

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Steve Miller - Sanctuary
SOUND: Andrew Hagan
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Fran Sellers and are
presented by her family.

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
February 12, 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 (11:00) ~ Property Committee

Tony Cole

PRELUDE

8:45

“Kumbayah”

arr. Anne Britt

11:00

“Prayer”

George Walker

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: All you who would be friends and neighbors, let us all learn from the example of Jesus.

People: **The care and concern of Jesus for others were founded on the love of God.**

Leader: Let us offer God praise and worship God in spirit and truth.

People: **Let us give to God our joy and our lives.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, your mission for us is to love one another with the love of Christ, yet we fall short of fulfilling this mission. We respond to one another with anger and impatience, fear and suspicion, intolerance and hatred rather than with love. Your love has the power to tear down walls of division, mistrust and misunderstanding. Forgive us when we fail to be the disciples Jesus has challenged us to be. May the love we experience in Christ transform our lives so that we may reach out to share it with others.

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: God knows the pain of this world. God knows how hard it is to love, even though he so loved the world that he sent Jesus, not to condemn the world but to save it. Receive the good news: In Jesus Christ you are 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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 13:1-13

GOSPEL READING

Luke 8:27-36

SERMON

“If I Have Not Love”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 693

“Though I May Speak”

*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)

“O Perfect Love”

O perfect love, all human thoughts transcending, lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne, That we may grasp the depth and height unending of Thy pure love which seals us as Thine own. Grant us the love which heals and lessens sorrow; grant us to reach in love to those in need. Lord, may our gifts, our lives o’erflow with blessing, Thy Kingdom come, in love all captives freed.

(11:00)

“Give Us Love”

S. Pethel

Love is kind and suffers long, Love is meek and thinks no wrong, there is nothing quite as strong; Lord, please give us love. Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day. Love will ever with us stay; Lord, please give us love. Give us love and fill us so, that the world will surely know, we belong to you; Help us love the way you taught us to. Faith will vanish into sight, hope be emptied in delight; Love in heaven will shine more bright; Lord, please give us love. Faith and hope with love we see, Joining hand in hand agree; but the greatest of the three surely must be love; give us love, give us love.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts, God, as testimonies of our love for you and our desire to serve you. Let our offerings be an affirmation that we are bound to one another as your people. In your name we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“This Little Light of Mine”

arr. Bradley Sowash

11:00

“I’m Just a Poor Wayfarin’ Stranger”

arr. Eurydice V. Osterman

**Those who are able please stand*