

First Presbyterian Church

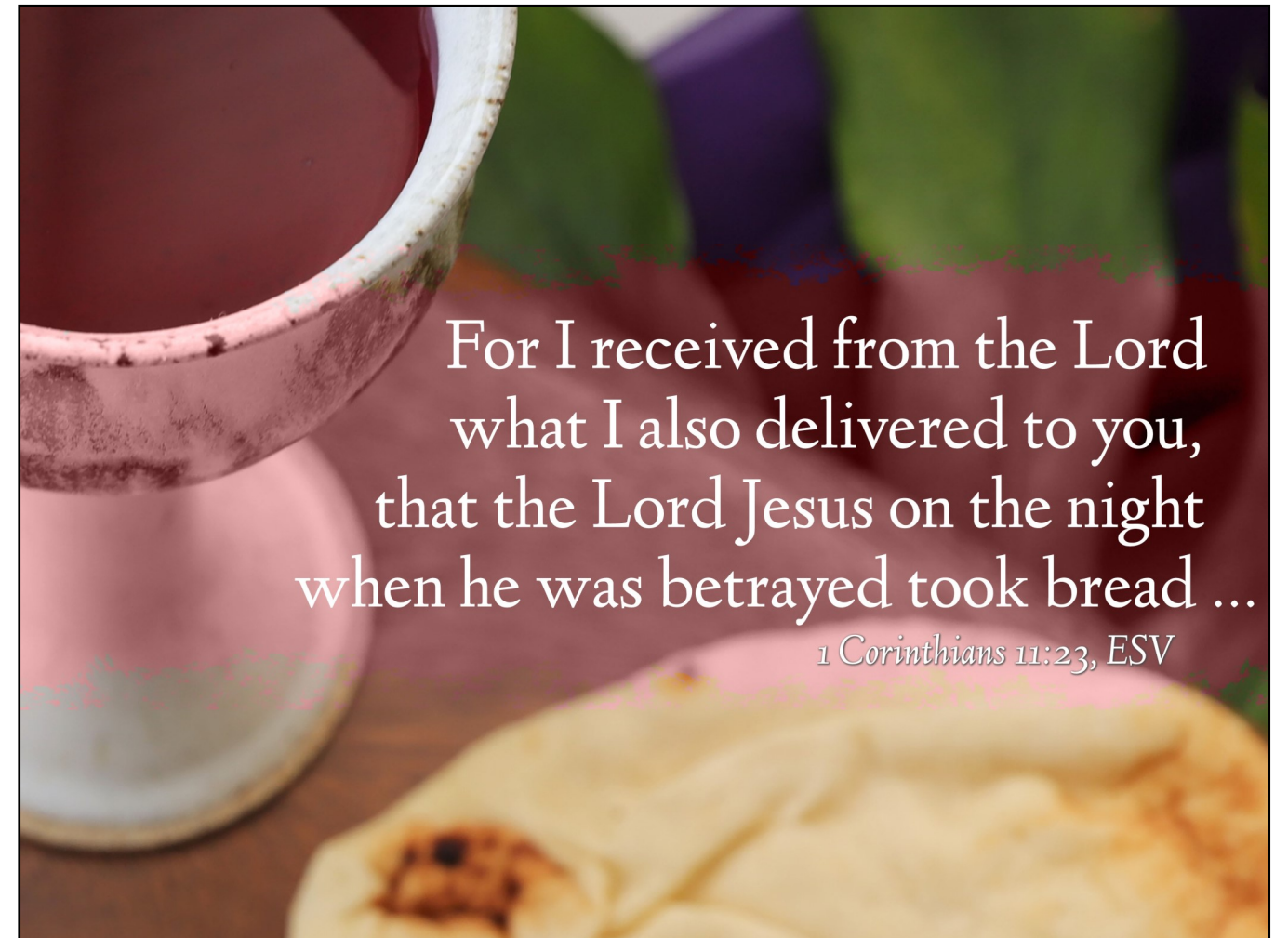
Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST/PIANIST: Robert Holbrook
LITURGIST: Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Pat Bryan

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Gary and Catherine Tucker
in loving memory of Bee Rigby on her 115th birthday
and in celebration of our Nation's 247th birthday
on Tuesday, July 4, 2023.



For I received from the Lord
what I also delivered to you,
that the Lord Jesus on the night
when he was betrayed took bread ...

1 Corinthians 11:23, ESV

Communion Sunday

July 2, 2023

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE (8:30)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”
Robert Holbrook

CRUSADER'S HYMN

GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)

#2025 (STF) “As the Deer” (*Choir, then ALL*)

#2267 (STF) “Taste and See” (*ALL - Refrain; solo verses*)

#2258 (STF) “Sing Alleluia to the Lord” (*Choir vs. 1*):

Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord!

Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia! Sing alleluia to the Lord! (then ALL):

Christ has redeemed the world in love! Christ has redeemed the world in love!

Christ has redeemed the world, Christ has redeemed the world. Christ has redeemed the world in love!

Come, let us celebrate the feast! Come, let us celebrate the feast!

Come now and celebrate! Come now and celebrate! Come, let us celebrate the feast!

Sing alleluia to the Lord! Sing alleluia to the Lord!

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather here as the people of God.

People: **To do the work of God.**

Leader: We gather here as a people of love and hope.

People: **To be for the world the grace of Christ.**

Leader: For our Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

People: **Let us worship him together now.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we praise you for everything you have done for us. We ask forgiveness for our words. We are grateful for the ability to speak, but so often what we say is hurtful. We use words to tear down but not to build up. Sometimes, we know it the minute we say it; other times we may have fooled ourselves into thinking what we say is "for their own good." Forgive us, God. Help us use our language to bring grace instead of judgment. Allow our words to show kindness to others. Help us to live in love, as Christ loved us. Amen.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Lord, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer; Christ, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer;

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O lord, have mercy on me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Jesus died with his arms wide open as an eternal reminder of our pardon for our sins. All who believe in him have received forgiveness of sin and are freed to live a whole and lasting life. Thanks be to God!

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 (10:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

James 1: 19-21

GOSPEL READING

Mark 9: 33-37

SERMON

“It's Hard to be Humble When We Have to be Right”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 510

“We Gather Here in Jesus' Name”
(Come, Share the Lord)

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(10:00) 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

Robert Holbrook

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:30)

“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.

(10:00)

“How Great Is the Goodness of God Almighty”

R. J. Greene, Jr.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let it be that we do not give or serve by rote, God. Instead, open our eyes to see the world as you see it.

Touch our hearts that we might respond in gratitude that we are *able* to give. Amen!

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2162

“Grace Alone”

(Sing the Faith)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Tuba Tune”

C.S. Lang

Robert Holbrook, guest organist

*Those who are able please stand