

First Presbyterian Church

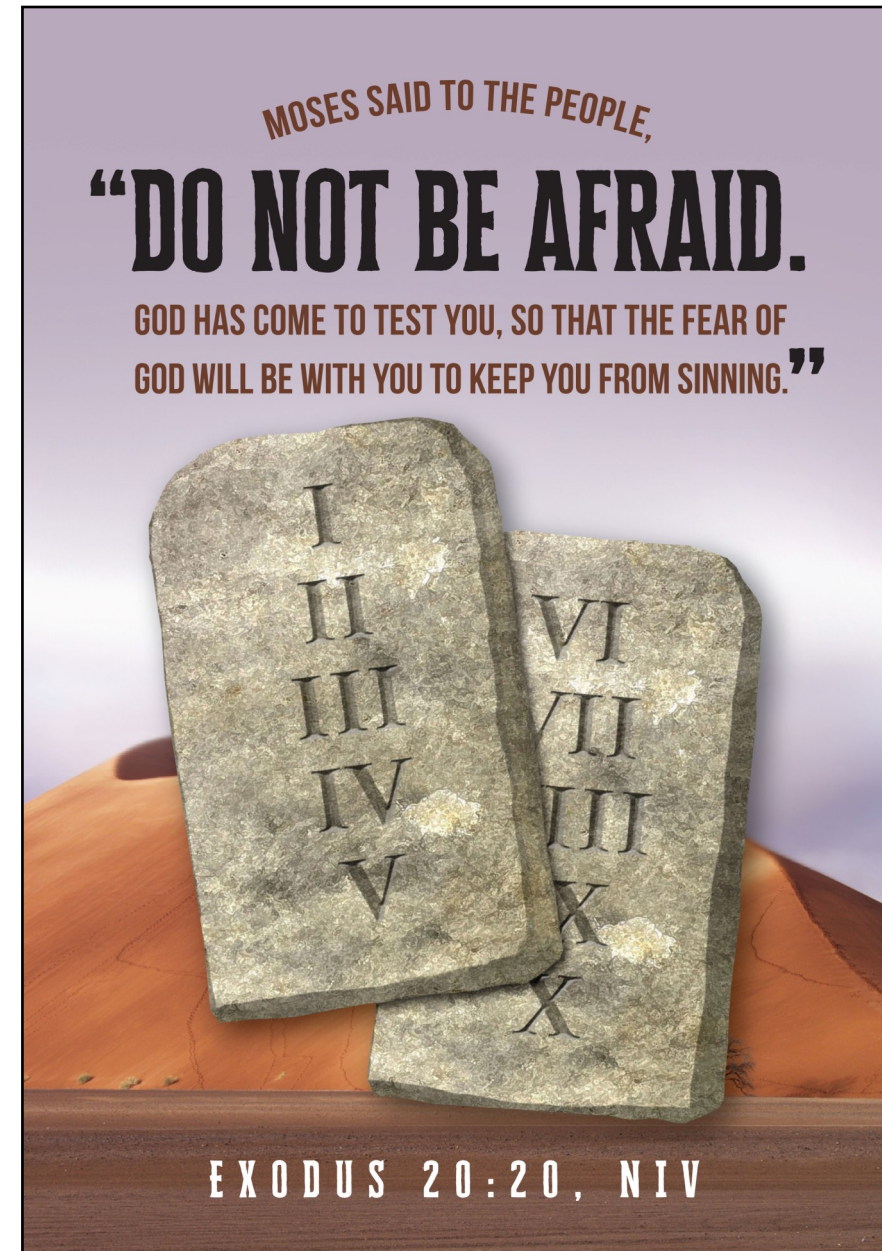
Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST: Jenny Dougan
GREETER & USHER: Virginia Wooten - Chapel
LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Laura Drayne

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by Laura Taylor and family
in loving memory of Guy F. Taylor, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. Allen N. Dryden, Sr. and
Lois Dryden Hasty.



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

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45) "When We Walk with the Lord" Arr. Benjamin Harlan
Jenny Dougan, guest organist

GATHERING MUSIC (11:00) *Langley Brents, guitar*

No. 2002 "I Will Call Upon the Lord"

No. 2021 "What a Mighty God We Serve"

***What a mighty God we serve, what a mighty God we serve!
God of righteousness and truth; what a mighty God we serve!***

***God, we worship you alone. God, we worship you alone.
Write your law upon our hearts; take away our hearts of stone.***

***Let us shout and praise your name! Let us shout and praise your name!
Lord, we magnify your name; what a mighty God we serve!***

No. 2026 "Halle, Halle, Halleluja"

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halleluja, Halleluja!

Sing praise to the Father, praise to God! Praise we sing to Jesus, praise to God!

Sing to Holy Spirit, praise to God! Halleluja, Halleluja!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Hear, O Church, the Lord is our God, the Lord alone.

People: **We shall love the Lord with all our heart, soul, and strength.**

Leader: The Lord calls us to hear and heed God's word.

People: **We will treasure God's words in our hearts.**

Leader: We will keep God's words ever before us.

People: **God's Word lights our way and makes our paths straight.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 458 "Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet"

(vs.2) Lord, I bow to you, I find refuge in your Word. You will strengthen and guide me.

Feeding on your Word, I am filled to know your will. Lord, I seek your righteousness. (Refrain)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, out of your great love you laid down your life so that we might be reconciled to you.

We are awestruck by the extravagance of your gift and humbled by the magnitude of your love.

We confess that we have failed to love as you loved. We have failed to love our neighbor, much less

our enemy. Break our hearts and teach them how to love again. Help us not to fear love,

but to love courageously. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive our casual attitude toward the cross,

and our forgetfulness of what our sin really cost you...

(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 mercy of God has no beginning and no end but endures forever.

Friends, receive the free gift of God's grace that is yours this day.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 20:1-21

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22: 34-40

SERMON "God's Bottom Line" Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 63 "The Lord Is God"

*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 ~ Don Sharitt

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45) "Spirit of the Living God"

***Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.***

***Spirit of the living God, move within my soul. Holy Spirit, breath of God, heal and make me whole.
Take me; use me; come, invade me; make my life an offering, wholly unto Thee.***

(11:00) "If Ye Love Me, Keep My Commandments" T. Tallis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We rejoice that we are able to love, God, because you first loved us. May these gifts be used by your church as agents of your love, compassion, and justice, that we might provide for our neighbors' needs with more than bread alone. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 366 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45) "Allegro" J.S. Bach, Arr. Fred Kern
(11:00) "A Mighty Fortress" Flor Peeters

**Those who are able please stand*