

Serving Today

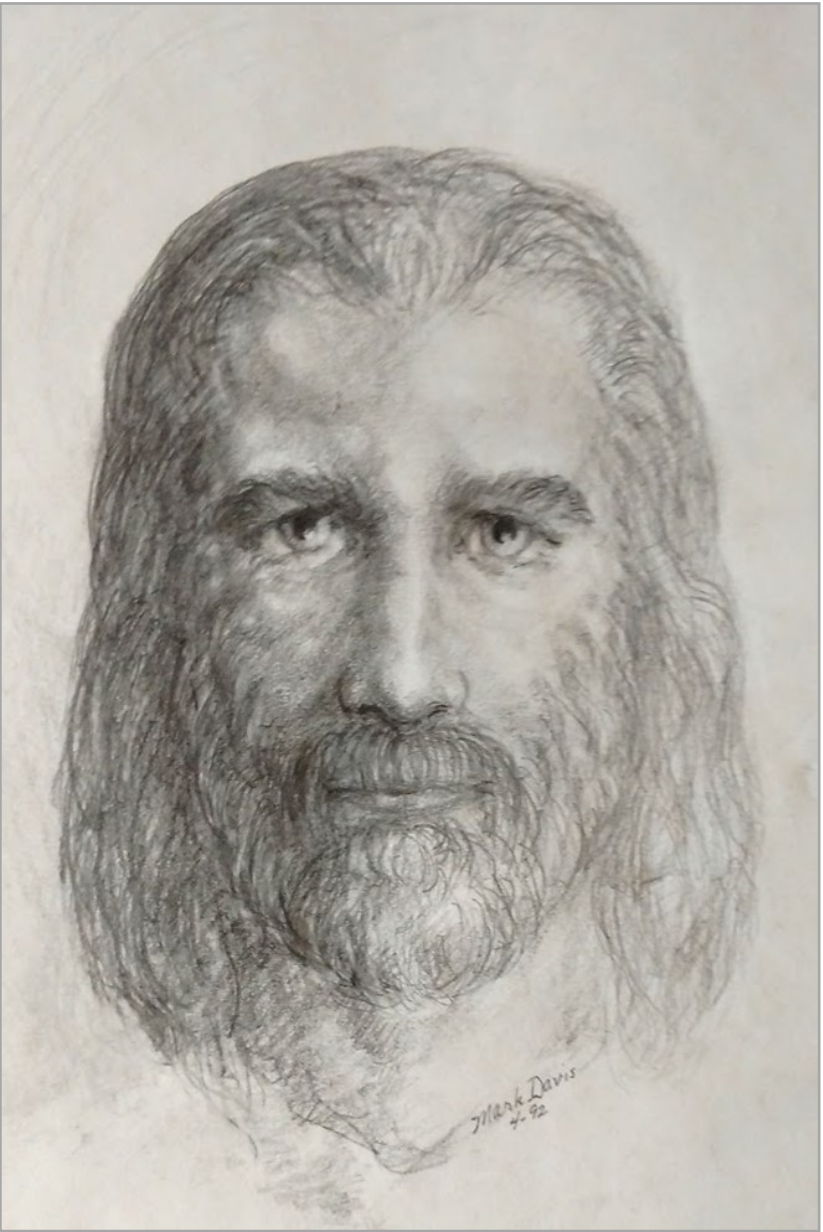
GUEST ORGANIST:	Becky Cooper
LITURGIST:	Mark Davis - Chapel
	Mark Plemmons - Sanctuary
SOUND:	Dan Dietrich
GREETERS & USHERS:	Gerry Morie - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Carolyn Doerfert

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Jeff Byrd
by Claudia Byrd.

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 25, 2023
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

PRELUDE (8:30)

Becky Cooper, guest organist

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ Five Cents a Meal ~ Friends in Need

Dr. Harry Turner

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)

No. 399 “God Welcomes All” *(twice)*

No. 413 “Come into God’s Presence” *(vs.1,3,4)*

No. 654 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” *(twice)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to me, you who are tired, you who are burdened, come.

People: **We come with our hopes and our fears; we come as we are.**

Leader: God says, “I have loved you with an everlasting love. I have taken delight in you.”

People: **We come in joy and in need; we come as we are.**

Leader: Today is the acceptable time, now is the hour of salvation.

People: **Today is the acceptable time, now is the hour of salvation. We come as we are.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 403 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you are always looking for our deepest response. Yet often we hide from you, from others, and even from ourselves. We harbor the lie that we are coping fine. We cover our eyes so that we don't see the pain our self-delusions cause. We mask the hurt we inflict on our souls. You yearn for us to see beauty, think clearly and act justly, but we sometimes prefer a foggy mirror and tears under the cover of darkness. Draw us gently into the light. Help us let go of the false face and hidden resentments. Restore our relationships, heal our souls, and renew our faith in you. God, forgive us and let your love surround us...

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our sin and brokenness may surround us in the night, but joy comes in the light of morning. God turns weeping into dancing. The powers of sin and death have been defeated by Christ. God’s authority stands above all earthly authorities. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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 (10:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 38: 1-16

GOSPEL READING

John 5: 1-13

SERMON “Don’t Let Your Issues Become You”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 177 “I Will Come to You”

*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

PCUSA

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:30) “Spirit of the Living God”

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.

Spirit of the living God, move within my soul. Holy Spirit, breath of God, heal and make me whole. Take me; use me; come, invade me; make my life an offering, wholly unto Thee.

(11:00) “As the Deer”

Arr. L. Larson

Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of power, you are able to use the weak and foolish things of this world to triumph over despair, suffering and hopelessness. Use us and these gifts in ways that bring new life and hope to our hurting world. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING “In His Time”

STF No.2203 *(added 3rd verse)*

In his time, in his time; he makes all things beautiful in his time.

Lord, please show me every day as you’re teaching me your way, that you do just what you say in your time.

In your time, in your time; you make all things beautiful in your time.

Lord, my life to you I bring; may each song I have to sing be to you a lovely thing in your time.

In your love, in your love; let us rise and walk anew in your love.

Lord, now strengthen us to go; may your love in us now flow; as your servants, let us grow in your love.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

**Those who are able please stand*