

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST/PIANIST: Robert Holbrook
LITURGISTS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
GREETERS & USHERS: Gail Cole and Cheryl Rice - Sanctuary
SOUND: Andrew Hagan
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Florence Godat

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Bill Dickson
by his wife and family.



Communion Sunday

August 6, 2023
8:30 & 10:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

ENTRANCE MUSIC "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing" No. 505

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE (8:30) *Robert Holbrook, guest organist*

GATHERING MUSIC (10:00)

"I Will Call Upon the Lord" (*twice*) No. 2002 (STF)
"Whatever Is True" (from Philippians 4) M. Davis

*(Choir) Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious,
whatever is lovely and worthy of praise, think upon these things!*

*(All) Whatever is true, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is gracious,
whatever is lovely and worthy of praise, think upon these things!*

Choir) Rejoice in the Lord always, again, I say rejoice! Let your gentleness be known, the Lord is near!

*(All) 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)*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Now is the moment of grace; this is the hour of blessing.

People: **Today is the day of salvation.**

Leader: Here is the path to new life.

People: **Already joy is abounding, and love is flowing.**

Leader: For this is the day God is making.

People: **Let us rejoice and sing!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, sometimes we are so confident in our own achievements that we forget about you.
We think we can earn our own salvation. We want to know Christ without sharing his sufferings.
We want to experience the power of his resurrection without becoming like him in his death.
Forgive us and cleanse us from hidden faults. In Jesus' name we pray...**

(silent prayer)

KYRIE "Let Us Break Bread Together"

***Lord, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer; Christ, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O lord, have mercy on me.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Christ Jesus has made us his own. In him, we are forgiven,
and set free from our own righteousness.

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 (10:00)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Philippians 2: 1-11*

GOSPEL READING *Matthew 20: 20-28*

SERMON "The Downward Descent into Greatness" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 505 "The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing"
(Choir: vs.1; All Join vs: 2 and 3)

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*(10:00) As directed, please come forward in the center aisle to receive your elements, and return to your pew
by the side aisle.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

"The King of Love"

Robert Holbrook

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:30)

"Hymn of Promise"

Natalie Sleeth

***In God's loving gift of Jesus, I receive God's mystery;
in His death I am forgiven, in His rising I am free;
in the gift, O Lord, You offer, I now give myself to Thee;
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.***

***In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.***

***In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see;
unrevealed until its season, something yet unknown, which God alone can see.***

(10:00)

"In the Beauty of Your Holiness"

Cindy Berry

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Lord, you have brought your word to us today, and you have called us into your service. We ask now that
you would dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful actions through the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 727 "Will You Let Me Be Your Servant?"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach
Robert Holbrook, guest organist

*Those who are able please stand