

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...*

*Striving to be the hands of Christ*

## *Serving Today*

<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Margaret Callcott and Ella Miller - Sanctuary
<b>LITURGISTS:</b>	Don Thompson - Chapel Steve Miller - Sanctuary
<b>SOUND:</b>	Dan Dietrich
<b>TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:</b>	Russ Pearson
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	Mary Ruth

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and are presented by Gary and Catherine Tucker  
in loving memory of their mothers:  
Lucille B. Tucker and Doris A. Williams,  
and in honor of all mothers.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 14, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45) “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms” arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00) “Adoration” Florence Price  
With John Alan Smith, cello  
“Rain Down” (2x) ... No.48  
“Our God is an Awesome God” (2x) No.2040 (STF)  
“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High” No.2088 (STF)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: In a world where power is the ultimate high, Jesus did not regard equality with God as something to exploit.  
People: **Instead, he emptied himself of power, claiming the lowly lot of a slave.**  
Leader: In human form he was brought low by death, death on a cross.  
People: **Therefore, God has highly exalted him, and granted him power above all the powers that be!**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts,  
People: **Jesus the Christ is Lord! Hallelujah!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 299 “Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim” (vs.1,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God of empty tombs and empty people: when we hesitate to speak of your hope, forgive us, and give us voice. When we find it difficult to love another, forgive us, and give us compassion. When we want to stand with the high and mighty, forgive us, and put us next to the poor and lowly. When we stay locked behind our fears, forgive us, and send us out to share your grace. When we cannot believe your Word of new life, forgive us, and fill us with your joy.**  
(silent prayer)

KYRIE **Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.** D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Christ comes into every shadowed corner of our lives and gifts us with grace and hope. Christ comes to fill us with peace, that we may proclaim the good news of mercy and forgiveness.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE “Give Thanks”

**Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks, because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!’ Give thanks. Give thanks.**

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Isaiah 53: 8-12*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 6: 8-15, 7:44-60*

SERMON “The Fellowship of the Unashamed” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 69 “Here I Am, Lord”

\*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) “When I Survey”  
**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss; and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all!**  
(11:00) “Be Thou My Vision” arr. H. Sorenson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Come, Holy Spirit, and make all things new. Receive these offerings of our lives and labor and use them to spread the Good News of Christ throughout the earth, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 319 “Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”  
(vs.1,2, then Bridge, then vs.3)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE 8:45 “Let All Things Now Living” arr. Lloyd Larson  
11:00 “How Firm a Foundation” arr. Charles Callahan

*\*Those who are able please stand*