

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST: Jenny Dougan
LITURGISTS: Stewart Baggett - Chapel
Mark Plemmons - Sanctuary
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
GREETERS & USHERS: Gerry Morie - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Sarah Barbour

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by the Ron Dixon Family
in loving memory of Joyce Gobin Dixon.

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

July 23, 2023
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE
WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:30) Jenny Dougan, guest organist

GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)
No. 413 “Come into God’s Presence” Arr. L. Lamb
Westminster Bells “Bell Peal on Old 100th”

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: People of faith, we are God's children.
People: **We are God's family, God's heirs, God's legacy.**
Leader: We are beloved and redeemed, chosen and called.
People: **We have nothing to fear. In Christ, God's love is poured out upon us.**
Leader: It is our joy to bear the family resemblance of Christ to the world.
People: **Let our lives proclaim the truth that God is love and perfect love casts out fear.**

*SONGS OF PRAISE NO. 2163 “He Who Began a Good Work in You” (Choir, then ALL join second time)
He who began a good work in you; He who began a good work in you - will be faithful to complete it, will be faithful to complete it. He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you...
NO. 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” (vs.1,3)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Merciful Savior, you have called us to be your disciples and have equipped us with the very power of God to be your heart, hands and feet to the world. We confess that instead of serving our neighbors with the bold-ness of your Spirit, we are timid. We miss opportunities to be salt and light. We fail to be peacemakers. We harbor grudges and justify our anger rather than model forgiveness. We are more judgmental than compas-sionate. Forgive us, we pray. Revitalize our faith and transform our lives...
(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: God’s mercy and grace are sure. Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 607
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God whom we adore! Amen.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:00) Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 1: 1-11

GOSPEL READING Matthew 12: 46-50

SERMON “With Love, From Paul” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 300 “We Are One in the Spirit”
(They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

*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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION (10:00) ~ Five-Cents-A-Meal ~ Providence Medical Clinic Kimberly Hart

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:30) “Great God of Every Blessing” No. 694
Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care, You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share. How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart. Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace. In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.

(10:00) “Shepherd Me, O God” M. Haugen/ Arr. M. Hayes
Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want. I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love. I walk by the quiet waters of peace. Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants, beyond my fears, from death into life. Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul. You lead me by paths of righteousness and truth. My spirit shall sing the music of your name. Shepherd me, O God... Though I shall wander the valley of death, I fear no evil, for you are at my side. Your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope. Shepherd me, O God... You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred, crowning me with love beyond my power to hold. Shepherd me, O God... Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life. I will dwell in God’s house evermore. Shepherd me, O God... Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We offer to you, Lord, ourselves. Not just our money. Not just our time or service. We bring ourselves to you. Multiply the offerings we bring that the world may know that you are real and that you are a God of healing and grace. Multiply your life in our lives that we might be agents of your redemption. Amen!

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*Those who are able please stand