

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Cheryl Rice
SOUND: Olin Babb
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Tim and Oliver Arrowsmith - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Mark Davis
FLOWER DELIVERY: Tammie Davis

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in celebration of our 65th Wedding Anniversary
on September 7th
by Hunter and Sylvia 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
September 4, 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 “Guiding Light to Peace” Alexis Ffrench

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, all who are feeling hassled and harried, come.

All you with shattered dreams and punctured hopes, come.

People: **We come as we are.**

Leader: Come, all you with lonely hearts, carrying the wounds of rejection.

For here is the love of a community gathered around a table.

People: **We come with our needs.**

Leader: Come, gather in. God is here. Christ is present.

Here is a banquet for your soul, a vision of harmony, a feast of hope and healing. Come.

People: **We come together. God's love makes us one.**

INTROIT “The Lord is in His Holy Temple” M. Davis

Holy, holy, holy. The Lord is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Let every heart break open with praise: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!...

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO.1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we are never worthy to partake of Communion, but we could be, indeed should be, one caring, loving community around his table, but we are not. There are things that keep us apart: pride, mistrust, and petty vested interests. By yielding to them, we allow our unity to be weakened, our witness to be impaired. Have mercy on us, God. Help us to sort out what we can change from what we cannot change. Renew our commitment to the peace and unity of our church. May we learn to be more skillful in forbearing and loving one another...

(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: The saying is worthy of our full acceptance: Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

He bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good.

In the name of Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Let us praise God our Father on our knees! Let us praise Christ our Savior on our knees!

Come now, Spirit of grace, breathe new life deep within my soul;

O Lord, be growing in me!

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I Corinthians 12:12-26*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 20:20-28*

SERMON “Body Building” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 510 “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

*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

“Sanctus”

F. Schubert/arr. M. Davis

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“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.***

(11:00)

“Then Sings My Soul”

S. K. Hine/arr.M. McDonald

Avery Smith, tenor; Isaiah Hutton, baritone; Mark Davis, bass

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Help us to give and count not the cost, and love without boundaries and stipulations. As we are transformed by your love, Lord, so may our gifts and our lives transform our world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 519 “You Are My All in All” *(sing twice)*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*SUNG BENEDICTION RESPONSE “The Lord Bless and Keep You Forever” Londonderry Air/M. Davis

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

African-American Spiritual

11:00

“I’m Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table”

Spiritual, arr. Matthew Corl