

Serving Today

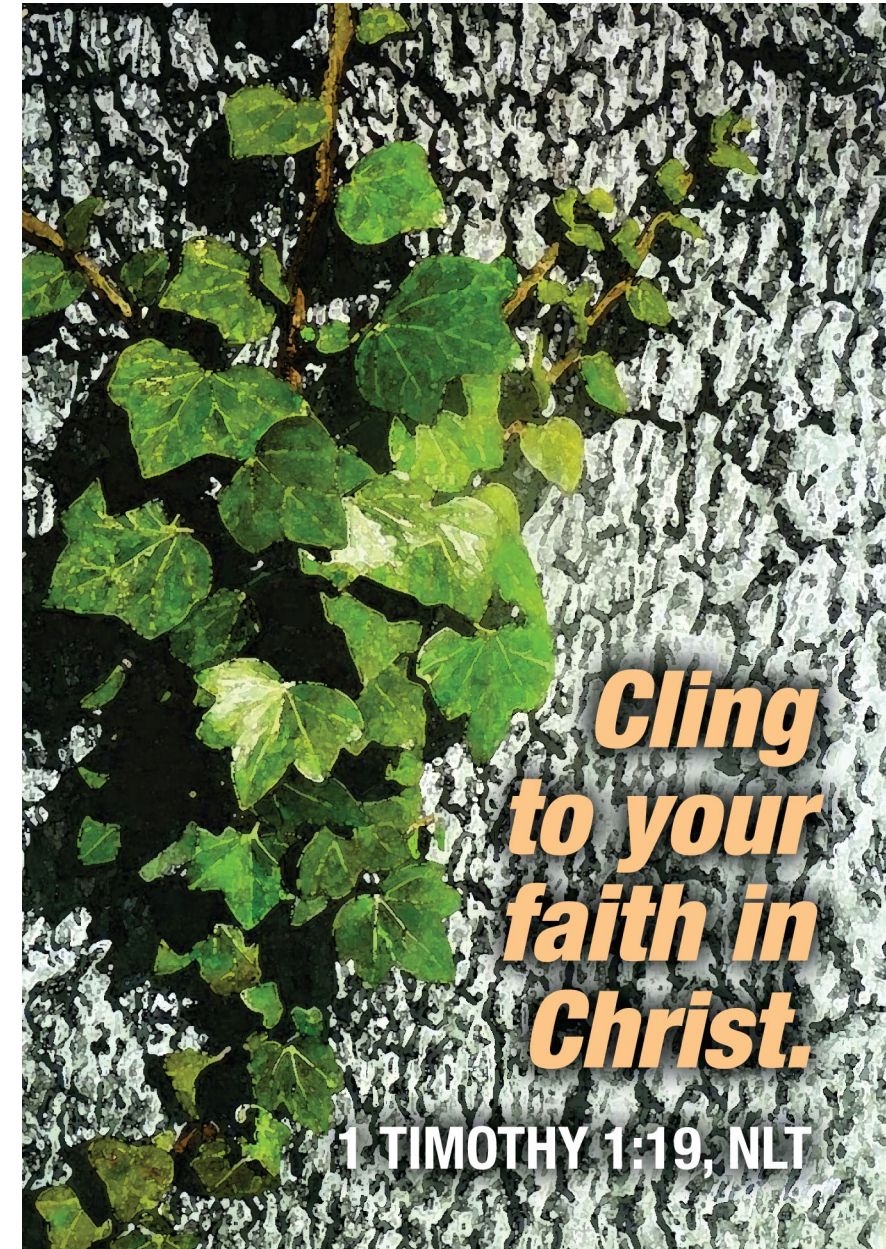
LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Florence Godat

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of
Donald E. Brown and Laura Caroline Brown
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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

April 16, 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 ~ Legacy Sunday

PRELUDE “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

Bill McClure
arr. Michael Cox

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Once there was sadness.

People: **Now we are clothed with Easter joy.**

Leader: Once there was mourning.

People: **Now there is the possibility of rejoicing.**

Leader: Once there were tears and silence.

People: **Now laughter has returned, and the songs of praise!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 246 “Christ Is Alive!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is hard, God, to be faithful, to live at peace with all, and to reflect the glory of creation. A cutting word slips out, a thought of hurting someone lingers in our mind, or a moment's hesitation is felt when compassion was needed. Save us, God, from self-deception. We do make mistakes, but we ask for your forgiveness. We do despair, but you hold us until we can see new hope. We fail in our service to Jesus, but you empower us to try again. Turn us from preoccupation with our own faults and turn us toward your joy so we may walk with courage.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE “O Lord, Hear My Prayer”

***O Lord, hear my prayer, have mercy on me; when I cry, answer me.
In Jesus, who died, my sin crucified; Lord, my hope is in Thee.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus the judge is also the one who was judged and crucified.

He took on the brokenness of the world and redeemed it in his love. In our brokenness we are left clinging to the promise of God’s grace. It is enough. It is abundant. Friends, in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

***Praise we sing to God our Father, Author of eternity;
Praise we sing to Jesus Christ, who conquered death to set us free!
Praise we sing to Holy Spirit, Fire of Life who makes us one;
Praise unites us in God’s call to spread the Kingdom of His Son!***

ODE TO JOY

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *I Timothy 1: 12-17*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *John 21: 1-15*

SERMON “Falling Forward” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 240 “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*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)

“Hymn of Promise” N. Sleeth

***In God’s loving gift of Jesus, I receive God’s mystery;
in His death I am forgiven, in His rising I am free;
in the gift, O Lord, You offer, I now give myself to Thee;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

(11:00) “Come, People of the Risen King” Getty/Townend; arr. Larson

***Come, people of the risen King, who delight to bring Him praise; come, all, and tune your hearts to sing
to the Morning Star of Grace. From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in. Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice! O church of Christ, rejoice!***

***Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night; come, those who tell
of battles won, and those struggling in the fight. For His perfect love will never change,
and His mercies never cease, but follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace.
Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice! One heart, one voice! O church of Christ, rejoice!***

***Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore!
Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Rejoice! Again, I say, rejoice!***

***Come, young and old from every land, men and women of the faith; come, those with full or empty hands,
find the riches of His grace. Over all the world His people sing, shore to shore, we hear them call!
The truth that cries through every age: “Our God is All in All!” Rejoice, rejoice!...***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you have given us the ultimate gift in the death and resurrection of your Son. We humbly offer these gifts to you. Consecrate them to your use — that the ministry of this congregation might serve as a witness to those who still doubt. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 828 “More Love to Thee, O Christ”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE
8:45
11:00

“Lift High the Cross” arr. Larry Shackley
“Recessional in F Major” Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

**Those who are able please stand*