

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Don Sharitt - Chapel
Mark Plemmons - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Mark Davis
FLOWER DELIVERY: Sarah Barbour

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Wanda L. Mayberry
by her family.



Communion Sunday

March 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 (11:00) ~ Waverly Road Food Pantry

Pete Lodal

PRELUDE “Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee” (Phrygian melody)

Friedrich Zachau

INTROIT “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: Let no person say in this place, “I do not belong.”

People: **Let no one reply, “I do not deserve to be here.”**

Leader: Hear what the Lord says: “Maintain justice, do what is right, for my righteousness will show a victory.”

People: **Let no one feel despair. The prophet has written: “To all who love my name and become my servants, I shall give joy in my house of prayer.”**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401

“Here in this Place”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we have been a wayward people. We were dead in our sin, and you gave us life. We wandered away from you, becoming exiles, and you rescued us and carried us home. We have been sick, broken and needy, and you restored us. We deserve none of this. We deserve the penalty you bore on our behalf. Your love is so deep, your mercy so wide that you have done for us what we could never do for ourselves. You have made us your own. You have forgiven us and loved us. We receive this gift with gratitude. For the sake of Christ we pray.

(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 FORGIVENESS

Leader: Listen to this good news: God loves us no matter what. Take heart in the knowledge that God's grace is ours. Arise in the knowledge that you are forgiven of your sins and granted new life through Christ our Lord.

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

II Samuel 9: 1-13

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 5: 6-11

SERMON

“A Place at the King’s Table”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*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.

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 769

“For Everyone Born” (vs. 4, SOLO)

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)

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Bread of Life, you have fed us in each soul; Wine of Love, you have cleansed us, made us whole.

Holy Spirit of Christ, claim and seal us as yours alone; by faith we live in your grace.

Lord, we offer ourselves in songs of praise! Lord, inspire us to serve you all our ways!

When we rise with the sun, give us strength for the race we run; Your love fulfilling our days.

(11:00)

“The Potter’s Hand”

D. Zschech/L. Larson

Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, receive these gifts given in your Son's name as we seek to walk in your ways. Use them to bring the healing, kindness and justice of Christ's humble love to all those in need. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 530

“One Bread, One Body”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee” (Major melody)

Johann Pachelbel

*Those who are able please stand