

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

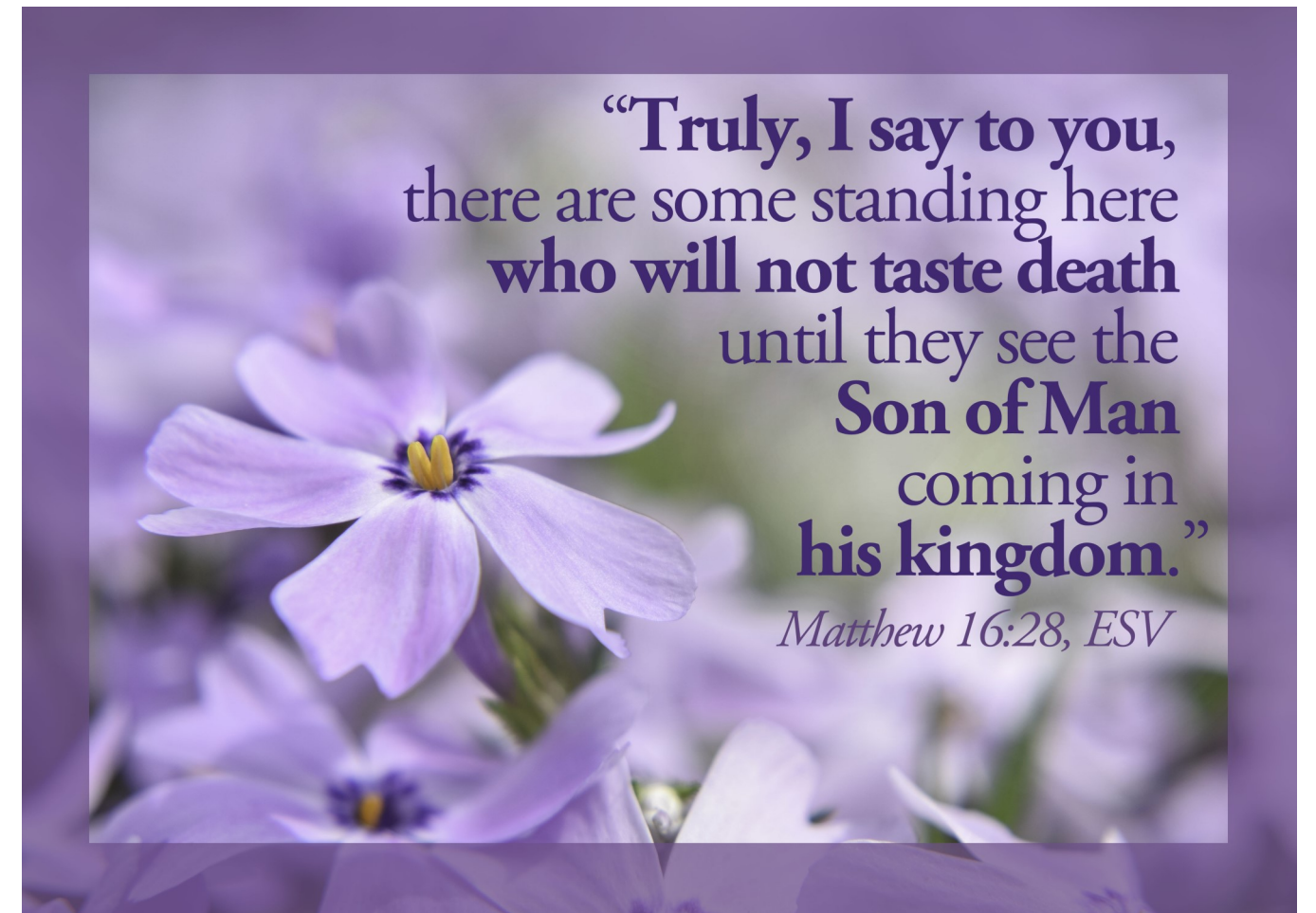
## Serving Today

**GUEST ORGANIST:** Tim Hagy  
**LITURGISTS:** Don Sharitt - Chapel  
Mark Plemmons - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Olin Babb  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Greg Easley

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in memory of our loved ones  
by Dan and Dee Dee Dietrich

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Service of the Lord's Day  
September 3, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

Prelude on 'Crimond'  
*Tim Hagy, guest organist*

Charles Callahan

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

No. 701

“Sanctuary”

No. 466

“Come and Fill Our Hearts”

No. 2030

“The First Song of Isaiah”

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A mighty fortress is our God!

People: **The Lord is my rock and my deliverer, the One in whom I seek sanctuary.**

Leader: I will call upon the Lord, who is worthy of all my praises.

People: **The Lord is my shield, a place of safety and refuge.**

Leader: The Lord is the foundation of my very life.

People: **I am God’s creation, the beloved work of God’s own hand.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 1

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, as people who profess to know you, we come before you aware of how far we have fallen short. You have given to us all that makes life good, yet we do not live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more, than by the many who have less. Forgive us, God. Teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life, through the grace of Jesus Christ...**  
*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Rejoice! The kingdom of God has come near to us! In Jesus Christ,  
we are forgiven, redeemed and strengthened for the journey.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

***Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks, because we’re given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Exodus 3: 1-15*

GOSPEL READING

*Matthew 16: 21-28*

SERMON

Rev. Karen Russell  
*Transitional Executive Presbyter, Holston Presbytery*

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 707

“Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

“How Great Thou Art”  
*Tammie Davis, contralto*

Arr. L. Larson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of abundance, how can we thank you enough for all you share with us? As we practice our giving, enlarge our hearts, that our hands and feet may follow to do your work. In all that we do, may we give thanks, sharing your gifts with all in need. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 313

“Lord, Make Us More Holy”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

(11:00)

Postlude on a Celtic melody, 'Dúrow'  
“Jubilate”

Charles Callahan  
Roy Douglas

*\*Those who are able please stand*