

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
Kevin Heindselman - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Carson Correll

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
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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
Sept. 25, 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 ~ Jeremy Lively

PRELUDE

8:45

“Peace”

John Skiba

11:00

“Prelude of Peace No. 1”

James M. Stephens

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have been called together as the body of Christ.

People: **We are one body, though we have many members.**

Leader: Each part gets its meaning from the body as a whole,
and not the other way around.

People: **Not all members have the same function; we have different gifts,
but we are equally valued and equally needed**

Leader: God calls us to use these gifts generously, maturely,
and cheerfully to build up the body of Christ.

People: **So, we present ourselves in service to God and each other.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 749

“Come! Live in the Light!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we talk about peace, but at the same time make much trouble for ourselves and for each other.

We quarrel - in church, at home, at work, between nations and religions.

We let our loyalty to ideals and ideas surpass our loyalty to Christ.

We think worldly wisdom looks better than the truth shown us by your Word.

We hide from the cross, thinking ourselves too good for such humiliation.

Forgive us, we pray. Like Jesus, help us to mend what is broken,

and reconcile those who are apart. In his name, hear our prayer...

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The God of creation is a God of mercy. God is quick to forgive and God’s promise of restoration is for all people. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

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

Nehemiah 2:11-20

GOSPEL READING

I Corinthians 3:10-17

SERMON

“Building Consensus When There is None”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*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)

“As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought” *(vs.2,3)*

***A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give,
to make our life an offering that all may truly live.***

***The church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.***

***In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,
to serve Your cause and share Your love with all along life’s way.***

***O God who gave Yourself to us in Jesus Christ Your Son,
help us to give ourselves each day until life’s work is done.***

(11:00)

“Lord, Make Me Thine Instrument”

D.S. York

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, receive these gifts given in your Son's name as we seek to walk in your ways. Use them to bring the healing, kindness, and justice of Christ's humble love to all those in need. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 753

“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Prelude of Peace No.1”

James M. Stephens

11:00

“Antiphon No. 1”

Gordon Young

*Those who are able please stand