

*Serving Today*

<b>GUEST ORGANIST:</b>	Jenny Dougan
<b>LITURGISTS:</b>	Mark Davis - Chapel Tammie Davis - Sanctuary
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Gerry Mayberry
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Claudia Mihovk and Emily Pridemore - Sanctuary
<b>TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:</b>	Mark Davis
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	Mary Glenn Lively

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 TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

*Create in me a*



**clean  
heart,**

*O God,  
and put a new &*

**right  
spirit  
within  
me.**



*Psalm 51:10, NRSV*

Service of the Lord's Day

September 24, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

(PRELUDE 8:45) “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” John Carter  
*Jenny Dougan, guest organist*

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

No. 399 “God Welcomes All” *(twice)*  
No. 413 “Come Into God’s Presence”  
No. 2195 “In the Lord I’ll Be Ever Thankful” *(twice)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: When our eyes fail to see that which you seek to reveal,

People: **Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.**

Leader: When our ears hear, yet our minds understand not,

People: **Create in us a clean heart, O Lord.**

Leader: When the truth stares us in the face and we remain deceived,

People: **Create in us a clean heart, Lord, that our souls may live in you.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art” *(vs. 1, 2, 5)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, Forgive me my sins. Forgive me the sins of my youth and the sins of my age; the sins of my soul and the sins of my body; my secret and my whispering sins; the sins I have done to please myself and the sins I have done to please others. Forgive those sins which I know and the many sins which I do not know. Forgive them all, Lord, in your great goodness, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**  
*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE *Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.* D. Johnson

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple, rejoicing the heart, enduring forever. May the love of Jesus and the mercy of God, who forgives us all our sins, give us peace.

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

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 5: 1-11

GOSPEL READING Mark 8: 31-38

SERMON “One Story Luke Might Have Left Out” Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2152 “Change My Heart, O God” *(twice)* STF

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) ~ Five-Cents-A-Meal ~ Grace House Bobby Flowers

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45) “Great God of Every Blessing” No. 694

*Great God of every blessing, of faithful loving care, You are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.  
How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

*Your Word is our salvation, the source of endless grace, in death and life extending your covenant embrace.  
In Christ we are one body; each member has a part: sincerely and completely I offer you my heart.*

(11:00) “Set My Spirit Free” P. Choplin

*Lord, I lift up my soul, how I yearn for holy peace. Lord, I lift up my soul, come and set my spirit free...  
When I’m troubled, I will call, for I know you’ll answer me. Lord, I lift up my soul, come and set my spirit free...  
Lord, I lift up my soul. Give me peace. Set my spirit free.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**For cheer in giving, we pray. For the power to relinquish. For the ability to discern what is ours and what is yours and for not confusing the two as often as possible. Lord, use our gifts for your purposes. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 699 “Fill My Cup, Let It Overflow”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE “Fuge” Dietrich Buxtehude  
(8:45) “Now Thank We All Our God” Flor Peeters  
(11:00)

*\*Those who are able please stand*