

Serving Today

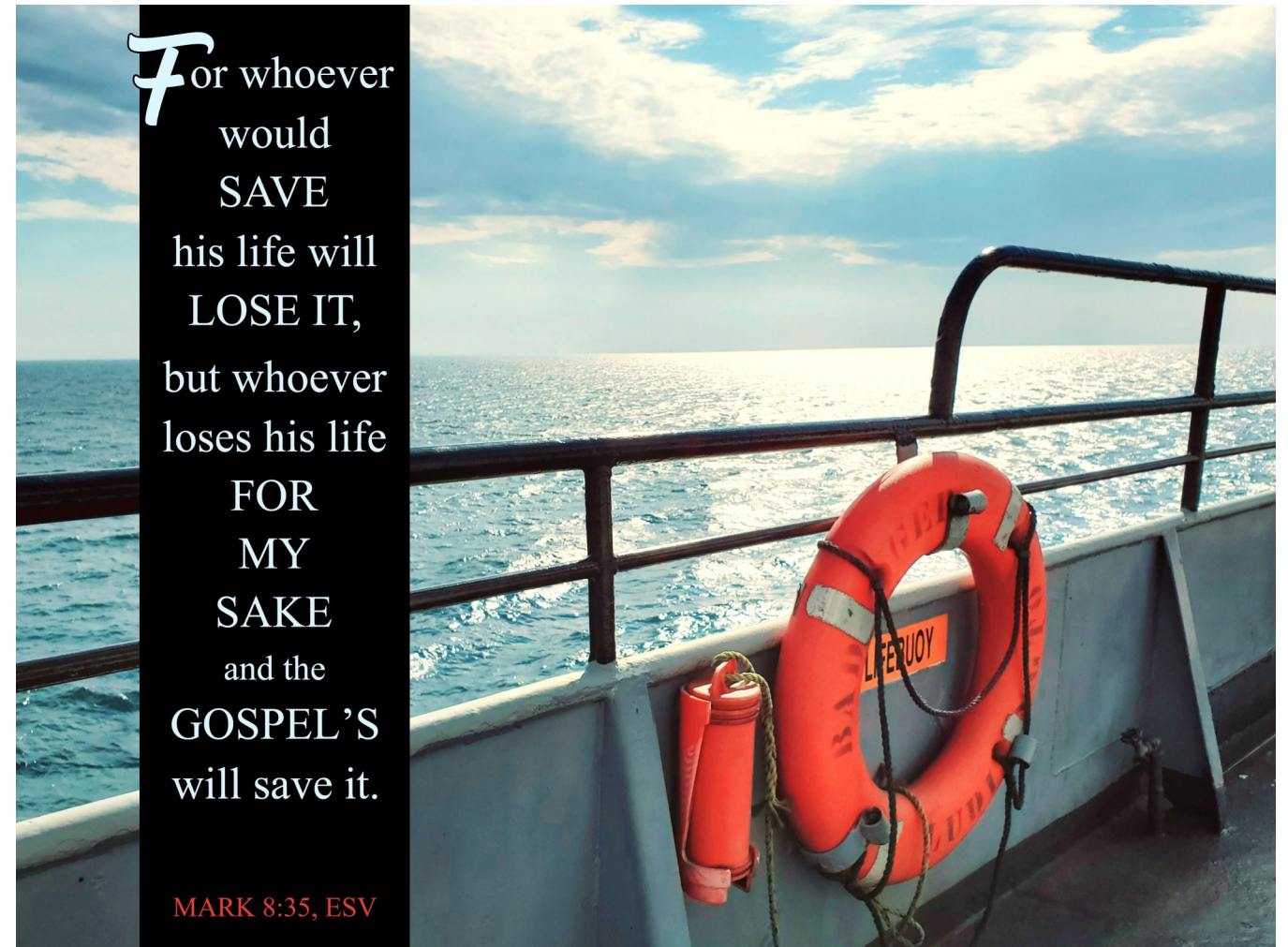
LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
Sue Redmon - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Cliff and Donna Marchion - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Tammie Davis and Jenella Oliver - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by the Ron Dixon Family
in loving memory of Joyce Gobin Dixon.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Service for the Lord's Day
July 24, 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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God gives us one day at a time:

People: **Long enough for laughter to follow any tears, deep enough for prayer, and time enough to help someone in need;**

Leader: Plenty of time to notice beauty and praise the Maker;

People: **Sufficient time to build a bridge for forgiveness or tear down a wall of resentment.**

Leader: The right time to embrace friends, smile at strangers, play with children, and sing praise to God.

People: **Praise God for this day we are given.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 673

“Jesus, Light of Joy”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our ancestors, you call us to reverence and praise, but we have been feeble and apathetic in our worship. You call us to faithfulness, but we have lacked faith. You call us to sincerity in our walk with Christ, but our discipleship has become routine. Too often we have gone through the motions, rather than seeing each moment as an opportunity to serve you with our whole heart. You give us so much. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. Pour out your Spirit on us that we may seek you with vigor, and serve you with purpose. In Jesus’ name.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God’s love is never ending. God is always present with and for us. As we journey through life, may we come to know more completely the depth and breadth of God’s love.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

No. 833

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; all glory give to God’s own Son; Come, Spirit, fill us till we grow; fulfill in us the perfect life in Jesus Christ begun.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(11:00 sung):

“If Ye Love Me”

T. Tallis

If ye love Me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever, e’en the Spirit of truth, that He may abide with you forever, e’en the Spirit of truth.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-12

GOSPEL READING

Mark 8:31-38

SERMON

“Aging Toward Perfection”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 488

“I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

FINLANDIA

O God of hope, we lay our lives before you; we have one claim, to trust in Christ, our Lord. When this world fades, the more we shall adore you; when answers fail, we trust more in your Word. Now, by your grace, Lord, sanctify our journey, that in your image we may be restored.

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one. All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone.

Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

(11:00)

“Deep River”

arr. M. Hogan

Beth Compton, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have made us to be your people in your own image. We are members of Christ, and we dedicate ourselves to becoming one in spirit with him. Take our gifts and use them to your glory. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 825

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*Those who are able please stand