

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
Lynetta Johnson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Virginia Wooten

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by Louise Piazza
in loving memory of Cathy Piazza Liley.

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
Sept. 11, 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
MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ Congregational Fellowship & Nurture

PRELUDE “Come, Thou Fount” arr. C. Courtney
Carolyn McPherson, piano; Tammie Davis, violin

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Listen: God is on our side. God hears our prayers!
People: **We trust in God’s steadfast. Great is his faithfulness!**
Leader: God's mercy is sure, and God's justice will prevail.
People: **We trust in God’s steadfast love. Great is his faithfulness!**
Leader: Hope in God, for God is good, and God loves us with an everlasting love.
People: **We trust in God’s steadfast. Great is his faithfulness!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, it pains us to recognize ourselves as Pharisees, to acknowledge that we are better at talking about our faith than actually living it; that we are more concerned with our appearance before others than the purity of our hearts before you; that too often we are motivated by our need for appreciation and approval rather than by compassion. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from all that holds us captive to pride, fear, and greed, and from all that diminish your image that is in each of us. Empower us to embody the joy of living as your children; we ask for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.
(silent prayer)

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.* D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: The mercy of God is from everlasting to everlasting. Friends,
hear the Good News: In Jesus Christ you are forgiven.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” REFRAIN
*Praise to our Holy God; praise to His loving Son; praise to His Spirit who fills us with grace!
Loved and redeemed, we become Christ’s own Body, freed to God’s service in lives filled with praise!*

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Daniel 1:1-3, 8-19*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 11:37-44*

SERMON “The Man Who Wouldn’t Break” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*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) “Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
*Come, Holy Spirit, heavenly Dove, with all thy quickening powers;
come, shed abroad a Savior’s love, and that shall kindle ours.
Come, Spirit, come and dwell within; fill me with holy flame.
My life I give, and offering, sanctified in Thy name.*

(11:00) “Help Me Lift-a-My Load” P. Choplin
Agnese Goin, soprano

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
God, these gifts we bring are for you and the work you are doing in and around us. We give because you have blessed us so abundantly. May these offerings bring glory to your name. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 765 “May the God of Hope Go with Us”
(sing twice)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE “Fanfare Fantasy on *Sine Nomine*” arr. J. N. White

*Those who are able please stand