

*Serving Today*

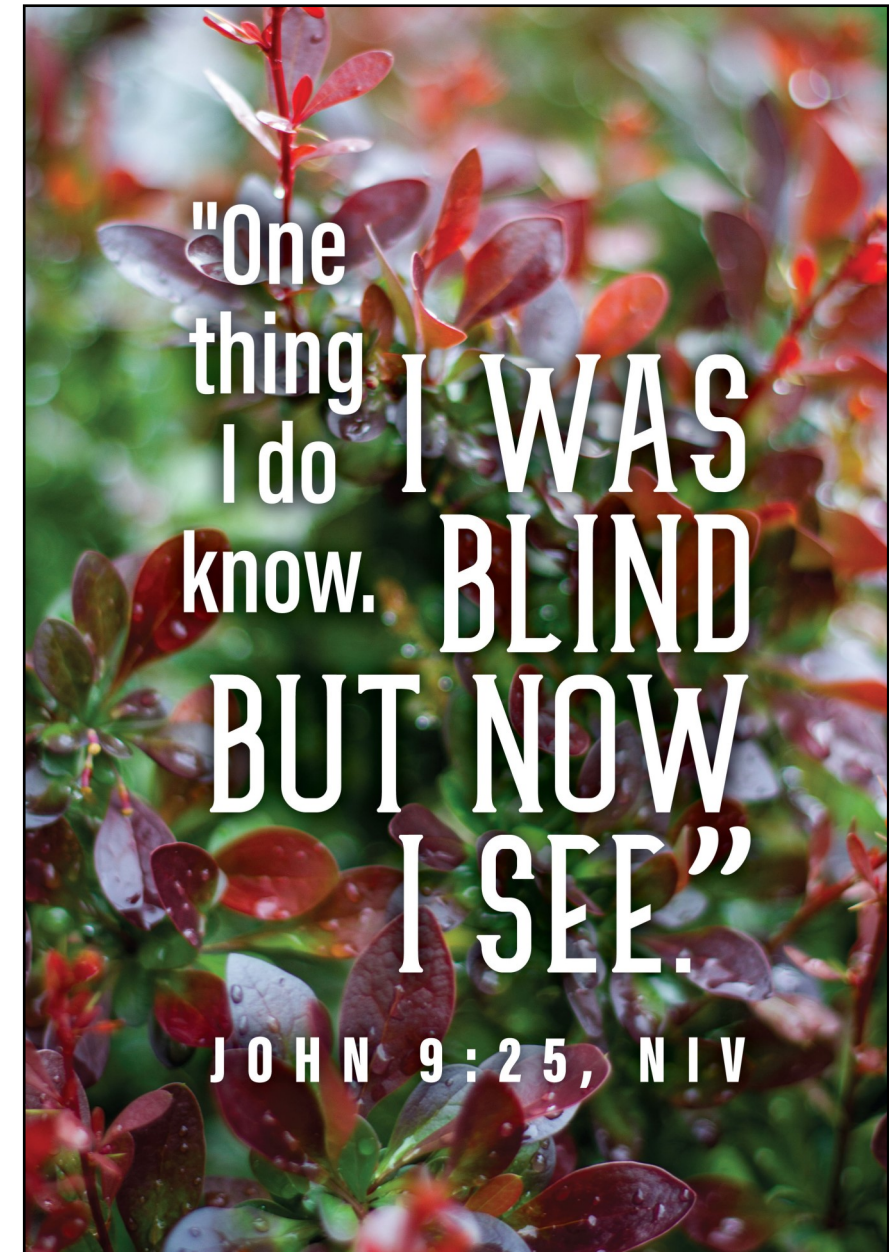
LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel  
Kevin Heindselman - Sanctuary  
SOUND: Olin Babb  
GREETERS & USHERS: Claudia Mihovk and Emily Pridemore - Sanctuary  
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Mark Davis  
FLOWER DELIVERY: Mary Glenn Lively

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in honor and memory of family pets  
by Debbie Waggoner.  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 21, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Joseph Martin

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

"Arise, Shine" (*Choir once, then All on repeat*) No.2005 (STF)  
"Holy, Holy, Holy (Santo, Santo, Santo)" (*Choir once, then All 2x*) No.2007 (STF)  
"Glorify Thy Name" (*Choir vs.1, All Vs.2,3*) No.2016 (STF)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather for worship as children of God.

People: **We come to remember who and whose we are.**

Leader: We gather to be renewed in our faith.

People: **We come with hearts open to receive God's love.**

Leader: We gather to catch a vision of what might be.

People: **We come to put ourselves at God's disposal,  
and to be prepared to be used by God for his purposes.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 664 "Morning Has Broken"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We, like Saul, are blind. We have been blinded by our culture and told lies about who we are, and what it means to live a good life. We have been blinded by false prophets, by our education or lack of education. We have been blinded by our own self-righteousness, leading us to think we know our lives better than God.**

**Help us, God, to remember that we are mere sinners, seeking your grace.**

*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE "Just As I Am"

***O Lord, have mercy on my soul; forgive my sin and make me whole.  
O Christ, have mercy, set me free; O Lord, I place my trust in Thee.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The gospel is foolishness for those who do not understand.

God's power and love are shown not in our strength but in our weakness.

All praise be to God who knows us for who we are but still never gives up on us.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE "Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me" No. 582

***Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free! As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

***World without end, without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) Mark Davis

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 9:1-9*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 19:1-10*

SERMON "The Worst Sinners Make the Best Saints" Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 423 "Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God"

\*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) "As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought"

***A world in need now summons us to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering, that all may truly live.***

***The Church of Christ is calling us to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love, all life in Christ made new.***

***In gratitude and humble trust we bring our best today,  
to serve your cause and share your love with all along life's way.***

***O God who gave yourself to us in Jesus Christ your Son,  
help us to give ourselves each day until life's work is done.***

(11:00) "Lift High the Cross" Arr. Hal Hopson

***(Please join in singing on Refrain and vs.4 as directed)***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Gracious Lord, we are your servants. What can we return to you in thanks for your bounty?**

**Let these offerings be our sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise. In your name. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 442 "Just as I Am, without One Plea"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE (8:45) "Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken" arr. Lloyd Larson  
(11:00) "Now Thank We All Our God" arr. J. S. Bach

*\*Those who are able please stand*