

Serving Today

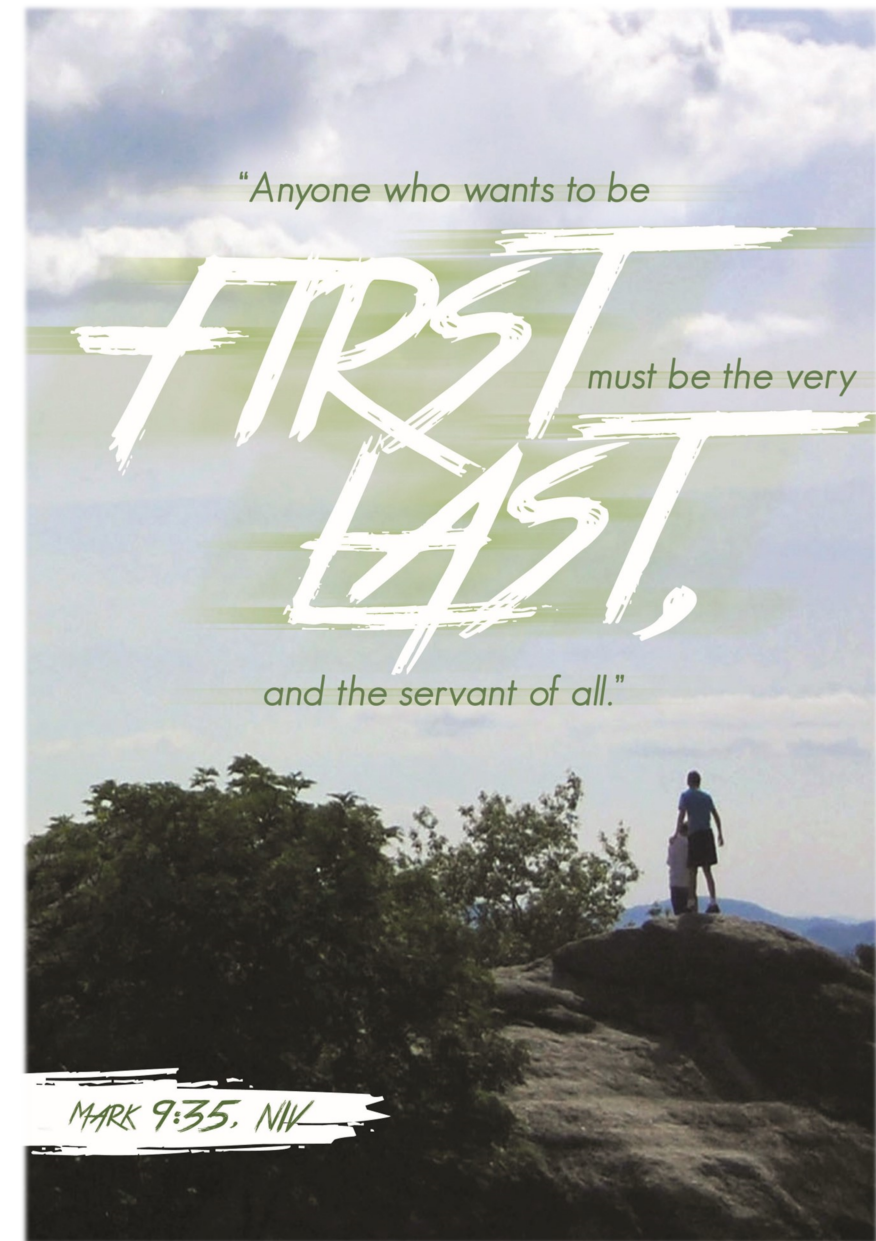
LITURGIST: Mark Davis
SOUND: Gary Hallen
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Gerry Morie - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Ivey and Sue Redmon - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Mary Glenn Lively

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Chuck and Celia Bachelder
in celebration of their
65th wedding anniversary (July 13, 1957).

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
July 10, 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

“He Leadeth Me”

arr. Dennis Alexander

11:00

“Aria”

Mary Beth Bennett

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, servanthood isn't easy for us. We are attracted to the illusions of power and rank, seduced by wealth and privilege. We are impressed by success and surrounded by our accomplishments.

The towel and the basin of servanthood, the listening to others, the humility and openness of the serving spirit are so alien to our society and to us.

People: **Teach us how to love and to serve. Teach us how to bind up the broken hearted. Teach us to be stewards of our resources and custodians of our communities. Teach us the sheer joy of service.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” (vs. 1-4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have no hope apart from you. You desire that all your children live abundant lives, yet we often have a limited view of what it means to be your children. We see our privileges clearly, but our responsibilities only dimly. At times, we go to great effort to be ignorant of the needs of people around us. Forgive us, Lord. Teach us not to trust in our righteousness but to seek to live quiet lives of love. May we find no service to you or your children beneath our dignity.

(silent prayer)

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: Listen! Hear this good news: Our God is a God of mercy and love. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. In response to this gift of grace, make your pledge to do better as you follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

No. 610

***To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given - by saints below, and saints above,
the church in earth and heaven!***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philemon 4-21

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9:33-37

SERMON

“Saved by Grace and Living by Grace”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

PCUSA

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He proclaimed God's reign. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who justifies us by grace through faith, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45 and 11:00)

“Speak, O Lord”

Getty and Townend

Larry Maston, bass; Mark Davis, baritone

*Speak, O lord, as we come to you to receive the food of your Holy Word.
Take your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in your likeness,
that the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and deeds of faith.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for your glory.*

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility.
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of your purity.
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see your majestic love and authority.
Words of power that can never fail; let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of your plans for us:
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on your promises; and by faith, we'll walk as you walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, till your church is built, and the earth is filled with your glory. Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Here I am, Lord-body, heart and soul. Grant that with your love, I may be big enough to reach the world, and small enough to be at one with you. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 738

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

arr. Lloyd Larson

11:00

“O That I Had a Thousand Voices”

German chorale,
arr. David Schelat

*Those who are able please stand