

Serving Today

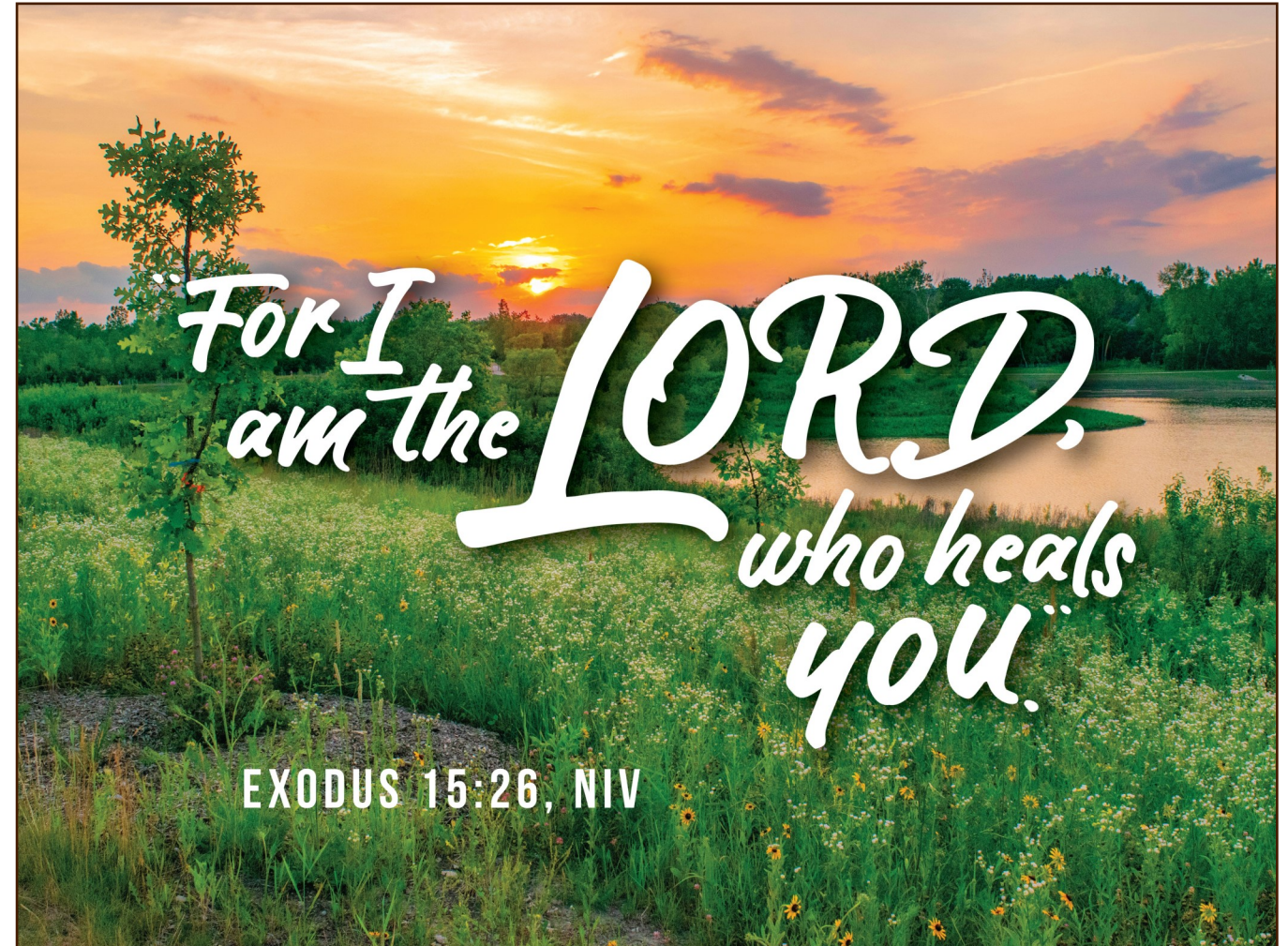
LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Candi Harker

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are given by Claudia Mihovk
in memory of her parents John and Bea Mihovk
and nephew Tim Noles.

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 22, 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ Grab N Go Breakfast Ministry (11:00)

Sarah Good

PRELUDE

8:45

“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

arr. Lloyd Larson

11:00

Selections from *Six Sketches on English Folksongs*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

John Alan Smith, cello

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We have gathered here to worship God.

People: **We have come as isolated individuals with our pains and confusion, with our apathy and pride, and our anger and fears.**

Leader: Some of us come to rest or relax, to leave behind a busy schedule.

People: **Some of us come with feelings of rejection and doubts about whether we are acceptable.**

Leader: We all bring our prejudices and biases.

People: **But we come, open to worship the God who can make us whole.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 409

“God is Here!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we struggle to pray because we fear that we don’t know how. We worry about saying the wrong things. We try to sort the good from the bad in our lives and become tongue-tied. We can lift up the concerns closest to us, yet feel guilty as we forget the needs of others. We lift up the sick and the suffering, the hungry and the helpless, and yet we neglect our own aches. You who came to love us, heal us, and to make us whole, hear our prayer. Give us voices to pray and sing, ears to hear your truth, all in the name of Jesus the Christ.
(silent prayer)

KYRIE

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

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is the Creator who calls forth light out of darkness. God is the One who makes all things new. Go and share the Good News of God’s love, forgiveness, healing, and restoration.

People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

(Refrain)

***Praise to our Holy God; praise to His loving Son; praise to His Spirit who fills us with grace!
Healed and redeemed, we become Christ’s own Body, freed to God’s service in lives filled with praise!***

PEACE OF CHRIST

CONFIRMATION

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 5:13-18

GOSPEL READING

Mark 2:1-11

SERMON

“Beyond the Obvious to the Less Obvious”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 797

“We Cannot Measure How You Heal”

*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)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

***Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount, I’m fixed upon it, mount of God’s redeeming love.***

***O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.***

(11:00)

“Hope in Me”

T. Johnson

Tammie Davis, violin; John Alan Smith, cello

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Dear God, may our giving and living be in Christ Jesus. May our lives be renewed as we give, live, and serve your purposes. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 302

“When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

arr. Larry Shackley

11:00

“Break Forth into Joy”

J.S. Bach, arr. Van Thompson