

# 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  
**USHERS/GREETERS** Gerry Mayberry - Chapel  
Sharon Engel and Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary  
**LITURGIST:** Jim Amstutz - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Bob Stoots  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Carolyn Doerfert.

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and presented by Virginia Wooten  
in loving memory of Lionel "Gene" Wooten.  
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Stewardship Sunday  
October 22, 2023  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

“Columcille”

Callahan

*Tim Hagy, guest organist*

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

No. 2284

“Joy in the Morning”

No. 2282

“I’ll Praise the Lord” (“I’ll Fly Away”)

M. Davis

*This glad morning with the rising sun, I’ll praise the Lord! Gathered in this holy place as one, I’ll praise the Lord! I’ll praise the Lord in glory, I’ll praise the Lord! As I rise, heaven’s glory fills my eyes; I’ll praise the Lord!*

*Cast aside the sorrows of this earth, come, bless the Lord! Rise with Jesus in the second birth! Come, bless the Lord! I’ll praise the Lord in glory, I’ll praise the Lord! I will sing Hallelujah to my King! I’ll praise the Lord!*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God, giver of all good things, we praise your name this day!

People: **You have given us all that we need; we are thankful people.**

Leader: May we not be tied to our belongings, but live in the joy of giving so that others might have enough.

People: **We give to you, not because we may, but because we must.**

Leader: Help us to see beyond ourselves to find you; for in finding you, we know that we have all that we need.

People: **May we offer the gift we are, and the gifts we have, and let us reach out in love to this needy world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 620

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, as hard as it is for us to accept, we know that nothing we have is truly our own. Everything we think we possess is on loan from you, a trust we are charged to administer while we walk the earth. Show us all that life does not consist in an abundance of possessions, but in an abundance of love and faith. Create in us what we most need: the faith that you are able to provide for all that we truly need. Teach us what treasures will last until heaven. Show us the blessings of giving with joy, loving without conditions, sharing from our abundance. 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: Out of the depths of God's eternal love for us, God hears our prayers, forgives our sins, and sets us free to live and work for God's glory.

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

*II Corinthians 9:1-15*

GOSPEL READING

*Mark 12:41-44*

SERMON

“You Are an Offering”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 710 “We Lift Our Voices/ We Are an Offering”

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering. All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you.***

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering. Lord, use our voices; Lord, use our hands; Lord, use our lives; they are yours: we are an offering.***

***Every good work, all fruit we bear - flows from your grace as we abide in you; we trust in you. We lift our voices; we lift our hands; we lift our lives up to you: we are an offering; we are an offering.***

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP (11:00) ~ Mike Bunch

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“We Give Thee But Thine Own”

***We give thee but thine own, whate’er the gift may be; all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.***

***And we believe thy word, though dim our faith may be; Whate’er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it unto thee.***

***Now may our lives o’erflow, so blest we are to give; Come, Holy Spirit, flow through us, that Christ in all may live. Amen.***

(11:00)

“Shepherd Me, O God”

M. Haugen, arr. M. Hayes

***(During the singing of the Offertory, you are invited to come forward to present your pledges and offerings)***

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Let our offerings, God, be a sign of our longing to lead lives worthy of the Lord, pleasing to him. May they continue to bear fruit in every good work, and may we come more fully into the knowledge of God. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 694

“Great God of Every Blessing”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

“Ar hyd y nos”

Callahan

(11:00)

“Trumpet Tune”

David N. Johnson

*\*Those who are able please stand*