

*Serving Today*

**LITURGISTS:** Don Thompson - Chapel  
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Olin Babb  
**WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:** Youth Group Members  
**GREETERS & USHER:** Carolyn Doerfert  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Margaret Callcott and Steve Miller - Sanctuary  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Virginia Wooten

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Precia and Family  
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# 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*  
May 1, 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 “Shall We Gather At the River” arr. Bradley Sowash

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: We are here to celebrate our risen Lord’s presence,  
and we affirm the gifts of love, hope, joy and peace.  
People: **Here we discover the meaning of life, know the power of love,  
and together celebrate new life in Christ.**  
Leader: God is with us as a community of faith as we look to the future with hope.  
People: **We have come together to give God praise and celebrate the new life  
we have found in Jesus Christ.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Spirit of Truth, coming from the depths of God, you know well what lurks within us. We confess that we  
have not loved one another as God has loved us. We are quick to find fault and spread gossip - sins that  
undermine the fellowship of believers. We have not done our best to carry the Good News of Jesus Christ  
beyond these walls. Forgive our casual disregard of the Lord's command to go and make disciples.  
We have not used the powerful gifts of love and service you commanded. Renew us, we pray,  
that we may carry Christ's grace from this place into our weekday community and to the world beyond...**

(silent prayer)  
KYRIE D. Johnson  
*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Beloved, the God who created you and knows you by name sent his only Son to redeem you,  
and not to condemn. In Christ, you are forgiven. Alleluia! Amen.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”  
*Praise to our Holy God; praise to His loving Son; praise to His Spirit who fills us with grace!  
Loved and redeemed, we become Christ’s own Body, freed to God’s service in lives filled with praise!*

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I Corinthians 12: 1-3*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING *John 16: 7-24*

SERMON “The Presence of Jesus When He Is Absent” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Shall We Gather at the River” HANSON PLACE

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.  
Shall we gather at the river, where the Son of God is known?  
In the bread and wine our Savior fills and claims us as His own.  
Yes, we’ll gather at the table, the bountiful, the bountiful table;  
Gather with the saints at the table, we share in the presence of God.  
Shall we gather in the Spirit, risen Lord, who now draws near?  
Through the valley of our sorrow, joy will dawn that will dry every tear.  
Yes, we’ll gather in the Spirit, the blessed One, the blessed Holy Spirit;  
Gather with the saints in the Spirit, made one in the family of God.*

\*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  
INVITATION  
WORDS OF INSTITUTION  
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE  
MUSICAL MEDITATION  
PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:45) “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”  
*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;  
come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.  
Come, Spirit, come and dwell within; fill me with holy flame.  
My life I give, and offering, sanctified in Thy name.*

(11:00) “In Christ Alone” Getty/ arr. L. Larson  
*Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Gracious God, Jesus promised his disciples the gift of the Holy Spirit. With thankful hearts, we offer our  
gifts of time, treasure, talent, but most of all, our hearts. Use us and these offerings for your glory. Amen.**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE 8:45 “In Christ Alone” arr. Larry Shackley  
11:00 “O Worship the King” arr. Raymond Haan