

Serving Today

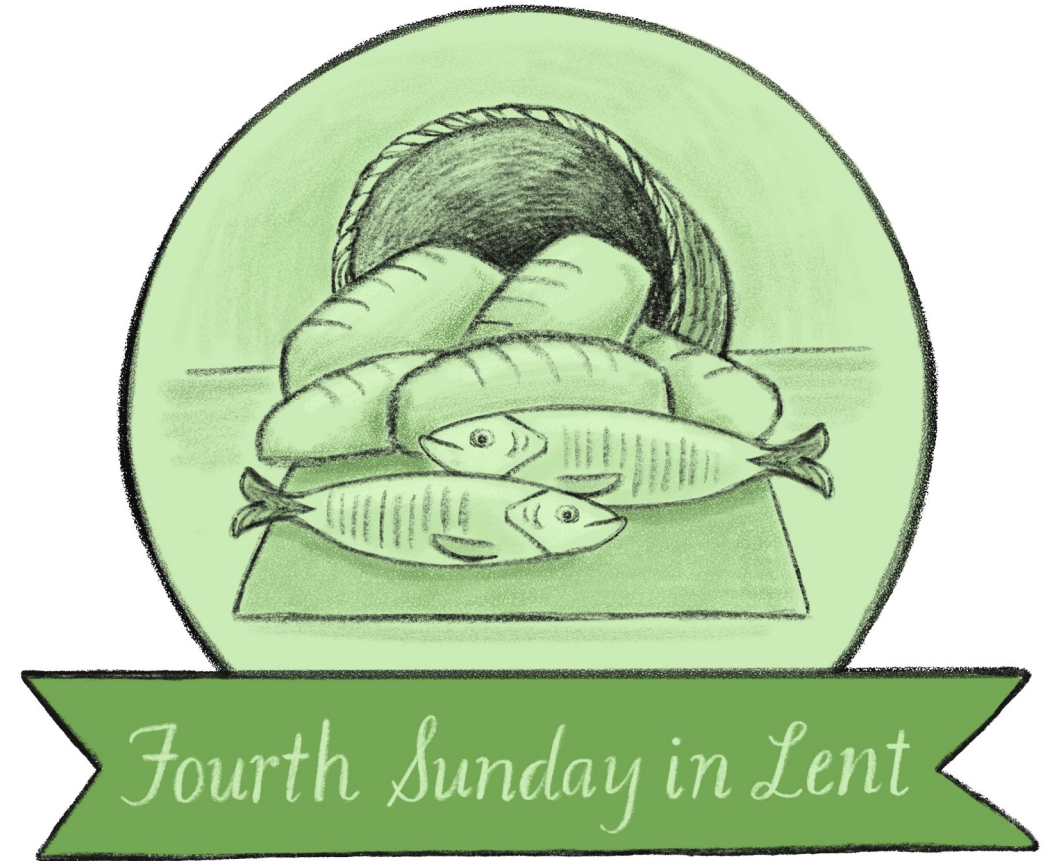
LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
SOUND: Gary Hallen
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Tonya McInturff

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in memory of David Gronbeck
by Mitch and Greta Robinette.

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 19, 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 WORSHIP ~ Mark Plemmons

PRELUDE

8:45

“Brother James Air”

arr. Larry Shackley

11:00

Hymn Medley

Anson Hagan, mandolin

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: In turbulent times, when the knot of fear tightens,

People: **Take heart, trust God and step out.**

Leader: When doubt needles us and despair encircles us,

People: **Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and walk on.**

Leader: As depression threatens to sink us and grief tries to bury us,

People: **Take heart, trust God, follow Jesus and sing your song.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 839

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that what we say we believe and what we do are often not the same. We say that you are good, yet we are quick to blame you when discomfort and turmoil arises. We say that you love us, but we act as if your will for our lives cannot be trusted. We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we keep carrying the burdensome baggage of our past. We claim that you are a faithful God, yet we are riddled with anxiety, fear, and impatience. Forgive us, Lord. Help us to close the gap between what we say we believe and the truth that our lives reveal.

(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: Friends, the mercy of Jesus Christ covers all your sin and is from everlasting to everlasting. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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

Psalm 4

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 17:6-19

SERMON

“Hand Over the Remote”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 468

“In My Life , Lord, Be Glorified”

*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)

“Prayer of Peace”

J. Narvarud

John Alan Smith, cello

*O day of God, draw nigh in beauty and in power; come with thy timeless judgement now, to match our present hour.
Dear Lord, bring to our troubled minds, uncertain and afraid, the quiet of a steadfast faith, the calm of a call obeyed.*

*Bring justice to our land, that all may dwell secure, and finely build for days to come foundations that endure.
Dear Lord, dear Lord, hear our prayer, and grant us peace.*

*Bring to our world of strife thy sovereign word of peace, that war may haunt the earth no more! And desolation cease.
Dear Lord. O day of God, draw nigh as at creation’s birth; please Lord, let there be light again,
and set thy judgements on the Earth. Amen, Amen.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you abound in faithfulness, mercy, and love toward us. We count it a joy and a sacred gift to share with others what you have given to us. Receive the offerings of our hearts and lives that your name may be hallowed, your gospel proclaimed and your kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 840

“When Peace like a River”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

Postlude on a Welsh Hymn Tune

Larry Shackley

11:00

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy”

Early American Hymn Tune

John Alan Smith, cello

**Those who are able please stand*