

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
GREETERS & USHERS: Steward Baggett - Chapel
LITURGISTS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel
Mark Plemmons - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
FLOWER DELIVERY: Lorrie Cooper

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of Anne Hadden
by Morris, Rob, Shelley, Emma, Evey and Grant Hadden.

World Communion Sunday:

The wooden bowl and table coverings are from Costa Rica. The breads in the bowl represent various countries from around the world.

Costa Rica Tortilla - This Versatile homemade tortilla is the staple in many Latin America households. Made with corn flour, water and a pinch of salt and usually pressed into a disc shape with the palm of your hand and cooked in a cast iron pan. Young girls learn to make them from their mothers and grandmothers at a very early age.

Eastern Europe Rye Bread - Countries around the world have their own versions and have been around since the Middle Ages thanks to the rye's ability to grow in poor soil and through droughts.

French Baguette - One of the most well known of the French breads, not to be confused with French loaves that are wider, baguettes are oblong and thin and eaten alone or dipped in olive oil or soups.

India Naan - Most popular flat bread traditionally made with all purpose flour as well as milk or yogurt and brushed with butter.

Italy Focaccia - Rustic all-purpose bread used as sandwich bread or served as a side dish and is often heavily herbed.

Italy Ciabatta - Crusty type of Italian loaf great for sandwiches or dipping in hearty soups.

Middle Eastern Pita - Known for its pockets that form when risen and backed in a hot oven and eaten with hummus or stuffed with various fillings.



Service of the Lord's Day

October 1, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

“Jesus Loves Me”
Carolyn McPherson, guest organist

Fred Bock, Arr.

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

No. 2037

“I Sing Praises to Your Name”

*I sing praises to your name, O Lord, praises to your name, O Lord,
for your name is great, and greatly to be praised. (repeat)
I will lift your name on high, O Lord, lift your name on high, O Lord,
for your name is great, and greatly to be praised. (repeat)*

No. 2016

“Glorify Thy Name”

*Father, we love you, we worship and adore you, glorify thy name in all the earth.
Glorify thy name, glorify thy name, glorify thy name in all the earth!*

No. 48

“Rain Down”

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love on your people.

Rain down, rain down, rain down your love, God of life.

*Bread of Heaven, Manna from Heaven, come fill us. Rain down, Manna - Body of Christ, feed our souls.
Wine of Heaven, Cup of Salvation, flow through us. Pour your mercy - fill us with new life, O Lord.*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, we meet again in this strange, familiar place,

People: **reminded of the millions of your faithful who have worshiped
you through the centuries,**

Leader: thankfully aware of other millions who are worshiping you today.

People: **Help us today to celebrate the tie that binds us to Christians
throughout the ages and across this planet.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we gather at your Son's table of grace to enjoy your presence, to experience your healing, to be made one with your people of every time and place. We can never be worthy to partake of this bread and this wine. But we could be, indeed we should be, one caring, loving community around this table, and we are not. There are things that keep us apart: pride, mistrust, petty vested interests.

By yielding to them, we allow our unity to be weakened, our witness to be impaired.

After breaking bread today, may we be more skillful in forbearing and loving one another. For Jesus' sake.

Amen!

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

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

D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Our God is a God of love and mercy, who allows us always to begin again.

By God's grace, we are forgiven to walk in newness of life.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Doxology”

No. 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore! Amen.***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

I Corinthians 11: 17-26

GOSPEL READING

John 13: 21-35

SERMON

“A Shared Meal Between Friends”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 530

“One Bread, One Body”

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) ~ Congregational Fellowship & Nurture Committee

Richard Meyer

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(11:00) *Please remain seated until directed by an usher ~ approach and encircle the table. When you receive the Element, partake, and pass to your neighbor, saying if you wish, “the Body of Christ,” and then “the Cup of Salvation.” When all have partaken, you may return to your pew by the side aisle and place your cups in the waste basket.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

No. 643

***Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done, in whom the world rejoices; who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.***

***All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.***

(11:00)

“Lamb of God”

T. Paris; arr. L. Larson

Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude for your love which never lets us go, we bring you our gifts, O God. Help us to give with generous grace and to love lavishly as you have so loved us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ who came that we might know what a life of love looks like. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 300

“We Are One in the Spirit”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Ralph Vaughan Williams

(11:00)

“When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick

**Those who are able please stand*