

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

*Striving to be the hands of Christ*

## *Serving Today*

<b>GUEST ORGANIST:</b>	Becky Cooper
<b>LITURGISTS:</b>	Virginia Wooten - Chapel Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
<b>SOUND:</b>	Olin Babb
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Tony and Gail Cole - Sanctuary
<b>TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:</b>	Russ Pearson
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	Lorrie Cooper

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

in loving memory of Vivian Richardson  
by Bill and Jane Richardson.

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Day of Pentecost

May 28, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE (8:45)

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

“Singing bells....”  
“Humming Chorale of the Spirit”  
“Lord, We Are Waiting” (“Uyai Mose”)  
“Holy Spirit, Come” (“Soon and Very Soon”)  
M. Davis

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: We have come here to sing of God’s awesome Spirit.  
People: **We have come as a people of faith to offer praise and thanks to God, the Lord of life.**  
Leader: Fill our hearts, great God, with the fruits of your wondrous Spirit.  
People: **May we be filled with love, joy, and peace.**  
**May God the Creator, Redeemer and Comforter be among us as we worship.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs. 1,3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**Gracious Spirit, you are the breath upon the waters and the wind beneath our wings. Yet, we often think that because we cannot see you, you are not there. So, we trust our own strength, make our own decisions, enjoy our own triumphs, and succeed by our own hard work. We cross an invisible line and turn from your invisible Presence. We neglect the labors of prayer, and the work of silence. We cut ourselves off from the fellowship of faith, and neglect searching your Holy Word. God, forgive our blind eyes which do not see your signs of your presence and have mercy upon us...**  
*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE “Spirit of the Living God” No. 288  
***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me... Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Hear the good news! God’s Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided, but gathered together to build up God’s kingdom on earth.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE “We Are One in the Spirit”  
***All praise to the Father from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus God’s only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one: and they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; Yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00) Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 19: 1-10*

GOSPEL READING *John 16: 1-15*

SERMON “When We Finally Hear the Music” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 291 “Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness”

\*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.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ Five Cents a Meal ~ KCS Family Resource Center Candice Cradic

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:45) “Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart” No. 688  
***Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move; Stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love. Teach me to love Thee as Thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of the heaven-descended Dove; my heart an altar, and Thy love the flame.***

(11:00) “Keep Your Lamps!” Arr. Andre Thomas  
text: M. Davis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
**Lord God, with thankful hearts we bring our gifts. May our many resources enrich and renew the church, and may we share and live the Good News today and every day. Amen!**

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 286 “Breathe on Me, Breath of God”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*\*Those who are able please stand*