

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

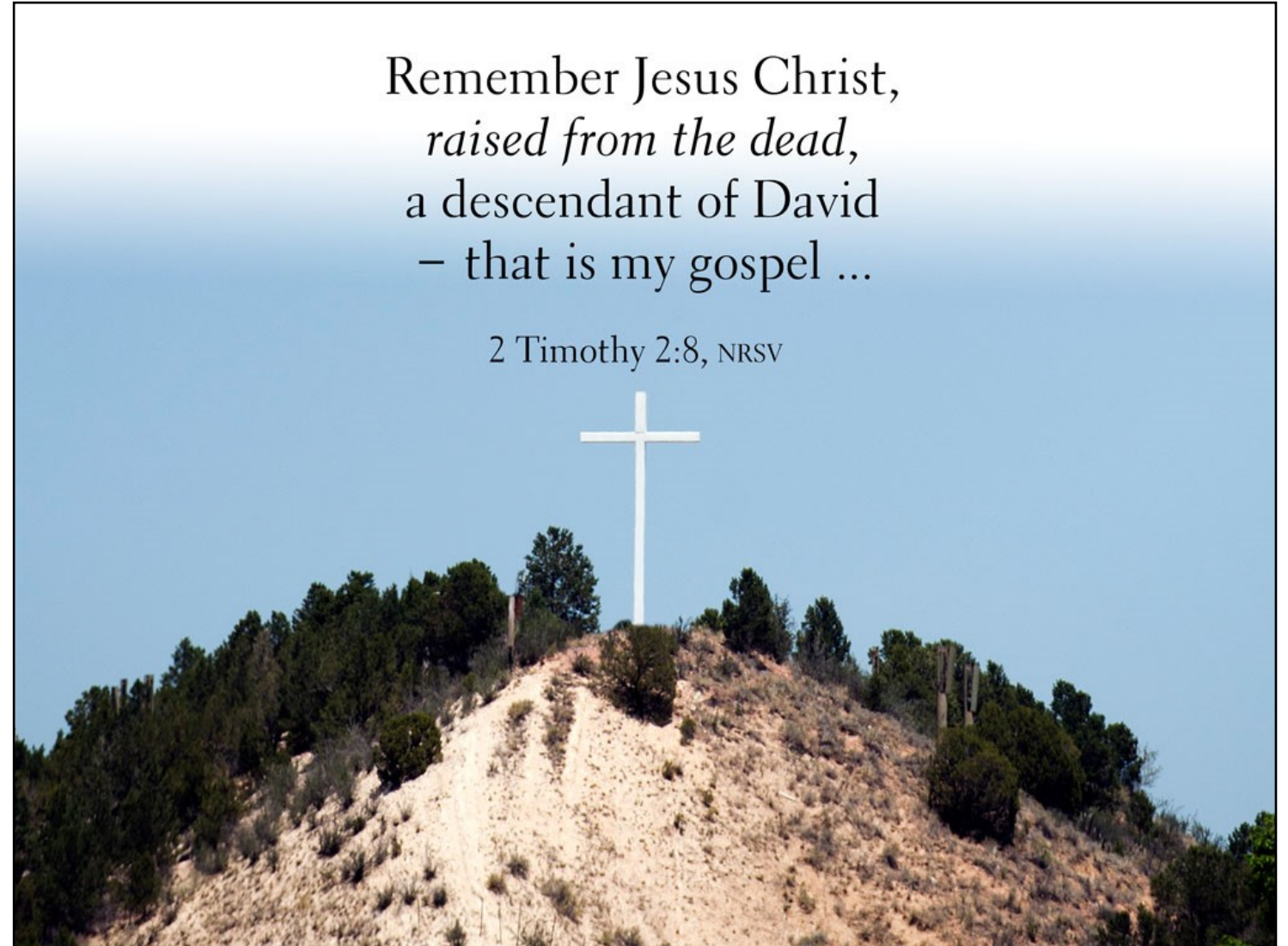
GUEST ORGANIST: Tim Hagy
LITURGISTS: Don Sharitt - Chapel
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
GREETERS & USHERS: Mary Beth Hallen and Emily Pridemore -
Sanctuary
SOUND: Gary Hallen
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Gary Hallen

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and are presented by Chuck and Celia Bachelder
in celebration of their
66th wedding anniversary (July 13, 1957).

Remember Jesus Christ,
raised from the dead,
a descendant of David
– that is my gospel ...

2 Timothy 2:8, NRSV



Service of the Lord's Day

July 9, 2023

8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE (8:30)

“Lord Of All Hopefulness” (Setting 1)
Tim Hagy, guest organist

Zach Unke

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)

No. 2005 “Arise, Shine” (*choir, then All*)

No. 2007 “Holy, Holy, Holy”

(Choir: Santo, santo, santo. Mi corazón te adora! Mi corazón te sabe decir: ¡Santo eres Dios!)

All: Holy, holy, holy. My heart, my heart adores you! My heart knows how to say to you: You are holy, Lord!

No. 2023 “How Majestic Is Your Name” (*Choir, then All*)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There's a story to be told, a love to be taught; a witness of things seen and unseen.

People: **Lord, tell me the story; teach me the love; open my eyes.**

Leader: There are words too long unspoken; a story that needs to be told.

People: **Lord, give me the words; send me to speak; teach me your story.**

Leader: There is a heart too long unmoved by the silence of God, a world hungry to know the story of our God.

Who will go to teach and to tell?

People: **Here I am, Lord; send me.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 366

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” (*vs. 1-3*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, if we carry the name Christian, we are signs of Christ's presence in the world. Yet we confess that we do not always live as joyous, loving, and hopeful people in our homes, workplaces, and community. We get so caught up in the values of this world that we do not seek to discern your will for our lives. By your grace and forgiveness, renew us in mind, body and spirit, that we may witness and work for Christ wherever you have placed us. In his name we pray.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

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

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: When we reach out in faith, God comes near in love. When we humbly seek forgiveness, God responds with mercy and grace. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and loved.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Love Divine” (*vs. 4*)

***Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place; till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise!***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (10:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Timothy 2: 1-10

GOSPEL READING

John 1: 35-42

SERMON

“The Gospel According to You”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”
(The Summons)

*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 ~ Holston Habitat

Allen Wright

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:30)

FINLANDIA

O God of hope, we lay our lives before you; we have one claim, to trust in Christ, our Lord. When this world fades, the more we shall adore you; when answers fail, we trust more in your Word. Now, by your grace, Lord, sanctify our journey, that in your image we may be restored.

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one. All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone. Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

(10:00)

“Psalm 150”

Franck

Hallelujah! Hallelujah... O praise ye the Lord in his sanctuary; O praise ye the Lord in his mighty firmament! Praise ye him for his mighty deeds!...Praise ye him according to his majesty! Praise ye him, praise ye him with the sound of the trumpet!...Praise ye him with the lute and the harp! Praise the Lord with the timbrel, O praise him with the dance! Praise him with strings and with pipe! Praise ye him with high sounding cymbals; praise him with the loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that hath breath praise ye, O praise the Lord!...O praise ye the Lord in his sanctuary...

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord of all life, you have brought your word to us, and you have called us to ministry and service. We dedicate our gifts and our lives to Christ and vow to be his servants in this world. Amen!

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 722

“Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:30)

(10:00)

“Lord Of All Hopefulness” (Setting 3)
“Final” (Veni Creator Spiritus)

Zach Unke
Maurice Duruflé

**Those who are able please stand*