

Serving Today

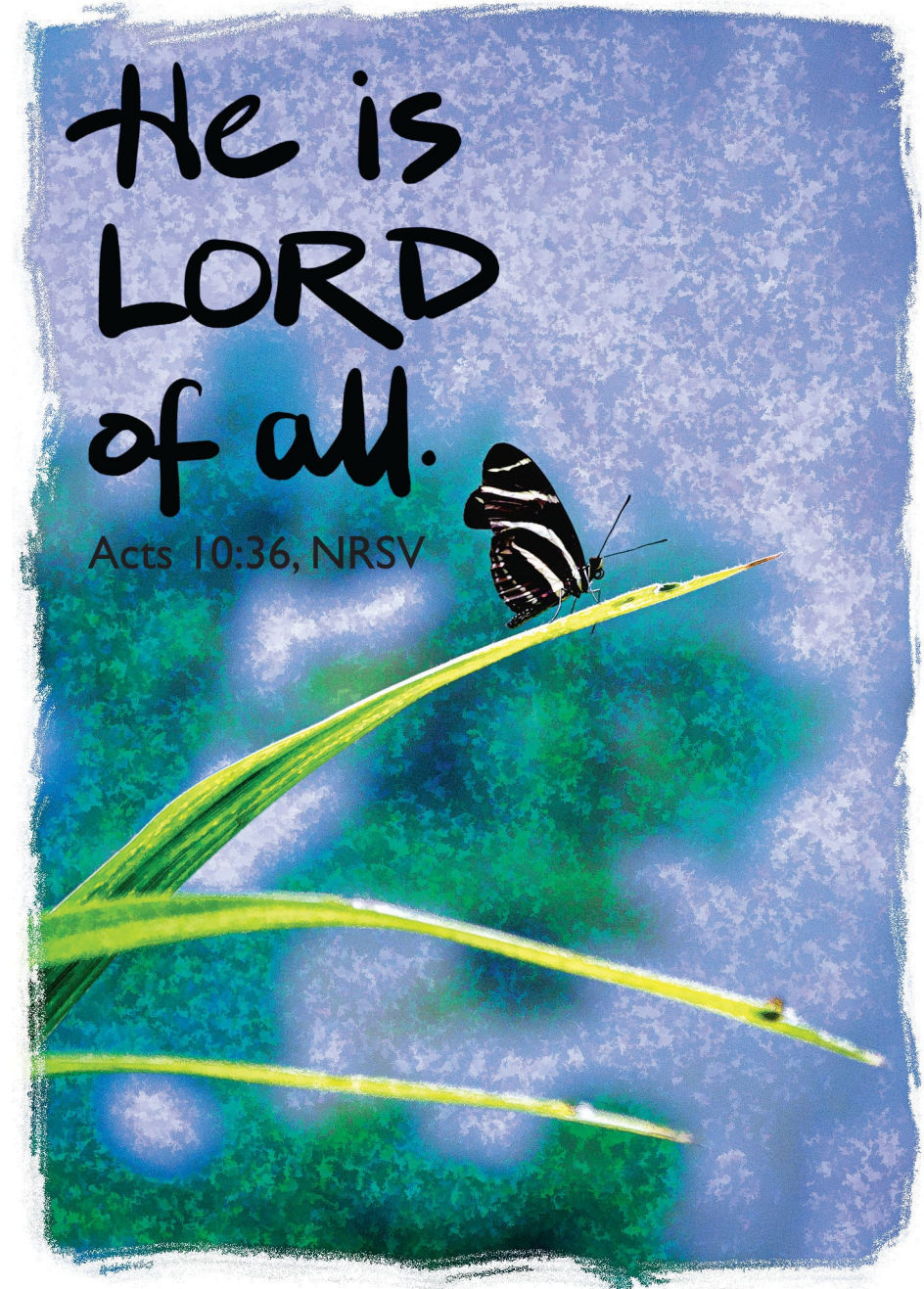
LITURGISTS: Stewart Baggett - Chapel
Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Randell and Laura Drayne- Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Nic and Jenny Clemmer - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Jane Boyd

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by Virginia Wooten
in loving memory of Lionel "Gene" Wooten.

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
Oct. 23, 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 ~ Sam Barbour

PRELUDE Meditation on “Let Us Build a House” Alice Sanders

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: What a beautiful thing to be called to worship!

People: **What a gift to come together in praise!**

Leader: We are different people with different lives and different stories.

People: **But, in Christ, we are one.**

Leader: So, as one, we come and worship our God.

People: **As one, we set aside our differences, and we focus on our shared identity in Christ.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 170 “You Walk along Our Shoreline”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we act as if being in your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We confuse unity with uniformity and diversity with divisiveness. We are prone to make snap judgments and form quick opinions. We look for differences that let us exclude rather than celebrating each other's uniqueness. We are reluctant to face our own faults. We want to view others from a Christ-like perspective, but we do not know how. Release your mercy through us. Remind us of our connectedness to one another and to you. Let your joy grow among us...

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Know that God loves you no matter what you’ve done. You’ve just asked forgiveness from the God who promises to have mercy on you. As you give, so shall you receive. We are a forgiving people because we are God’s people. In Christ’s name, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 10:34-48*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 14:7-14*

SERMON “The Game God Won’t Play: Favoritism” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 301 “Let Us Build a House”
(All Are Welcome)

*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)

“Great God of Every Blessing”

No.694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful, loving care,
You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
sincerely and completely, I offer you my heart.*

(11:00)

“Holy Spirit, Make Us One True Family”

Joseph Martin
Text: M. Davis

*Holy Spirit, we are gathered and called in the name of Jesus.
Holy Spirit, breathe within us, may we find each other in your holiness.
You have formed us in your image; in Christ Jesus we all are the same to you, Lord.
May we find you in each other; may we lift each other into unity.
Holy Father, every nation who will fear you will kneel down before your throne.
Holy Father, all who seek you will find peace, united as one in your name.
In the power of Jesus Christ we are made one family, in the Spirit of the Lord,
in Christ made one. In God’s Kingdom everlasting, we are born in unity.
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit, we are called, we are gathered within your love.
Holy Spirit, breathe within us; may we share communion in your family,
Reborn as children of eternity, ever free, in your grace.
Holy Spirit, breathe within us; make us one true family of holiness.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Holy God, every act of giving and every perfect gift is born of you. It is in response to that love that we bring our offerings. Use them - and us - to advance the gospel of peace. For Christ’s sake. Amen.

THE SENDING

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

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE
8:45
11:00

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”
“Recessional”

arr. Lloyd Larson
Robert Paoli

*Those who are able please stand