

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST: Robert Holbrook
LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
Youth - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
GREETERS & USHERS: Don Thompson - Chapel
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in loving memory of Ben, Katherine and Katie Brown
and presented by Allen and Becca Wright.



Service of the Lord's Day

August 27, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

Robert Holbrook, guest organist

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit”

Arr. L. Larson

Avery Smith, tenor; Mark Davis, baritone

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: You, who are many, are transformed to become one in Christ.

All: **We, who are many, are called to worship God, the Three in One.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401

“Gather Us In”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgiving God, we confess that we are conformed to this world. We conform to this world's frantic pace, too hectic to notice all the blessings you provide. We conform to this world's reckless waste, exploiting what you entrust to our care. We conform to this world's shallow values, oblivious to the giftedness of people different from us. We conform to this world's impatient attitudes, preferring the latest instead of the lasting. Forgive our conformity and transform us, O God. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen..... (Silent prayer).

KYRIE (8:45) *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

(11:00)

“Give Me Jesus”

Arr. L. Larson

(Duet prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, we would now be lost in sin. But it is the Lord who is on our side. And so, we are forgiven.

All: **Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

*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 (11:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

All: **God of revelation, mere flesh and blood cannot reveal divine truth; only your Spirit can give that gift. Be in my breath and voice, be in our ears and understanding, that through these words your Word may be known. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 16: 13-20

One: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

“Do You Have What it Takes?”

Russ Pearson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 353

“My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Unison)

From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**Preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all
to repent and believe the gospel.**

**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.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking
the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) ~ Five-Cents-A-Meal ~ Oasis of Kingsport

Shantell Bogle

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

No. 716

*God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store,
nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise;
thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.*

*Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers your grace conferred:
ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.*

(11:00)

“Father in Heaven”

Bach/Gounod

Avery Smith, tenor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, you have given each of us gifts to use as members of the body of Christ. Here are our gifts – the work of our hands, our hearts, and our lives. We pray that they may help to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to our world, today and always, here and everywhere. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 319

“Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing”

(“Shout to the North”)

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

**Those who are able please stand*