

Serving Today

LITURGIST:	Mark Davis
SOUND:	Olin Babb
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:	Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS	Don and Cindy Sharitt - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS:	Craig and Robin Bell - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Ross Walker

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Jimmy Oliver
by Jenella Oliver.

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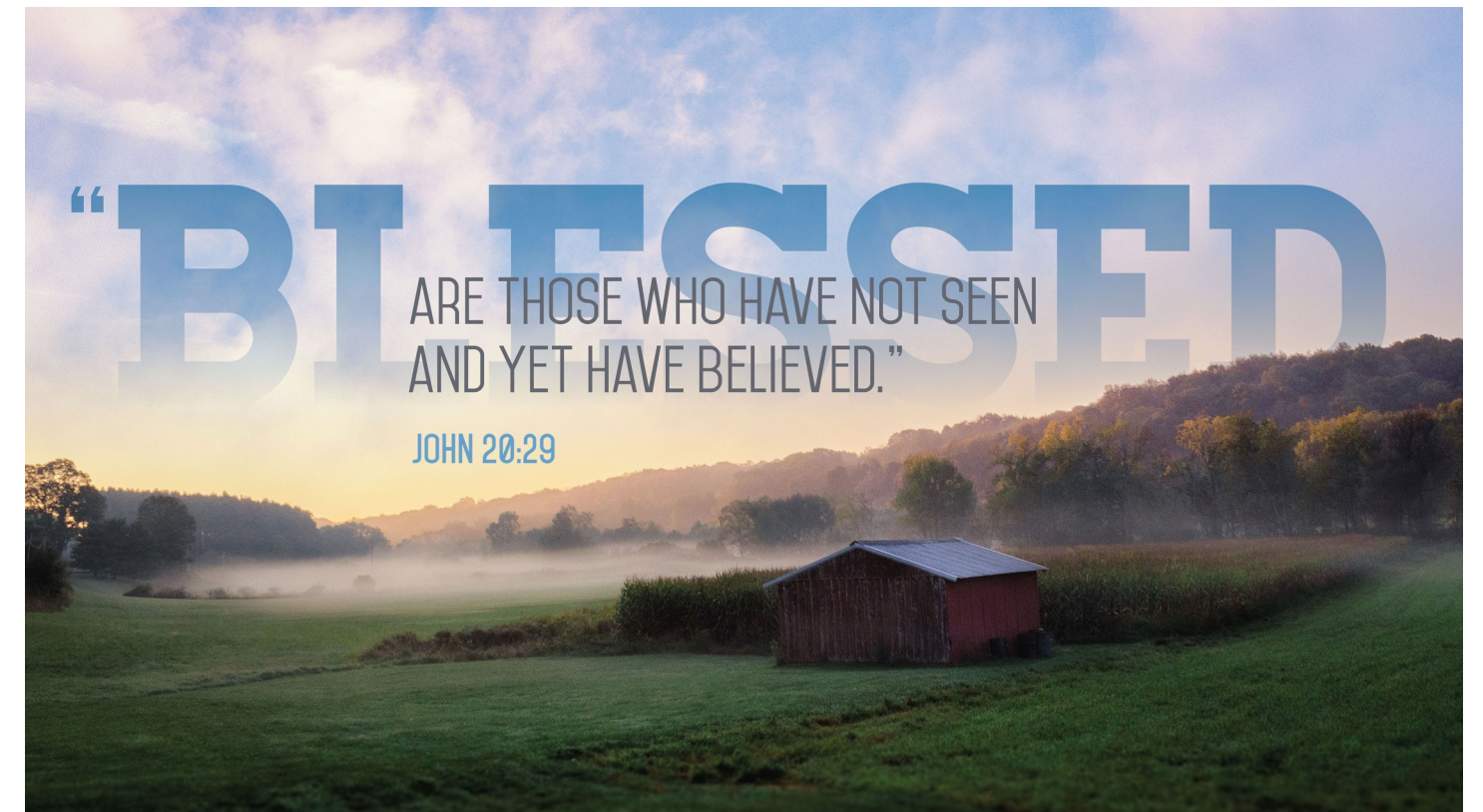
Tammy Jackson Hodge, *Director of Presbyterian Children's Center*

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

April 24, 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) (11:00) “Celtic Prelude” L. Waltner/Irish Trad.
Hammer dulcimer, fiddle & recorder: Linda Waltner, Tammie Davis, Alice Sanders

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Rise and greet the morning.
People: **Cast off your sleep and doubt.**
Leader: Arise, meet the risen Christ --
People: **who comforts our grieving hearts, encourages our faltering steps, and whose presence fills us with joy.**
Leader: Rise, sing your praise.
People: **Christ gives us a song to sing.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 664 “Morning Has Broken”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Awesome God, Lord of all life, we often find it hard to believe. Like Thomas, we need to see clearly and grasp for proof to ease our doubts. We struggle to understand or believe that Jesus’ resurrection really happened. Forgive our doubt and slowness of heart. Help our unbelief! Help us to trust in the shocking but wonderful news of Easter!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: God hears our cry. Our sins are forgiven. His love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God’s people, who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I Corinthians 15:12-19*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING *John 20:19-31*

SERMON “Ants in the Pants of Faith” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

*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) “More Love to Thee, O Christ”
More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee! More faith stir up, O Christ, more faith in thee! Plant now within my soul - eternity! In giving set me free; fill my reality, until I see: all life in thee!
(11:00) “BEECH SPRING & ASH GROVE”
The Celtic Trio

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Gracious God, we offer our gifts in response to the extravagant gift of your redeeming love. With joy and thanks, we make this offering, grateful for the privilege of taking part in your salvation story. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 817 “We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE “Celtic Postlude” Irish Trad.

*Those who are able please stand