

*Serving Today*

**LITURGISTS:** Mark Davis - Chapel  
Gerry Morie - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Olin Babb  
**WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:** Youth Group Members  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Lois Carter - Chapel  
**GREETERS & USHERS:** Tony and Gail Cole - Sanctuary  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Florence Godat

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and presented by Larry, Ellen, Craig, and David  
in loving memory of Catherine Long.  
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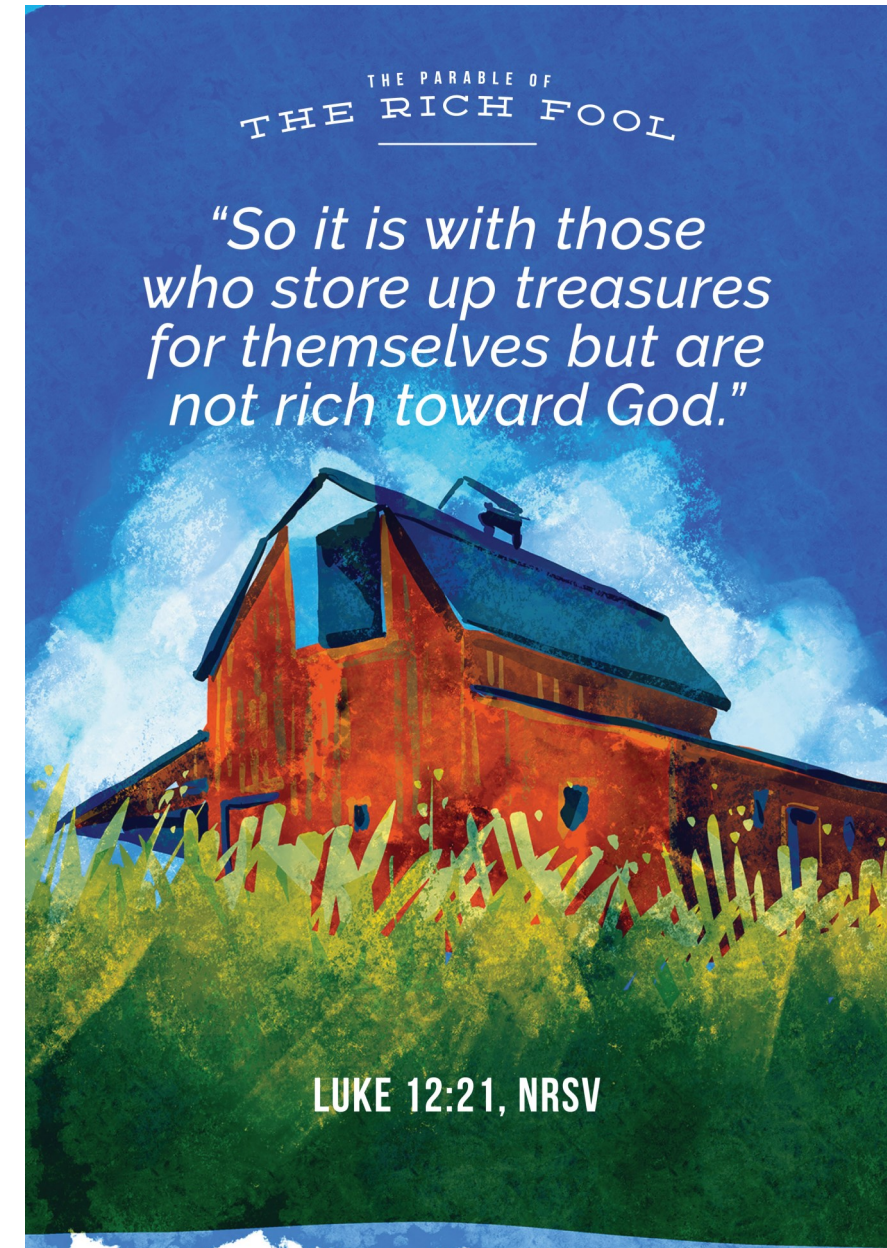
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...*

*Striving to be the hands of Christ*



*Service for the Lord's Day*

Oct. 30, 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 ~ Don Sharitt

PRELUDE  
(8:45)  
(11:00)

“Is Your All on the Altar?”  
“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

arr. Kenon Renfrow  
arr. Cor Kee

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are people of God’s amazing love.

People: **We are here to love others as we are loved and to celebrate God’s love for all the world.**

Leader: We are people of God’s mercy.

People: **We are here to forgive others as we have been forgiven.**

Leader: We are people of God’s incredible joy.

People: **We are here to sing and give God glory and praise.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, you who hold us so gently, teach us the art of letting go of anything that keeps us from sharing the gifts that you have given us. We clutch to our possessions until they begin to possess us. We saddle relationships with unrealistic expectations. Lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing trust in your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, and sharing from our plenty....** *(silent prayer)*

KYRIE

D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: There is nothing you can do to make God love you more, and there is nothing you can do to make God love you less. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Receive the reality of God's eternal love and live as Christ's new creation!

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*I Timothy 6:17-19*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 19:16-30*

SERMON

“Stewardship, the Jesus Way”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 175

“Seek Ye First”

\*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)

“Lord of All Good”

***Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
that our whole life is offered to your will.***

***Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.***

(11:00)

“Celebrate the Day”

***(During the singing of the Offertory, you are invited to come forward to present your pledges and offerings)***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you have withheld no good gift from us, pouring out your love, mercy, joy, and peace. Thank you for giving us all that truly matters. In gratitude we offer you the fruits of our labor and our hearts. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 710

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

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Someone’s Singing, Lord, Kum Ba Yah”

arr. John Behnke

\*Those who are able please stand