

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Stewart Baggett- Chapel
Becca Wright - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Greg and Mary Easley - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Mark Davis
FLOWER DELIVERY: Patty Pendleton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD



First Sunday in Lent

Communion

March 6, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) ~ New Horizons Sunday School Class Sarah Barbour and Margaret Callcott

PRELUDE

8:45

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

arr. Duane Funderburk

11:00

“Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

arr. Joyce Jones

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Even as we enter the wilderness of Lent,

People: **We rest in the shelter of the Most High God;**

Leader: We abide in the shadow of the Almighty;

People: **We find refuge under the wings of God's protection.**

Leader: We trust that the angels of God, the words of God, the people of God, and the hands of God will some how bear us up.

People: **So, we come to call on God who has promised to answer.**

*HYMN OF WORSHIP No. 43

“On Eagle's Wings”

(Psalm 91)

(Leader: verses; All sing the Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of the depths, searcher of hearts, you know the stress of our lives: a busyness that bruises those nearest, a loneliness that claws at the soul, a fearfulness that leads to distrust. And you know our longing for a more centered life: time for reflection in prayer; gracious times with friends and family; and growing moments to deepen our faith. God, lead us into this holy time of Lent so we can let go of that which pulls us from your path. Give us the courage to persist in prayer, excel in kindness, and walk humbly before you.

Heal the wounds we carry and forgive the errors we commit. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: No one who believes in God will be put to shame. His love is sure, able to withstand any test.

We can resist the temptations that play on our worst shame or fears. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

“On Eagle's Wings”

Praise to the God of hope, who rescues me; claims my life and sets me free; bears all my sin in Jesus Christ, and leads me in the path of his love.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:12-13

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 Kings 18:20-29

SERMON

“The Widest Road in the World”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

*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.

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

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.

(11:00)

“Wade in the Water”

arr. M. Exner

Agnese Goin, soprano solo

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

You are the God who creates us, the Christ who redeems us, the Holy Spirit who fills us with hope.

May we and our gifts be instruments of your purpose here on Earth. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 543

“God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me” (vs. 1,4,5)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley”

American Spiritual

11:00

“Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days”

arr. Alice Sanders