnese Goin - Sanctuary
SOUND: Gary Hallen
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Stewart Baggett - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Bowen Scott and Jane Scott - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Virginia Wooten

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022
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

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

arr. Melody Bober

11:00

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

arr. John Behnke

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: No longer strangers, we shall be God's friends.

People: **No longer separated, we are brothers and sisters in Christ.**

Leader: No walls between us, but windows and doors to intimacy.

People: **From a far distance, we come to the heart of friendship and the mind of forgiveness.**

Leader: We are a part of the family of God,

People: **Members of the household of freedom.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in this penitential season, we confess our reluctance to confess our sins to you or to one another. We feel that you know us, all about us, without our telling you; and we do not want our neighbors, our friends, even our loved ones to know everything about us. Remind us, God, that there is no real relationship without trust and honesty, no healing forgiveness without confession. Assist us in our ongoing struggle for integrity. Grant us courage to right the wrongs we have done and to make up for the good we have left undone. We implore you to hear us, for Jesus' sake.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God, in this moment, may we be empowered to start over. You empower us to celebrate life fully and to appreciate all the gifts of life, especially family and friends. Fill us with assurance and hope.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

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

GOSPEL READING

Mark 3:13-19

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

I Samuel 18:1-9

SERMON

“Friends: God's Life Preservers”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*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

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love.

The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

Before our Father's throne, all that we are, we bring;

We join as one in love and care to praise and serve our King.

(11:00)

“Create in Me” *(from Psalm 51)*

T. Johnson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Father, you have blessed us beyond measure, and you have called us to worship. May our gifts flow from grateful hearts to the One who provides all we need. May we never forget that all we have is yours. Take it and use it according to your will. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Sonata in D Minor”

Domenico Scarlatti

11:00

“All Men Are Mortal” (German chorale)

arr. Johann Pachelbel

*Those who are able please stand