

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
Jim Amstutz - Sanctuary
SOUND: Gary Hallen
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Carolyn Kidwell - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: John and Tonya McInturff - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Alice Sanders
FLOWER DELIVERY: Steve Miller

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Mary Ann Morie
by the Morie family.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 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 “Kumbaya” (*African American spiritual: Gullah culture*) arr. Anne Britt

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time to wake from our sleeping,

People: **To throw off our fears, and to discard our excuses.**

Leader: Now is the time to walk toward freedom,

People: **To believe in new life, to turn away from dead ends, to live new possibilities, and to sing new songs.**

Leader: Now is the time,

People: **To open our hearts to our awesome God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun” Tune: HAMBURG

*Awake, my soul, and with the sun arise to join God’s work begun;
Shake off despond, and joyful rise, to pay your morning sacrifice.*

*Lord, I my vows to you renew. Disperse my sins as morning dew;
guard my first springs of thought and will, and with yourself my spirit fill.*

*Direct, control, suggest, this day, all I design or do or say,
that all my powers, with all their might, in your sole glory may unite.*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kyrie (*Choir*) **O Lord, have mercy, our sins are heavy to bear; O Lord, have mercy.** M. Davis

Holy God, we stand before you as broken people - broken in mind and spirit.

By our action, or inaction, we have left a trail of hurt, anger and grief.

We have put our own desires ahead of those we say we love, most especially you.

We seek to make amends, but we cannot do it on our own.

Create a yearning in our hearts for you and the desire to walk in your ways.

We ask your forgiveness, and we ask to be made whole in you.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE (*Choir*) **O Christ, have mercy, we know you love and forgive; Lord, grant us your peace.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, the mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. We cannot outlive it, outgrow it, or blow it so badly that God's forgiving love does not reach us. This is good news! Hear and receive it and live as God's beloved, made whole and new.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” No. 223

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all.*

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I Thessalonians 5:1-11*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 25:14-30*

SERMON “Faith in Sleep Mode” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

*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) “Take Thou our Minds, Dear Lord” No.707

*Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway; have in our inmost souls thy perfect way;
guard thou each sacred hour from selfish ease; guide thou our ordered lives as thou dost please.
Take thou ourselves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will; through our surrendered souls thy plans fulfill.
We yield ourselves to thee: time, talents, all; we hear, and henceforth heed, thy sovereign call.*

(11:00) “Out of the Deep” (*Psalms 130*) J. Rutter
John Alan Smith, cello

*Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.
O let thine ears consider well the voice of my complaint.
If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss: O Lord, who could abide it?
For there is mercy with thee: therefore shalt thou be feared.
I look for the Lord: my soul doth wait for him, and in his word is my trust.
My soul flee-eth unto the Lord: before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.
O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption.
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins, all his sins.
Out of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord: Lord, hear my voice.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, your abundance is without measure. It cannot be defined or contained. It spills out, overflowing into our world and our lives. We thank you for the wondrous gifts of your Spirit. May these offerings contribute to the peace and wholeness of your creation your bounty with others. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE “St. Anthony Chorale” (*arr. From Op. 56a*) Johannes Brahms