

Serving Today

LITURGISTS:	Mark Davis - Chapel Nancy Knisley - Sanctuary
SOUND:	Gary Hallen
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:	Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS	Randell and Laura Drayne - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS:	Nic and Jenny Clemmer - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Greg Easley

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Larry Long, David, Craig, and Ellen
in loving memory of Catherine Long.

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
June 12, 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 Prelude on CANDLER (traditional Scottish melody) Larry Shackley
11:00 “A Song in the Morning” Gilbert Martin

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: People of God, whom do you come to worship?
People: **We come to worship the one true God.**
Leader: How will you worship?
People: **Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**
Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.
People: **Come abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart, now and forever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 396 “Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

CALL TO CONFESSION

KYRIE (Choir) **O Lord, have mercy; our sins are heavy to bear; O Lord, have mercy.** M. Davis
PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Too often, O God, we’ve forgotten our true identity, wandering into ways that are not yours. We’ve lost the path of true worship, focusing on form rather than deeds. We have mistaken what true discipleship is. And because of this, you have a quarrel with us. Forgive us and help us live into becoming the people you have created us to be: people of justice and love and truth and humility, and yes, even foolishness. May we be fools for Christ, embracing our identity, even in the face of the world’s rejection...
(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: God blesses us when we live his ways and not the world’s. His love embraces us even when we fall short of what God desires for our lives. Know that the God of blessing loves us and forgives us with a fierce tenderness. And in so knowing, may our lives and souls be transformed.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “Give Thanks”
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks, because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 4:10-17

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 2:12-18

SERMON “Read Your Life Backwards” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

*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) “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

**Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace,
we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend to friend,
Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.
Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth,
let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old,
let us blend our skills in service that God’s kingdom may unfold.**

(11:00) “The Voice of God” L. Larson
(John Alan Smith, cello)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We give our gifts in thanksgiving for all that we have been given. Let our giving, God, be not the end point but rather the beginning. Let our gifts of love and gratitude travel where we do not, making pathways of hope where there is none. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 2190 “Bring Forth the Kingdom” (Sing the Faith)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE
8:45 “How Majestic is Your Name” arr. Phillip Keveren
11:00 “Sortie” Cesar Franck

*Those who are able please stand