

First Presbyterian Church

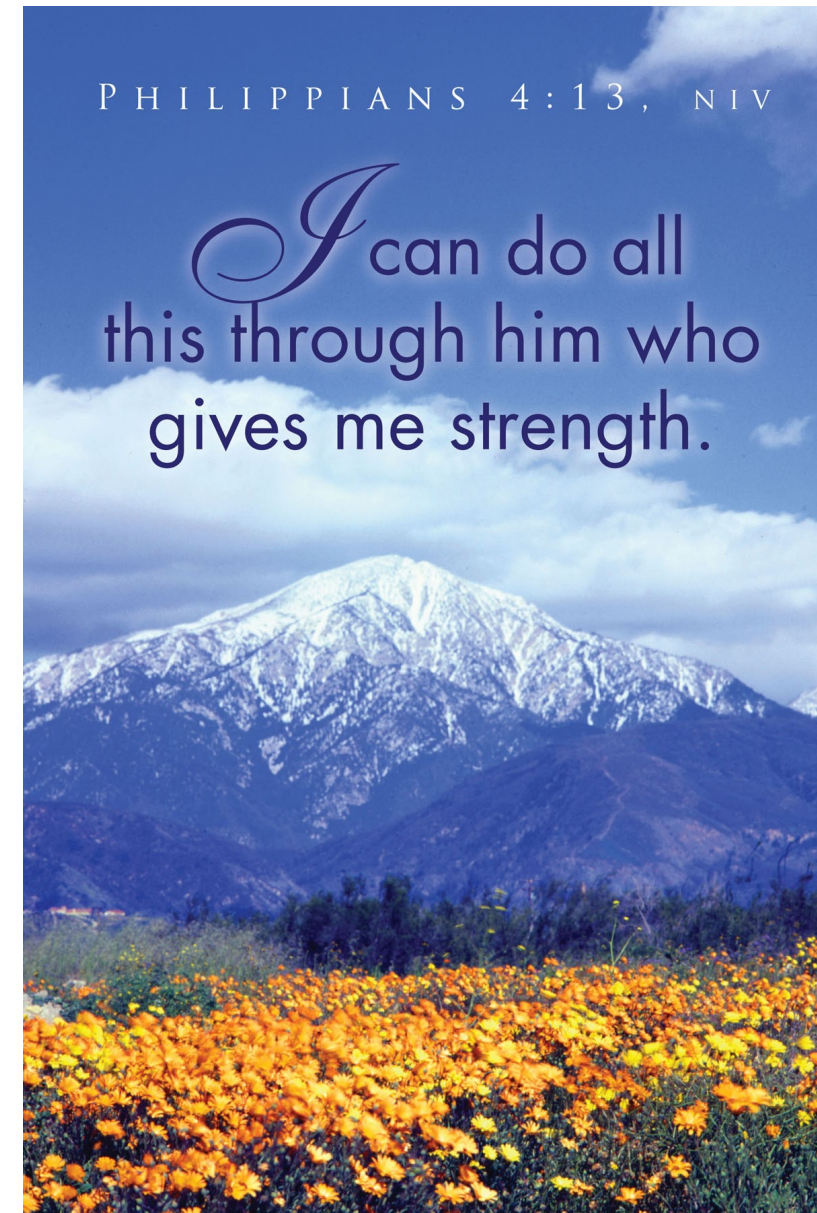
Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST: Carolyn McPherson
LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
SOUND: Andrew Hagan
GREETERS & USHERS: Tony and Gail Cole - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Patty Pendleton

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Don and Karen Thompson
in celebration of their
39th wedding anniversary (August 17, 1984).



Service of the Lord's Day

August 20, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

“The Majesty and Glory of Your Name”

Arr., Tom Fettke

Carolyn McPherson, guest organist

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

“Awesome God”

“Lord, We Are Waiting” (“*Uyai Mose*”)

“Holy Spirit, Come” (“*Soon and Very Soon*”)

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather in worship to celebrate God, the great I AM!

People: We are awed by the beauty and diversity of the world.

Leader: We celebrate God's covenant with us.

People: We remember God's faithfulness through the ages and in our own lives.

Leader: God is too great for us to keep silent!

People: Praise comes naturally in response to who God is and what God has done. Our joy overflows; it cannot be contained.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 305

“Come Sing, O Church in Joy!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you know that we have sinned; that we have hurt each other, been unkind, and thought only of ourselves. You have given us grace; help us to extend that to our brothers and sisters. Free us from holding grudges, from gossip, from passing judgment. Let us never put shame upon another, but instead love and peace. Help us walk with each other towards forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for the beauty you will bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, Father. Amen.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear this good news! God's grace surrounds us and goes before us and God's love for us is stronger than our misdeeds. You are forgiven! Receive this good news and be at peace!

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 4:1-13

SCRIPTURE SONG

“*Whatever is True*”

M. Davis

Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious, whatever is lovely and worthy of praise: think upon these things. (repeat) Rejoice in the Lord always, again I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be known: the Lord is near. For all that is true, for all that is just, for all that is pure, for all that is gracious, for all that is lovely and worthy of praise: Lord, we give you thanks. (repeat)

GOSPEL READING

Mark 4: 35-41

SERMON

“We Can Do All Things In Christ”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 661

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

*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

“For Such a Time as This”

M. Davis

John Alan Smith, cello

In the fullness of time I formed your frame. At the dawn of creation, I spoke your name.

In the midst of the toil of this earth, I sang your song, I gave you birth.

Awake, my child within, My vision now receive. My work in you begins:

I claim you now, for such a time as this.

When the darkness of doubt gives shade to light; when the pain and the grief prolong your night,

it is then that I draw close to you; I sing your song, your life made new:

Awake, my child within, My vision now receive. My work in you begins:

I claim you now, for such a time as this.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, may we never be weary in doing right. We dedicate these gifts of our honest earnings to your service.

May we make the earnest commitment to take the risks necessary to accomplish your will within our community and throughout the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2085

“He Came Down”

(SING THE FAITH)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

(11:00)

“All Heaven Declares”

“Come, Thou Almighty King”

Arr., Tom Fettke

Arr., John Innes

**Those who are able please stand*