

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Mark Davis
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
USHERS AND GREETERS: Kevin and Leslie Heindselman - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Steve Miller

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in loving memory of Ben, Katherine and Katie Brown
and presented by Allen and Becca Wright.

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
August 28, 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 "If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee"

German chorale
arr. H. Vetter

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Greetings in the name of Christ. This church bids you welcome.

People: **We have come here to worship, to restore our sense of what is worthwhile, and to expand our perspective.**

Leader: Too easily we lose our way. So, we gather to restore, expand, and grasp anew what we have forgotten.

People: **To the God who makes all things happen and all things new, we lift our voices in praise!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 673 "Jesus, Light of Joy"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, from a mountainside Jesus pointed ways to a higher happiness. He said we are poor in Spirit... but we are more impressed with power and prestige. He said we must purify our hearts... and not seek false appearances. He said we will be comforted when we mourn...and yet we ask, "Why me?" He said a special joy belonged to the peacemaker...but we aren't willing to pay the price of peace. He summoned us to hunger and thirst for righteousness...instead of the pleasures of technology. Forgive us, God, and renew us with the perspectives brought by moments of fellowship with each other and with your Spirit...

(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: Let us always remember that Christ comes to us with life and love, filling us with hope.

Christ comes joyfully, entering our lives, filling us with grace and renewal.

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
(11:00)

"Thy Word"
The Women's Choir

A. Grant/M.W. Smith

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:12-26

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6:20-26

SERMON

"Four Ways to Make Your Life Miserable"

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 805

"Come Sing to God"
(Psalm 30)

*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)

"Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me"

No. 703

***Jesus, Thy will seems oft so hard; longing for ease, I go astray.
Yet in Your love You gather me home, then give me grace to walk in Your way!
Thine wholly, thine alone I'd live; myself to Thee entirely give.***

***Jesus, Thy boundless love to me no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to Thee, and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone I'd live; myself to Thee entirely give.***

(11:00)

"Be Still and Know"

Chapman/ arr. L. Larson

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is holy. Be still, Oh restless soul of mine.

Bow before the Prince of Peace; let the noise and clamor cease.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know that He is faithful. Consider all that He has done;

Stand in awe and be amazed, and know that He will never change.

Be still and know that He is God... Be still; be speechless.

Be still and know that He is God. Be still and know He is our Father. Come, rest your head upon His breast;

Listen to the rhythm of His unfailing heart of love beating for His little ones, calling each of us to come.

Be still. Be still. Be still. Be still.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever!

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 623

"I've Got Peace Like a River"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

11:00

"Count Your Blessings"

"Adoration Prayer"

arr. Kenon Renfrow

Charles Alkan

*Those who are able please stand