

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
SOUND: Gary Hallen
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Patty Pendleton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Mary Ann Morie
by the Morie 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

March 26, 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 ~ Outreach Committee

PRELUDE Benedictus (from The Armed Man: A Mass for Peace)

INTROIT (11:00) “Jesus Christ, You Are Here Among Us”
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: The road to the cross may be steep and we may lose our way -

People: **Journey on and listen for inner direction.**

Leader: The path may be rocky and there are twists and turns -

People: **Walk lightly and follow closely.**

Leader: There is danger and risk -

People: **Be alert and stay focused.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 22

“God of the Sparrow”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, Lord of history and our lives, we confess that we often doubt your ability to work in the world. We wonder where you are and disbelieve that anything good could happen. We are short of hope, tired of doing good and skeptical of miracles. Holy God, as we travel through Lent, let our trust deepen in your promises and our eyes be opened to the unexpected signs of your love and grace.

(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: God gives us opportunities each day to start afresh. Through God’s Spirit we are empowered to celebrate life fully and to appreciate all the gifts of life. God, in this moment, may we be empowered to begin again filled with assurance and hope.

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

Judges 7:2-8, 19-23

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 9:51-56

SERMON

“Victory Disguised as Defeat”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 203

“Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*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)

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow’rs your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

(11:00)

“The Lamb”

P. Orem

*Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee? Gave thee life and bid thee feed by the
stream and o’er the mead; gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing, woolly, bright; gave thee such
a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice? Little lamb, who made thee? Dost thou know who made thee?*

*Little lamb, I’ll tell thee. Little lamb, I’ll tell thee. He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a lamb;
He is meek and he is mild; he became a little child. I a child, and thou a lamb, we are called by his name.
Little lamb, God bless thee. Little lamb, God bless thee.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, as we follow Christ on the path of obedience, we are reminded of your desire for us to be faithful. Take these gifts and may they become for us an act of faith in your gracious love. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”
(The Servant Song)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Anon. tune, arr. Melody Bober

11:00

“The Humble Heart”

arr. Robert Lau

(Shaker Hymn)

**Those who are able please stand*