

Serving Today

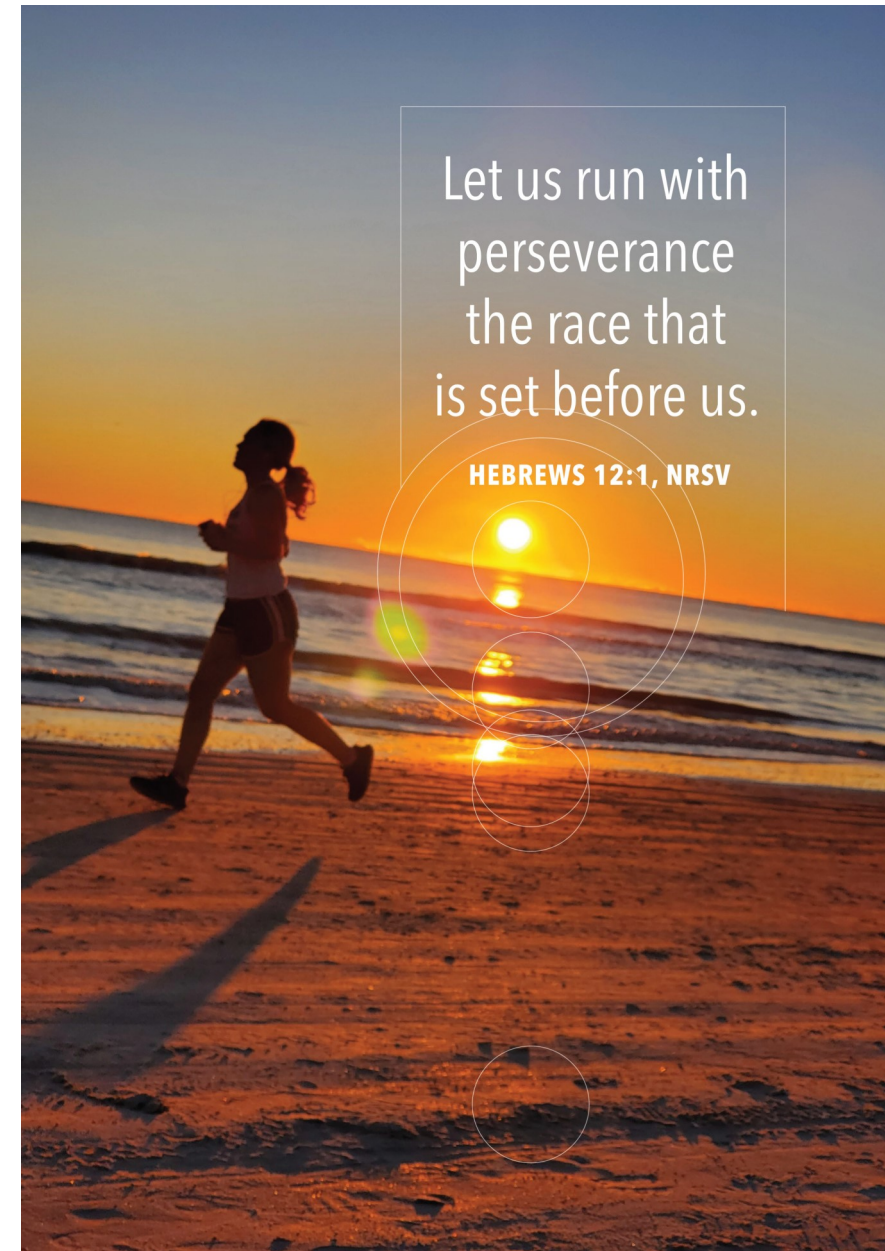
LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
Allen Wright- Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Mary Ruth

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in memory of loved ones
by Dan and Dee Dee Dietrich.

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 29, 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 Improvisation on "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Alice Sanders
11:00 "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" Spiritual, arr. Raymond H. Haan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God visits us and restores us to the community of faith.

People: **In our pain, suffering, and loss, God bears us up on eagles' wings.**

Leader: We assemble with high expectations that God has much good in store for us.

People: **The good gifts God bestows on us are for our use in reaching out to others. We want to use our talents in the service of Jesus.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 634

"To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we long to grow to spiritual maturity, to be weaned from the elementary teachings of faith. We desire to live as disciples who can be entrusted with the full measure of the gospel. We confess that we often avoid such growth. We would rather remain comfortable than embrace the pain of change. We pretend that complacency and maintaining the status quo is something other than a slow death. Forgive us, Lord. Renew within us the commitment to be fully alive to you, to ourselves and to one another as mature followers of Christ.

KYRIE

"Seek Ye First"

Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me; forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.
(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus came to forgive us, to redeem us, and to restore us to a full relationship with God. In Christ, we are truly forgiven!

People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

*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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 9:24-27

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 23: 1-12

SERMON

"Training Versus Trying"

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 458

"The Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

*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)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Be thou my vision, illumine my heart; bind me to follow thee, never to part; Sight of thy righteousness, fill now mine eyes; strengthen my striving for thy heavenly prize.

Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; High King of Heaven, my victory won; my heart I offer, O bright heaven's Sun!

(11:00)

"Be Thou My Vision"

arr. H. Sorenson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, may we know that as we give and share, others come to know you in our lives and our love. Direct our steps in discipleship and renew our devotion to you so that through our church we might be generous in love to a world in great need. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 432

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

"Hornpipe in D Major"

John S. Dixon

*Those who are able please stand