

Serving Today

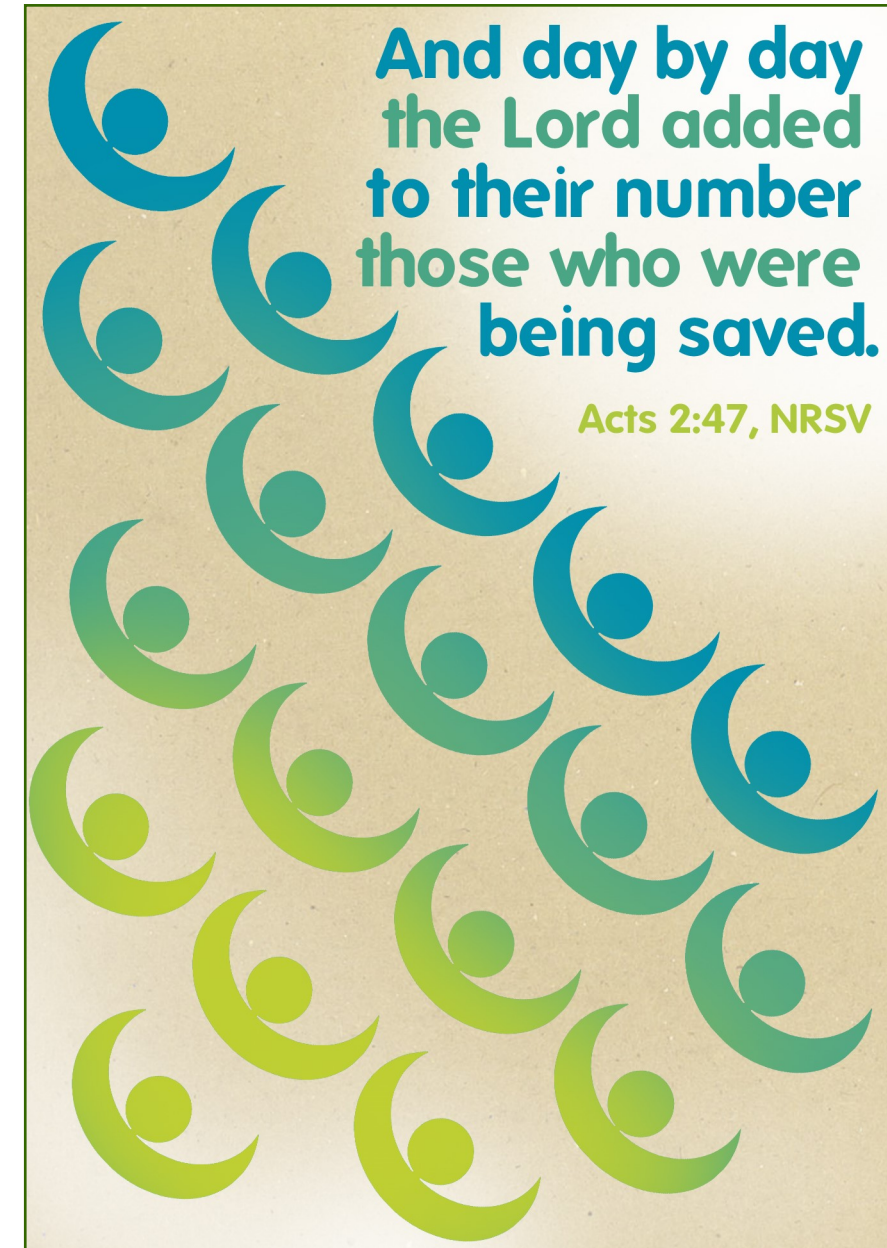
GUEST ORGANIST: Tim Hagy
LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Barbara Maston

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by the Byrd Family
in loving memory of Jeff Byrd.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Service of the Lord's Day
October 15, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45) Largo e sostenuto (Sonata D Major, Hob. XVI:37) Franz Joseph Haydn
Tim Hagy, guest organist

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

No. 406 "We Are Standing on Holy Ground"
*We are standing on holy ground, and I know that there are angels all around;
Let us praise Jesus now; we are standing in His presence on holy ground.
We will worship your holy name. Lord, we pray for your forgiveness, free from shame.
Jesus Christ, Lamb of God; Holy Spirit, breathe within us your holy flame.*

No. 2087 "We Will Glorify the King of Kings" (vs. 1-3)

No. 2088 "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: As we come into God's house today, let us do so with reverence.

People: **We recognize the greatness and glory of the one we worship.**

Leader: Let us celebrate that we can come just as we are, and yet, may we come before him with humility.

People: **It is no small thing to worship the Lord our God.**

Leader: Let us worship in gratitude and awe.

People: **We bow down and kneel before the Lord, our Maker.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 667 "When Morning Gilds the Skies"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you have called us to be your church, the body of your Son. We confess that we enjoy the privilege but not the responsibility. We treat this church as an end in itself and we are slow to reach out to others with your love. We feel subtly superior to non-Christians, whose ways strike us as odd. Forgive us, God, and let your Spirit blow through our ranks like a cleansing, life-giving breeze, so we may leave somewhat more worthy to be called your church. Hear our prayer, for Jesus' sake.

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: We, who do not know all there is to know about God, do know this about his attitude toward us: that he loves us, forgives us, and acts to save us.

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 2:42-47*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 10:1-12*

SERMON "Team Jesus" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 319 "Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

*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 STEWARDSHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45) "Take My Life"
*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise; let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take my self and I will be
ever, only, all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.*

(11:00) "Laudate Dominum" (Psalm 117) W. A. Mozart
Agnese Goin, soprano

*Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise him, all you peoples, because it was confirmed his mercy is upon us,
And the truth, the Lord's truth remains, remains forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning,
now and always, and forever and ever. Amen, Amen...*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

In gratitude for the work of Jesus, we gladly offer ourselves and our gifts to you, God. We pray that you will transform our gifts into signs of welcome for all who are touched by their use. Transform us into people who bless others throughout each day. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2226 "Bind Us Together"

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.*

(Choir) There is only one God, there is only one King; there is only one Body, that is why we sing.

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together in grace and tender humility.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together to show forth your face and your love.*

(All) We belong to one God. We serve only one King; we are joined in one Body. With one voice let us sing.

*Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.*

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONCLUDING PRAISE Finale - Presto ma non troppo (Sonata D Major, Hob. XVI:37) Franz Joseph Haydn

**Those who are able please stand*