

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
USHERS/GREETERS	Gerry Morie - Sanctuary
LITURGIST:	Mark Davis - Chapel
	Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
SOUND:	Bob Stoots
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Pat Bryan

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by Larry, Ellen, Craig, and David
in loving memory of Catherine Long.



Service of the Lord's Day

October 29, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE		
Bells of God’s Presence		
Welcome		
(Prelude 8:45)	“I Exalt Thee” <i>Carolyn McPherson, guest organist</i>	Arr. Carol Tornquist
Processional (11:00)	“Highland Cathedral” <i>Liam Horne, bagpipes</i>	
*Call to Worship		
Leader: God, once again we meet in your house, People: A house frequented by the likes of Martin Luther, John Calvin, John Knox and other spiritual ancestors. Leader: Let their love for your Word inspire us on Reformation Day. People: In homage to them, we recommit ourselves to being lifelong students of your Word. Leader: Let us reaffirm in our worship that we are justified by faith in him, People: Help us prove the depth of our faith by working effectively as messengers of his love and compassion.		
*Hymn of Praise No. 649	“Amazing Grace”	
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession Father, forgive us for all that spoils our lives. Though we have seen a vision of your holiness, we easily put it at the back of our minds. We think we can earn a place in your affections, and so easily forget that place has been bought for us at great cost by Christ. Forgive us for not following the example of generations who have gone before us. We put our heroes high on a shelf and forget to follow their lead. Forgive us our complacency, our lack of obedience to your call. <i>(silent prayer)</i>		
Kyrie	<i>Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.</i>	D. Johnson
Assurance of Pardon Leader: The Christ who taught us how to forgive, continues to forgive us not once but over and over again. God’s mercy is everlasting. Friends, believe the Good News of the gospel. People: Thanks be to God!		
*Sung Response	“A Mighty Fortress” <i>All praise we sing to God on high, the Author of creation. All praise to Jesus Christ, the Lord, in whom we find salvation. For though God’s law is sure, ’tis grace doth make us pure; In faith we’re justified, sealed in the One who died. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.</i>	
*Peace of Christ		

HEARING GOD’S WORD

Time with Young Disciples		
Prayer for Illumination		
New Testament Reading	<i>II Corinthians 4: 7-12</i>	
Gospel Reading	<i>John 13: 12-17</i>	
Sermon	“Welcome to the Fraternity of Cracked Pots”	Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD		
*Hymn of Response No. 361	“O Christ, the Great Foundation”	
*Affirmation of Faith		
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 - Cora Cox Academy, John McCord		
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		
Offering Ourselves to God		
(8:45)	“Now Thank We All Our God” <i>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.</i>	No. 643
(11:00)	“We Are the Lord’s” (<i>“Londonderry Aire”</i>) <i>We are the Lord’s, His all-sufficient merit, sealed on the cross to us this grace accords. We are the Lord’s, and all things shall inherit; whether we live or die, we are the Lord’s. We are the Lord’s, then let us gladly tender our souls to him in deeds, not empty words. Let heart and tongue and life combine to render no doubtful witness that we are the Lord’s. We are the Lord’s. No darkness brooding o’er us can make us tremble while this star affords A steady light along the path before us; faith’s full assurance that we are the Lord’s. We are the Lord’s. No evil can befall us in the dread hour of life’s fastloos’ning cords; No pangs of death shall even then appall us. Death shall be vanquished, for we are the Lord’s.</i>	Arr. R. E. Martin
Prayer of Dedication God, we have been striving to run the race and to keep the faith. We bring our love to you and our loyalty to the church. May our gifts to this church be a beacon of light and love to all the world, in our Lord Jesus’ name. Amen.		
The Sending		
*Hymn of Sending No. 2172	“We Are Called”	
*Charge and Benediction		
*Recessional	“Green Hills of Tyrol”	
*Concluding Praise (8:45)	“Praise Him in the Morning”	Arr. Carol Tornquist
(*) Liam Horne is from Wise, VA, and is currently a Freshman at UVA Wise. He has been playing bagpipes for five years, and competes in bagpiping. Liam was ranked the #1 Piper in the Eastern United States when he was in Grade 4 Jr, Grade 3, and Grade 2. He currently competes in Grade 1.		
*Those who are able please stand		