

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

LITURGIST: Mark Plemmons
SOUND: Andrew Hagan
WORSHIP TECHNOLOGY: Youth Group Members
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Carolyn Doerfert

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD



Communion Sunday

February 5, 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 ~ Congregational Fellowship & Nurture

Richard Meyer

PRELUDE “May Be the Last Time, I Don’t Know” †

Spiritual/slave song
arr. William Farley Smith

*May be the las’ time we eat...drink...shout...pray together.
May be the las’ time, I don’t know.
Eatin’ of the bread and drinkin’ of the wine.
May be the las’ time, I don’t know.*

from “Slave Songs of the Georgia Sea Islands”, pub. 1942

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

We are the salt of the earth.

We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

We are the light of the world.

We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

The law of God is to love God and to love one another.

Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

Come, let us love one another with the love of God. Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus.

*GATHERING SONG NO. 401

“Here in This Place”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, we have asked for your righteous judgement against others,
but we have not acknowledged the sin in our own lives.**

We have worshiped you with our lips, but have dishonored you with our actions.

We have prayed for you to end suffering in our world,

yet we have not practiced compassion and generosity toward others.

Our religion has become the source of quarreling rather than a testimony to your grace.

Forgive our self-righteousness and give us integrity of heart,

that we may shine forth the light of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(silent prayer)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*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

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 5: 13-16

SERMON

“Be the Salt and the Light”

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Study Catechism: Confirmation Version*

Question 3: How do you live for the love of God?

I love because God first loved me. Amazed by grace, I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 526

“Let us Talents and Tongues Employ”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

(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 AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Lord of All Good”

(No. 711)

*Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love, and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.*

*We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.*

(11:00)

“Order My Steps”

G. Burleigh/J. Shrader

*Order my steps in your Word, dear Lord, lead me, guide me every day. Send your anointing, Father, I pray.
Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word.*

*Humbly I ask Thee, teach me your will, while You are working, help me be still. Though Satan is busy,
God is real! Order my steps in your Word, please, order my steps in your Word!*

*I want to walk worthy, walk worthy, Lord, my calling to fulfill. Please order my steps, Lord, order my steps,
and I’ll do your blessed will. The world is ever changing, yes, changing, Lord, but You are still the same.
If You order my steps, I’ll praise your name.*

*Order my steps in your Word, order my tongue in your Word, guide my feet in your Word, wash my heart,
O Lord, in your Word. Show me how to walk in your Word, show me how to talk in your Word.*

*When I need a brand new song to sing, show me how to let your praises ring in your Word, your Word, in your
Word, your Word. Please, order my steps in your Word...*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 744

“Arise Your Light is Come!”

*CHARGE AND BENECTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Over My Head, I Hear Music in the Air”

Spiritual, arr. Richard Proulx

11:00

Toccata on “Great Day, the Righteous Marching”

Adolphus Hailstork

† During the month of February, Black History Month, Alice’s prelude and postlude selections will feature music either based on African American spirituals, or composed by Black composers.