

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Tonya McInturff

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of DeLois and Sam Anderson
by the Dietrich Family.

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. 18, 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 STEWARDSHIP ~ Gary Hallen

PRELUDE Benedictus: (from *The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace*)

Karl Jenkins

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been called.

People: **Called to be the church.**

Leader: We have been given gifts.

People: **Many gifts, all for the same purpose.**

Leader: To model the new life that God has planned for us all.

People: **Then let us together worship God with this same spirit.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 450

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 1-3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, in our anxiousness, we cling to what makes us feel secure. Afraid to extend our hand, we bind up our gifts, fearing we won't have enough for ourselves. Lacking trust in you, we clutch to possessions as if they are the meaning of life. Our hesitancy to share stops the flow of your compassion. We discount our talents and miss what is possible when Christ blesses our offering. God, loosen our closed hands and tight hearts that we may offer the gift we are, and the gifts we have, to touch the bruised world. In Jesus name, we pray...
(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God’s word is trustworthy: when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us. We are made new creatures in Christ. Hallelujah! Amen.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Be Thou My Vision” (vs. 4)

***High King of Heaven, my victory won; may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heaven’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all!***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *II Corinthians 9:6-15*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 20:9-17*

SERMON “All We Own is on Loan” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 710

“We Lift Our Voices” (We Are an Offering)
(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)

“Take My Life”

***Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use
every power as Thou shalt choose, every power as Thou shalt choose.***

***Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee; ever, only, all for Thee.***

(11:00)

“What Shall I Offer My God?”
(based on Micah 6:6-8, and James 4:10)

L. Larson

*With what shall I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God? If I could bring a perfect offering,
would the Lord be pleased with me? If I give the best of all I possess, will I live eternally?
With what shall I come before the Lord? What shall I offer my God?*

*God asks that I live justly, revealing truth for all to see. God asks that I show mercy for those struggling to be free,
and to walk humbly with the One who gave life and breath to me. God exalts those who humbly walk with the Lord.*

***Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for Thee; ever, only, all for Thee...***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, the giver of every good gift, you have shed your grace upon us. Your generosity is lavish, your love unconditional, and your joy overflowing. You have withheld nothing from us, adopting us as your children, and making us heirs to the kingdom. Receive these gifts and offerings, we pray, as a token of our love and gratitude. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 693

“The Gift of Love”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

11:00

“Be Thou My Vision”
“Prelude No. 6”

Melody Bober
Ernest Bloch

*Those who are able please stand