

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Don Thompson - Chapel
Barbara Maston - Sanctuary
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Carson Correll

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

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).



Service for the Lord's Day
August 21, 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)
(11:00)

“Seek Ye First”
“Prelude No. 1”

arr. Fred Bock
Ernest Bloch

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Receive God’s gift of a new day: untried, untried, brimming with possibilities, and ready to be opened.

People: **A new day with surprising miracles: with love to be given, kindness to be shared, and peace to be enjoyed.**

Leader: Today is God’s gift. That is why it is called the present.

People: **Let us receive it with joy and live it in expectation.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 401

“Gather Us In”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, Jesus tells us to redeem time but we are half-asleep, unaware of the urgency of your call, ignorant of the pressing need to make our time count. We absent-mindedly walk through our days, trusting in our own abilities. We are deluded into thinking that we are in control and that there is time to deal with you "later." Forgive us, Lord! Later is now, and your kingdom cannot wait. Wake us to the truth, and give us courage for the choice. For the sake of Christ, we pray.

(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: God’s mercy has no beginning or end but endures forever.

Friends, receive the gift of God's grace that is yours this day.

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 8:1-15

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 7:22-23

SERMON

“Playing the Game of Someday”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 614

“Great Are You, Lord”

(sing twice)

*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)

“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)

“Give Me Jesus”

arr. M. Hogan

Anna Gamble, Mezzosoprano; Mark Davis, baritone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are, and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 687

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

(verses 1-4)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)
(11:00)

“He is Exalted”

“O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

arr. Melody Bober

arr. David Harris

*Those who are able please stand