

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Alice Sanders - Chapel
Youth - Sanctuary
MUSICIANS: Charlotte Ellis, flute
Ella Miller, djembe and bodhran
John Alan Smith, cello
Bob Stoots
SOUND: Youth Group Members
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Bill and Jeanne McClure - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Helen Baylor and MaryGail Py - Sanctuary
GREETERS & USHERS: Russ Pearson
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Patty Pendleton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Debbie Waggoner
in memory of our congregation's
lost precious animals.

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 17, 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

“As the Deer Longs for the Water”

arr. Douglas Wagner

11:00

“I've Got Peace Like a River”

arr. Gary Lanier

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: God has called us to this place. What do you see?

All: **We see people who model for us God's joyous embrace of all people.**

One: God has brought us to this place. What do you hear?

All: **We hear God's hope that we are able to see each person as our sister or brother.**

One: God has challenged us to open our lives and hearts to others. What will you do?

All: **We will do only one thing: welcome everyone in God's name!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401

“Gather Us In”

Marty Haugen

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all personalities, we confess we are too busy. Slow us down Lord, and for now simply remind us that only one thing is needed, that we be still before you and know that you are God. Lord have mercy on us this day.

Silent prayers to your Creator

Amen.

DECLARATION OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Celtic Alleluia”

O'Carroll/Walker

Congregation: ***Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia!***

Soloist:

*God, you are Lord of creation, all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.*

*Give thanks to God, who is good. The love of the Lord lasts forever.
Let the earth rejoice, for God's mercy has no end.*

*PASSING THE PEACE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Listen to the Word That God has Spoken”

Anon. Canadian

(Sing as directed)

***Listen to the Word that God has spoken, listen to the One who is close at hand.
Listen to the voice that began creation. Listen even if you don't understand.***

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 52

Luke 10:38-42

SERMON

“A Spiritual Balancing Act”

Russ Pearson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*SONG OF RESPONSE

8:45

“Martha Labored in the Kitchen”

C.W. Gillette

11:00

“Mary's Heart and Martha's Hands”

Carly Thissen

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Leader: What do you affirm when you speak of “the life everlasting”?

Congregation:

That communion with Jesus Christ is eternal life itself. In him we were chosen before the foundation of the world. By him the eternal covenant with Israel was taken up, embodied, and fulfilled. To him we are joined by the Holy Spirit through faith, and adopted as children, the sons and daughters of God. Through him we are raised from death to new life. For him we shall live to all eternity.

Study Catechism PC(USA), Q 7, 31, 54, 87

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Ever-faithful God, whose being is perfect righteousness:
reconcile us in your Son with the helpless and the needy,
with those we would ignore or oppress,
and with those we have called enemies,
that we may serve all people as your hands of love,
and sit at the feet of those who need our compassionate care.**

Silent prayer for those people and situations on your hear

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

8:45

“Doxology Reflection”

Alice Sanders

11:00

“O Lord, Most Holy”

Cesar Franck, arr. F. Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of new life, out of the abundance of our lives
we offer these gifts to you.
Through your blessing and our willingness to share,
may these offerings become a source for hope and love
in this church family, and in the community beyond us,
in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 720

“Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult”

Alexander/Jude

*BENEDICTION

Go out into the world to serve God with love.
Be ready to laugh with delight at the good news God has to offer you.
Make room at your table for unexpected guests.
When the work of discipleship leaves you weary or frustrated,
rest in Christ's presence and listen to what he is saying.
And the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
go with you today and always. Amen.

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Send Me, O Lord, Send Me”

arr. Michael Cox

11:00

“Jubilate Deo”

G.F. Handel