

THE SENDING

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have made us to be your people in your own image. We are members of Christ and dedicate ourselves to becoming one in spirit with him. Take our gifts and use them to your glory. Amen.

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 726

“The Summons”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

11:00

“A Winter Carol”

“We Three Kings”

Boris Berlin

arr. Alfred Fedak

Serving Today

LITURGISTS:

Cheryl Rice - Chapel
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary

SOUND:

Bob Stoots

WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY:

Youth Group Members

GREETERS & USHERS:

Cliff and Donna Marchion - Chapel

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:

Russ Pearson

FLOWER DELIVERY:

Lorrie Cooper

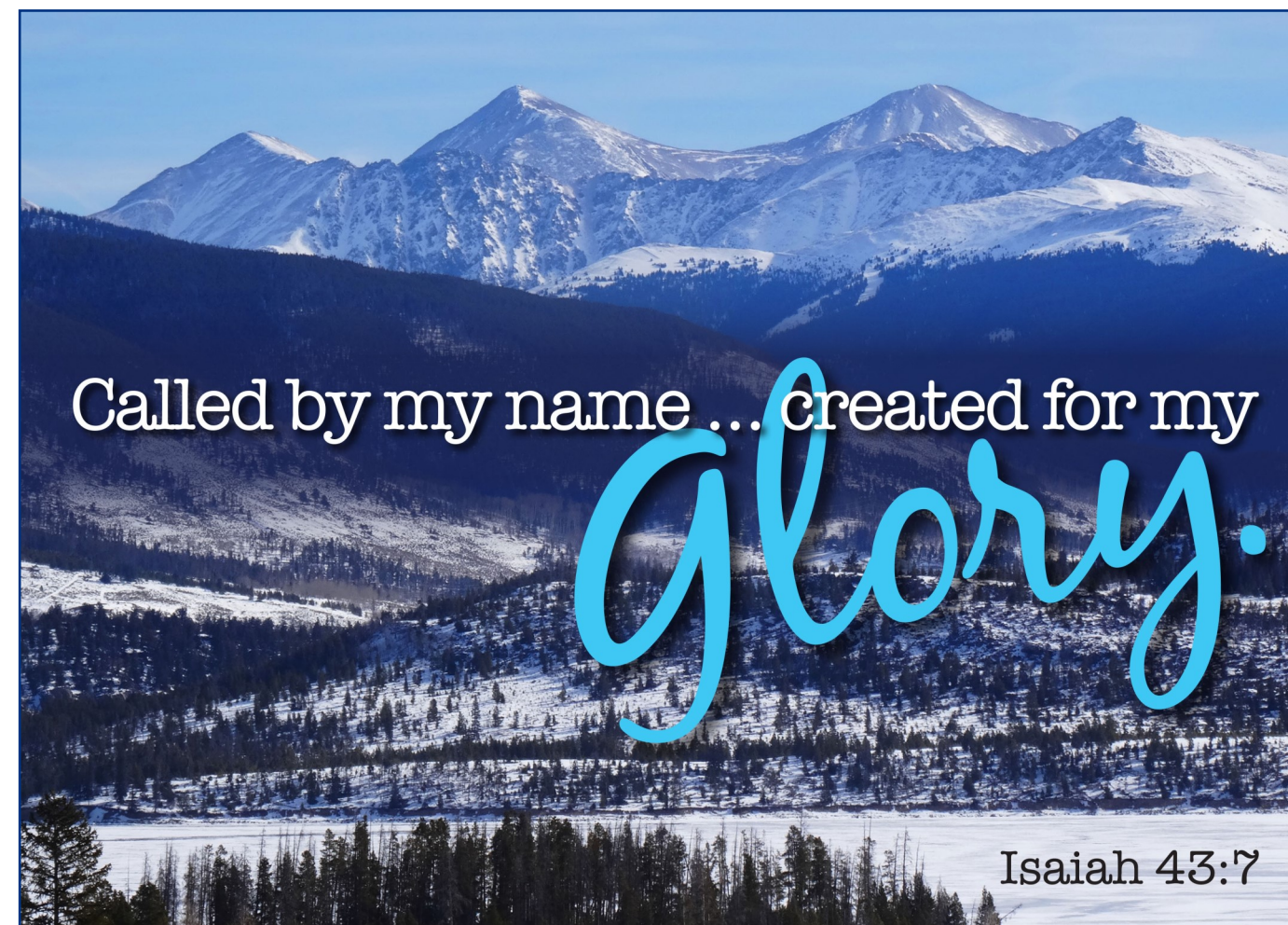
THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Jim and Gertrude Davis
from Jamie, Tammie, Andy and Scott.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

Seeking to see the face of Christ...

Striving to be the hands of Christ



Ordination Sunday
Baptism of the Lord
January 8, 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 "Improvisation on Christ, Be Our Light" Alice B. Sanders

EPIPHANY INTROIT "Christ, Be Our Light"

*Refrain: Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.*

*Vs. Light of the world, piercing the darkness; Light of the star, drawing us near.
Throughout the earth, we join the Magi, seeking your Kingdom's dawn. (Refrain)*

*Vs. Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice! (Refrain)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is great and awesome.

People: **In the light of God's great gift in Jesus Christ,**

Leader: Let us join together in joyous celebration.

People: **Our God is a wondrous God, and in this season of light and hope,
we worship and give God praise.**

*HYMN OF WORSHIP No. 610 "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we say we follow you, but our actions and inactions prove otherwise. We live for what we want, not what you want for us. We have not followed Jesus' example of selflessness. We have looked after our own interests and ignored the needs of our neighbors. Turn our hearts. Forgive us, O God, and instill a new and right spirit within us.
(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 merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: **Alleluia, Amen!**

*SUNG RESPONSE (tune: Star of wonder, star of light")
*Praise we sing to God above; praise God's Son, incarnate love.
Joined as one in new creation, praise the Spirit, heavenly Dove!*

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING *I Timothy 1:12-17*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE READING *Matthew 16:13-20*

SERMON "Keeping the Main Thing, the Main Thing" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 69 (8:45) "Here I Am, Lord"

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (11:00)

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.

In baptism, each of these people were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.

We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular call to our brothers and sisters.

There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.

There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.

God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God's purpose that is accomplished.

To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.

Together we are the body of Christ,

And individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation

Constitutional Questions to the Elders and Deacons

Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles' Creed

Prayer of Installation and Ordination

Declaration of Ordination and Installation and Charge

Welcome of Newly Installed Deacons and Elders

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 69 (11:00) "Here I Am, Lord"

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(11:00) As directed, please come forward in the center aisle to receive your elements, and carry them back to your pew by the side aisle. We will partake together as led.

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER

THE SENDING

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

"Is He Worthy?"

A. Peterson/B. Shive

*Do you feel the world is broken?... **We do.** Do you feel the shadows deepen?... **We do.**
But do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?... **We do.**
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?... **We do.***

*Is all creation groaning?... **It is.** Is a new creation coming?... **It is.***

*Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?... **It is.***

*Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?... **It is.***

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole? Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah, Who conquered the grave, He is David's Root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy of all blessing and honor and glory? Is He worthy of this?... **He is.***

*Does the Father truly love us?... **He does.** Does the Spirit move among us?... **He does.***

*And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves?... **He does.***

*Does our God intend to dwell again with us?... **He does.***

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