

*Serving Today*

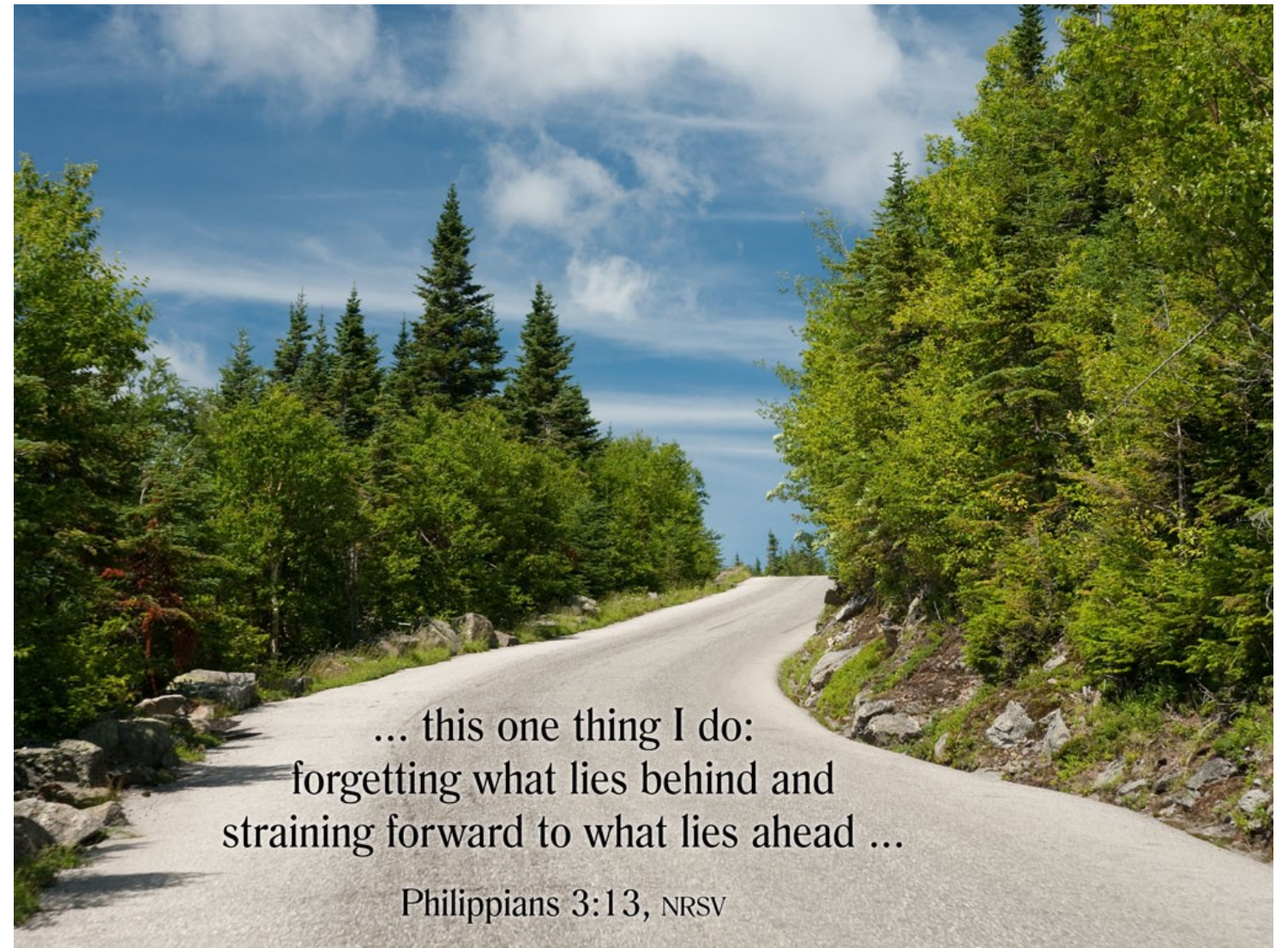
<b>GUEST ORGANIST:</b>	Carolyn McPherson
<b>LITURGISTS:</b>	Don Thompson - Chapel Gerry Morie - Sanctuary
<b>SOUND:</b>	Andrew Hagan
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Virginia Wooten - Chapel
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Jamie Davis and Sharon Engel - Sanctuary
<b>TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:</b>	Russ Pearson
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	Tonya McInturff

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 THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
 TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
 and are presented by Charles and Mary Beggerow  
 in celebration of their  
 60th wedding anniversary (August 10, 1963).  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



... this one thing I do:  
 forgetting what lies behind and  
 straining forward to what lies ahead ...

Philippians 3:13, NRSV

## Service of the Lord's Day

August 13, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

“In Christ Alone”

Arr., Carol Tornquist

*Carolyn McPherson, guest organist*

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

No. 399

“God Welcomes All”

- 1. God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God's love is strong and it never ends.**
- 2. God reaches out, God gathers in. God's grace is able to cleanse all sin.**
- 3. God's song of love, binds us as one. Come, let us praise Jesus Christ, God's Son.**

No. 2150

“Lord, Be Glorified” (vs. 1,3,4)

No. 2078

“Alleluia”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: **We rejoice in the Lord.**

Leader: I will say it again, rejoice!

People: **No matter what happens to us or around us, we will always rejoice in the Lord!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 450

“Be Thou My Vision”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we confess in company with one another and before you, that we are wayward and less than faithful servants. We have loved things, and used people; remembered slights, and forgotten kindnesses; called on you in trouble and ignored you at other times; praised you in word, and failed you in deed; allowed the present age to mold us, and left untapped the power of the age to come. Deal with us after your mercy, for we are sorry for our sins and earnestly seek your forgiveness...**

*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE

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

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Jesus Christ, the old has passed away; the new has come. From this moment on, live joyously as God's forgiven people!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“He Who Began a Good Work in You”

No. 2163

***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!***

***Praise God whose mercy makes all things new! Praise Christ, in whom we are all made new!***

***Praise the Spirit who is working; deep within our Lord is working:***

***He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you!***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Philippians 3:1-14*

GOSPEL READING

*Mark 10: 17-31*

SERMON

“Your Best, Without Jesus, Isn't Enough”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“More Precious than Silver”

No.2065

*(Solo) Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold. Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.*

*(All) Lord, you are more precious than silver. Lord, you are more costly than gold. Lord, you are more beautiful than diamonds, and nothing I desire compares with you.*

*Lord, you are worth all I can offer. Lord, you are the Life that will last. Lord, your love and grace will lead to heaven, and nothing I desire compares with 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

(8:45)

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

***Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God to earth come down, Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.***

***Beautiful Savior, Ruler of the nations, Son of God, and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine!***

(11:00)

“In Christ Alone”

C.B. Sager and D. Foster

*Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**As we strive to have faith in you, O God, we give thanks for your faith in us. As we seek to make our home in you, we hope that you will find a home in us, so that all we have, all we say, all we do, may be to your glory.**

**We pray in the name of your Son, who gives the gift of faith. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2162

“Grace Alone”

*(SING THE FAITH)*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

“I Love to Tell the Story”

Arr., Alvin C. Whitworth

(11:00)

“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”

Arr., Don Phillips

*\*Those who are able please stand*