

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

## Serving Today

**LITURGISTS:**

Mark Plemmons - Chapel

Russ Pearson - Sanctuary

Dan Dietrich

**SOUND:**

**GREETERS & USHERS:**

Gary and Mary Beth Hallen - Sanctuary

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:**

Russ Pearson

**FLOWER DELIVERY:**

Kathy Stoots

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Precia and Family  
in loving memory of Al Keel.  
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*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

*Communion*

May 7, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE (8:45) "Break Thou the Bread of Life" arr. Lloyd Larson

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

#468 "In My Life Lord" (vs.1-3)

#175 "Seek Ye First" (vs. 1,2)

#2002 (STF) "I Will Call upon the Lord" (*Verse twice; Refrain Twice*)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Gracious and Loving God, giver of life and source of freedom,  
we know that all we have received is from your hand.

People: **You call us to be stewards of your abundance and caretakers of all that you have entrusted to us. Help us to use your gifts wisely, and teach us to share them generously.**

Leader: Send the Holy Spirit to work through us, bringing your message to those we serve.

People: **May our faithful stewardship bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 12 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" (*Vs.1,4*) ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you who hold us so gently - teach us how to let go of anything that keeps us from your love. We clutch things that are often only a passing fad. We go after success and recognition as if they will fill our deepest longings. Loving God, lead us to a deeper sense of gratitude, a growing sense of trust in your ability to provide. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, and sharing from abundance...** (*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: God, you have given us so much. Give us again the assurance of your love, that we might serve you with grateful hearts and open hands all the days of our lives.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Revelation 14: 12-13*

GOSPEL READING *Mark 14: 3-9*

SERMON "Outlive Your Life" Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 699 "Fill My Cup" FILL MY CUP

\*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 ~ Legacy Sunday Don Sharitt

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(11:00) *As directed, please come forward in the center aisle to receive your elements, and return to your pew by the side aisle.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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) "What Shall I Offer My God" L. Larson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, your call to us is so clear. You have invited us to bring our gifts, our lives, and our love to you to serve on Christ's behalf. May our lives with you be a journey of hope and promise into the future. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 805 "Come Sing to God" ELLACOMBE  
(Psalm 30)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

8:45

11:00

"How Firm a Foundation"

"Rondo in G Major"

arr. Don Wyrzten  
John Bull, arr. R. Ellsasser

\*Those who are able please stand