

Serving Today

ORGANIST/PIANIST: Carolyn McPherson
LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
Lynetta Johnson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
GREETERS & USHERS: Mark and Kim Plemmons - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Laura Drayne

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Anne Hadden
by Morris, Rob, Shelley, Emma, Evey and Grant Hadden.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...
Striving to be the hands of Christ*



Service of the Lord's Day
January 15, 2023
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

(8:45)
(11:00)

(Selections)
“Thine Is the Glory”

Carolyn McPherson
G.F. Handel/M. Gaspard

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

People: **He emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in our likeness.**

Leader: He humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even to death on a cross.

People: **So God exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. That at his name every knee shall bow in heaven and on earth and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 268

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you desire that your Son, our Savior, have first place in everything in our lives. Yet, we so easily relegate him to a lesser place, choosing to live for ourselves and apart from you. We seek your assistance and strength only when we face trouble. Forgive us and free us from our selfishness. Open our hearts to his reign over all things, for in his name we pray.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

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

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Out of the depths of his eternal love for us, God hears our prayers, forgives our sins and sets us free to live and work for God's glory.

People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

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.

No. 581

PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 1:15-20

GOSPEL READING

John 1:6-18

SERMON

“Above All”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 626

“As the Deer”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Great God of Every Blessing”

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.

Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

(11:00)

“Above All”

Baloche/LeBlanc

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

From your fullness, God, we have received grace upon grace. May we resist the impulse to live for ourselves instead of for others. May we choose generosity over greed and humility over influence. We pray in the name of the One you sent to save us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 629

“Lead On, O King Eternal!”

*CHARGE AND BENECTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“And the Glory of the Lord”

G.F. Handel/L. Smith

*Those who are able please stand