

*Serving Today*

**LITURGISTS:** Virginia Wooten - Chapel  
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Dan Dietrich  
**WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:** Youth Group Members  
**GREETERS & USHERS** Stewart Baggett - Chapel  
Sharon Engel and Jane Scott - Sanctuary  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Jane Boyd

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in loving memory of Bill Dickson  
by his wife and family.  
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# 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 7, 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

PRELUDE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. C.D. Anderson

*Lynetta Johnson, solo handbells; Becky Cooper, piano*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let everyone who thirsts come and drink deeply!

People: **Here all who hunger may satisfy themselves freely.**

Leader: Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread?

People: **Why do we labor for that which cannot satisfy?**

Leader: Here we may feast on the goodness of the Lord.

People: **Now all who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 511

“Come, Behold! The Feast of Heaven”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you are the great inviter, always extending a welcome to us. We respond with caution, fearful of what may be required of us. We hope that the invitation is only for us and not for "them." We come with hesitation, not trusting that you really invite us. We make excuses, waiting to make a full commitment, waiting to give more until we feel ready. God, release us from the grip of our fears and guilt. Enable us to respond to your invitation. Help us to be open to receiving what you give and to risking something new for you.**

*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

***Lord, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer; Christ, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer;  
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O lord, have mercy on me.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's forgiveness is freely extended to all who in faith repent. Hear and believe the Good News: Jesus

Christ forgives all your sins!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

No. 526

***Praise we sing to our Holy God; praise we sing to our risen Lord;  
praise we sing to the Holy Ghost! We are guests of the Heavenly Host.  
In His love to save, Christ endured the grave; we are freed from sin, let us live!  
In His love to save, Christ endured the grave; we are freed from sin, let us live!***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*II Timothy 4:1-8*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 22: 1-14*

SERMON

“God's Wedding List”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*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.**

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

“At the Table of the Lord”

J. Althouse

*Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone*

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

“I Come with Joy”

***We've broken bread and shared the wine, forgiven, loved, and free;  
inspired to love and serve our Lord in all things faithfully, in all things faithfully.***

***Put on the robe of righteousness, fit for the kingdom feast;  
God's grace has woven us as one, the greatest and the least, the greatest and the least.***

***Together met, together bound by all that God has done,  
We'll go with joy, to give the world the love that makes us one, the love that makes us one.***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious Lord, we are your servants. What can we return to you in thanks for your bounty?**

**Let these offerings be our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise. In your name. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 377

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

\*Those who are able please stand