

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Jim Amstutz - Sanctuary
SOUND: Gary Hallen
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Kim Alvis

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in honor of her children and grandchildren
by Claudia Byrd.

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

March 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

PRELUDE

8:45

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

arr. L. Larson

11:00

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love”

folk song from Ghana,
arr. W. McNair

INTROIT (11:00)

“Jesus Christ, You Are Here Among Us”

John Bell

Children of FPC, hand chimes

*Jesus Christ, Jesus Christ, you are here among us.
Thank you for every sign showing that you love us.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the time

People: **To wake from our sleeping, to throw off our fears, and to discard our excuses.**

Leader: Now is the time

People: **To walk toward freedom, to believe in new life, and to turn away from dead ends,**

Leader: Now is the time

People: **To live new possibilities, to sing new songs, and to open our hearts to our awesome God.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 65

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess our faltering steps and the many times we have turned away from you. Forgive us the ease with which we ignore you. Help us to recognize and accept your guiding hand. God, forgive us our fears that cause us to reject your call upon our lives. Free us from the compulsions that move us away from you. Give us grace for daily living, that in this time of renewal, we may discover the joy and peace of your presence. Amen. (silent prayer)

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.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: As Paul tells us, “God who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ even when we were dead in our transgressions. It is by grace we have been saved.” Believe the good news of the Gospel.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“The Gift of Love”

***Our Father, hear the praise we sing; now to your Son our lives we bring;
Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire; fill all our deeds with holy fire.***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Joshua 5: 8-12

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 10: 1-12

SERMON

“Camp Gilgal”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
(The Summons)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Spirit of the Living God”

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the living God, move within my soul. Holy Spirit, breath of God, heal and make me whole.
Take me; use me; come, invade me; make my life an offering, wholly unto Thee.***

(11:00)

“Set My Spirit Free”

P. Choplin

*Lord, I lift up my soul; how I yearn for holy peace. Lord, I lift up my soul; come and set my spirit free...
When I’m troubled, I will call, for I know you’ll answer me. Lord, I lift up my soul; come and set my spirit free.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Lord is our Shepherd, we shall not want. As we live in such a faith, may we be empowered to share our resources in a generous way. May we learn the joys of giving as well as receiving. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 751

“From the Nets of Our Labor”
(We Will Rise Up and Follow)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

arr. R. Porter

11:00

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

arr. P. Manz

**Those who are able please stand*