

Serving Today

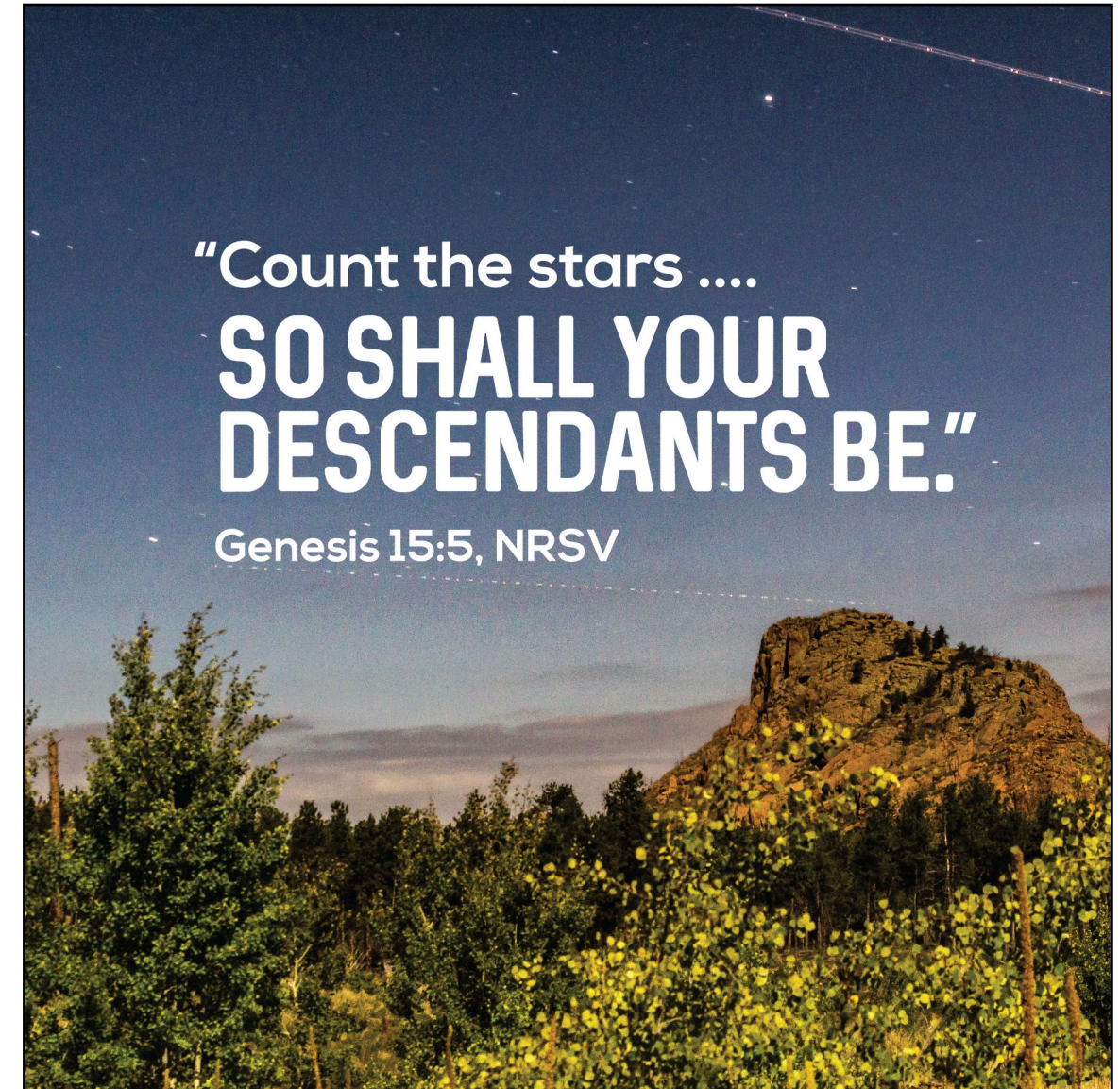
LITURGIST: Mark Davis
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS Don Thompson - Chapel
Margaret Callcott and Steve Miller - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Don Thompson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Don and Karen Thompson
in celebration of their
38th wedding anniversary (August 17, 1984).

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



**"Count the stars
SO SHALL YOUR
DESCENDANTS BE."**

Genesis 15:5, NRSV

Service for the Lord's Day

August 14, 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) "What A Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Nancy Raabe
(11:00) "Dearest Jesus, We Are Here" German chorale, arr. David Cherwien

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is calling to you today.

People: **God is calling us today.**

Leader: Why is God calling us?

People: **To be the church. People united by God in faith. God has given each of us a gift to share.
If we come together and lean on one another, we can become all that God called us to be.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Bless the Lord" ("10,000 Reasons") arr. B Harlan
(All join on repeat, and then as directed):



CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to follow, but we have made excuses, fearful to step away from all that is familiar. It is so easy to be consumed by doing all that we think will secure our lives here. Help us to know that it is only in giving up our sense of control over our lives and following wherever you lead that we gain our lives. To follow you is to venture into the unknown, but we value our security. Yet we sense the tug of adventure, and the urge to follow you more faithfully. Draw us to you we pray, for our sakes and for your own...

(silent prayer)

KYRIE "Seek Ye First"

***Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me;
forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is nothing we can do to make God love us more or love us less. In Christ, you are forgiven. Receive the reality of God's eternal love and live as Christ's new creation!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE "Bless the Lord"
***Bless the Father of life, O my soul; praise to God's holy Son!
Praise the Spirit of love, O my soul; we worship You, Three in One!***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 15:1-6

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-12

SERMON

"If Nothing is For Sure, Everything is Possible"

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 743

"O God, You Are My God"
(Leaders sing once, All sing two times)

*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)

"Hymn of Promise"

N. Sleeth

***In God's loving gift of Jesus, I receive God's mystery;
in His death I am forgiven, in His rising I am free;
in the gift, O Lord, You offer, I now give myself to Thee;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

(11:00)

"Upon This Rock"

P. Choplin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Use these gifts, O God, to testify to your great love for the world revealed in Jesus Christ. May they serve as signs of hope to those who are suffering, fearful or discouraged. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 821

"My Life Flows On"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

(11:00)

"Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"
"Passacaglia"

arr. Melody Bober
Gordon Young

*Those who are able please stand