Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel

Susan Davis - Sanctuary

SOUND: WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Olin Babb

Youth Group Members Don Thompson - Chapel **GREETERS & USHERS:**

Peter and Cindy Gale - Sanctuary **GREETERS & USHERS:**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson **FLOWER DELIVERY:** Mary Glenn Lively

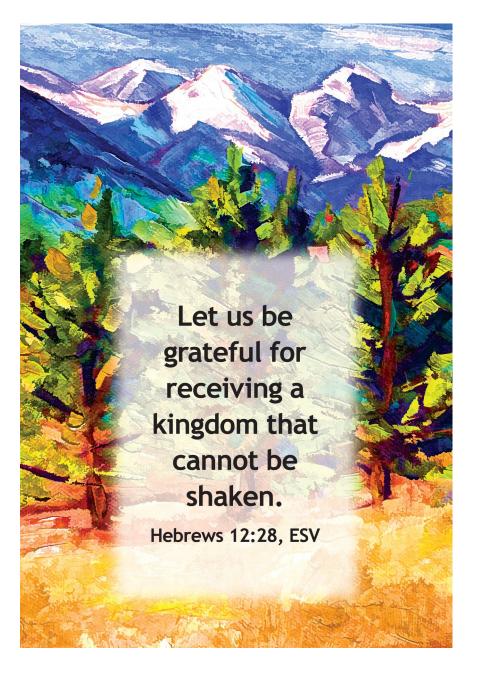
THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and presented by Julia West in loving memory of her husband, Martin Lacy West.

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 November 13, 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 MISSION ~ Congregational Fellowship & Nurture Committee

Claudia Mihovk

"Fanfare and Variations on NICAEA"

Piet Post

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Prelude

Leader: We come into the presence of the Holy God,

People: Who may not be grasped, but may be gazed upon

Leader: Who is not easily understood but is full of understanding

People: Who doesn't come at our beck and call but who is always near

Leader: We gather as God's children

People: In confident assurance that God is here.

*Hymn of Praise no.1

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Thus says the Lord, "I am the Lord, and there is no other; beside me there is no God."

People: So God says, and so we believe. Yet we do follow others: the gods of appetite and passion, state and status, group and self. There is only one Lord and yet much else lords it over our lives: terrors, anger, hatreds, jealousies, lusts of position and selfish satisfaction. Forgive us, our one and only God, and help us to swear our loyalty to you and only to you. Amen... (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 is always with and for us. God is always there to forgive us, to comfort and heal us, to restore us and guide us. Know now that God's love is being poured out upon us right now in this moment of time.

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 Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Exodus 19: 16-25, 20: 18-21*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 12: 18-29

SERMON "Meet the Real God" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*Hymn of Response No. 613

"O Lord, Our Lord"

(Once through, then choir interlude:

"Great are you Lord, and worthy of glory! Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise. Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice: Great are You, Lord! Great are You, Lord!... then All: "O Lord, our Lord")

*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

"God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending"

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door: Gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.

(11:00)

"Holy Lord God, Beyond All Knowing"

T. Tallis; text, M. Davis

Holy Lord God, beyond all knowing, a blazing fire in darkness, a voice of fury resounding through the earth.

A trumpet of piercing holy thunder. Holy Author of truth, in awe, we bow down in humble reverence.

Lord, have mercy on us. Holy Savior, claim us.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of grace, it is our delight and our devotion to give these gifts to you. All we are and all we have are yours alone. Accept this joyful offering as a token of our abiding love: use it to bring peace, justice and comfort to all the world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*Hymn of Dedication no. 10

"Sing Glory to the Name of God"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45 11:00 "How Majestic is Your Name" "Holy, Holy, Holy"

arr. Fred Bock arr. Robert Hughes