

*Serving Today*

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<b>LITURGISTS:</b>	Stewart Baggett - Chapel Tammie Davis - Sanctuary
<b>SOUND:</b>	Olin Babb
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Jamie Davis and Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
<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  
in honor of all fathers  
and in celebration of our 29<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary  
by Mike and Elizabeth Wilkins.  
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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  
June 18, 2023  
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE		
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (10:00)		
BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE		
PRELUDE (8:30)		
WELCOME		
GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)		
No. 2200 “O Lord, Hear My Prayer” <i>(twice)</i>		
No. 2030 “Surely It Is God Who Saves Me” <i>(All Refrain...choir on verses)</i>		
No. 2270 “He Has Made Me Glad”		
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
Leader: Amid all our joy and our sorrow...		
People: <b>God is.</b>		
Leader: Through all the moments of our lives and until the very end...		
People: <b>God is.</b>		
Leader: God is with us.		
People: <b>Let us lift our voices in praise and worship the God who is in our midst.</b>		
*HYMN OF PRAISE		
“Lift Up Your Voice”		DIADEMATA/M. Davis
<i>Lift up your voice and sing to God who gives us life; The God who made us, gives us all, sustains us through all strife. All that we have is Thine, we owe our lives to Thee; All that we need within this earth leads to eternity.</i>		
<i>Bend every knee to Christ, our Savior on the throne; The Lamb whose grace has set us free to live for him alone. The God who would not spare his Son, the King of Kings, Now graciously bestows on us abundantly all things.</i>		
<i>Jesus, we give Thee praise, we seek Thy kingdom first. Thy righteousness now springs within, fulfilling all our thirst. Come, Holy Spirit, come, inspire us to proclaim The gospel of Thy saving love, the glory of Thy name!</i>		
CALL TO CONFESSION		
PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
<b>Holy God, we confess that we have betrayed the Good News by turning inward, serving ourselves first. We have not taken up our cross and we have been too quick to build up worldly possessions for ourselves. Forgive us for not helping to reveal Christ to the world. Forgive us for not living into Christ’s example and serving those in need before serving ourselves. Draw us back to the way of Christ, so that we might know the reign of God is drawing near...</b> <i>(silent prayer)</i>		
KYRIE		
“Seek Ye First”		
<i>Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me; forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.</i>		
ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
Leader: There is no greater joy in God’s heart than this moment now! For in this moment, we call upon the Holy One to grant us new life. God grants us mercy and makes us whole again. In the name of Christ, we are forgiven and blessed by God’s grace.		
People: <b>Thanks be to God!</b>		
*SUNG RESPONSE		
“Give Thanks”		
<i>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.</i>		
*PEACE OF CHRIST		

HEARING GOD’S WORD		
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:00)		
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
NEW TESTAMENT READING		<i>II Timothy 2: 1-10</i>
GOSPEL READING		<i>Luke 12: 22-34</i>
SERMON	“Life’s Saddest Words: What Might Have Been”	Mike Shelton
RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD		
*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 699		“Fill My Cup”
*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH		PCUSA
<b>Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He proclaimed God’s reign. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world. We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who justifies us by grace through faith, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.</b>		
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER		
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:30)		“Be Thou My Vision”
<i>Be thou my vision, illumine my heart; bind me to follow thee, never to part; Sight of thy righteousness, fill now mine eyes; strengthen my striving for thy heavenly prize. Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always; High King of Heaven, my victory won; my heart I offer, O bright heaven’s Sun!</i>		
(11:00)		“Keep God’s Light”
<i>M. Patterson</i> <i>(Refrain) Keep God’s light before you; keep God’s truth beside you; keep God’s hope to guide you everywhere you go. Keep God’s peace within you; feel God’s strength defend you; Let God’s love begin to fill your thirsty soul. Hold on in times of sorrow; hold on through days of despair; even in the darkest valley God will always be there. (Refrain) Keep God’s light before you...</i> <i>Look now to days of gladness: God’s light still shines the way, never fading, never failing, teaching us as we pray. (Refrain) Keep God’s light before you...</i>		
PRAYER OF DEDICATION		
<b>God, may the works of our hands bring you honor. May the life we live reflect the risen Word of life. May the service we offer be inspired by the Breath of life. Amen!</b>		
THE SENDING		
*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 697		“Take My Life” (vs. 1,2,5,6)
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
*CONCLUDING PRAISE		
<i>*Those who are able please stand</i>		