## Serving Today

**LITURGISTS:** Cheryl Rice - Chapel

Kevin Heindselman - Sanctuary

**PIANIST:** Becky Cooper - Chapel and Sanctuary

**SOUND:** Andrew Hagan

WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members GREETERS & USHERS Cheryl Rice - Chapel

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson FLOWER DELIVERY: Russ Pearson Kathy Stoots

## THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. James Knight and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Wells by Greeley and Sue Wells.

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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 15, 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

Prelude

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, you are our gentle Shepherd.

People: We are your people; we long to know your will and to live in your way.

Leader: Keep us safe and secure in your compassionate hands.

People: Lead us, gentle Shepherd, into new paths of love and service.

Leader: As you lead and guide us, touch our hearts and minds in this time of worship People: So that our spirits may be refreshed, and our lives filled with joy and praise

\*Hymn of Praise no. 802

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is"

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most gracious and loving God, we know that you are our shepherd. We know Psalm 23 by heart. Sometimes, it comforts us in times of personal trouble. But too often we are not empowered by your words. We are still afraid. We are afraid to help others because they might hurt us. We walk by strangers on the street. We don't even tell our friends about your love. Help us to believe that your goodness and mercy are with us all the days of our lives-in everything we say and do. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ... (silent confession)

KYRIE (Tune: "Just as I Am")

O Lord, have mercy, hear my plea; O Christ, have mercy, speak to me; O Lord, have mercy, set me free; O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news that comes to us from God! God is already dwelling among us, and God's steadfast love endures forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING John 10:1-16

SERMON "Psalm 23 Revisited" Mike Shelton

### RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*Hymn of Response no. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

\*Affirmation of Faith

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) "Lord of All Good"

Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you; use them your holy purpose to fulfill, tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

Father, whose bounty all creation shows; Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows: to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.

(11:00)

"The Lord's My Shepherd"

R. J. Greene Jr.

Apostles' Creed

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your grace, God, is a gift that nothing can match. The greatest offering we can make is to live according to your will. Grant wings to our gifts that they may soar to do your bidding. Bring a melody to our lips, that our days may be songs of praise. In Christ's service. Amen.

### THE SENDING

\*Hymn of Dedication no. 694

"Great God of Every Blessing"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

\*Those who are able please stand