

# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

*Seeking to see the face of Christ...*

*Striving to be the hands of Christ*

## *Serving Today*

<b>GUEST ORGANIST:</b>	Tim Hagy
<b>USHERS/GREETERS</b>	Virginia Wooten - Chapel Gary and Mary Beth Hallen - Sanctuary
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
<b>SOUND:</b>	Bob Stoots
<b>TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:</b>	Mark Davis
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	Mary Ruth

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in loving memory of her husband,  
Martin Lacy West and his parents,  
Merrill and Sarah West  
and presented by Julia West

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Service of the Lord's Day

November 12, 2023

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45) “Wondrous Love” Zach Unke  
Tim Hagy, guest organist

\*GATHERING MUSIC (11:00) “His Eye Is on the Sparrow”  
Why should I feel discouraged? Why should the shadows come? Why should my heart be lonely,  
and long for heaven and home, when Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he:  
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me; his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
I sing because I’m happy, I sing because I’m free; for his eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me.  
“Surely It is God Who Saves Me”  
Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.  
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.  
God is in the midst of Zion; in his providence it shall not be moved.  
Then be still, let all nations now exalt his name: the Lord, God of hosts, is our refuge.

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: Trust in God at all times; pour out your heart to him.  
People: God is our refuge, a present help in times of trouble.  
Leader: We will not give in to fear.  
People: Though the earth should change, the mountains shake, and the waters  
roar and foam, in God alone my soul waits in silence.  
Leader: Trust in God at all times.  
People: On God rests our deliverance and our honor; we shall not be shaken.  
The Lord of hosts is with us.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” (vs.1,2,4)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Lord, you search for us even when we stray from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with  
our own lives. We seldom pause to listen to nature or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel  
that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or  
to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us  
patient with our mistakes, even as we forgive others. Remind us that we are also precious, not because we  
are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own...  
(silent prayer)

KYRIE “Hear My Prayer, Lord” (Here I Am, Lord)  
Hear my prayer, Lord, when I call, Lord; I have tried and failed to do your will.  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, forgive, and heal my sinful heart.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Hear the good news that comes to us from God! God is already dwelling among us,  
and God's steadfast love endures forever. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
People: Thanks be to God!

\*SUNG RESPONSE “A Mighty Fortress”  
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.

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 46

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8: 18-25

SERMON “The What’s Next Syndrome” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 43 “On Eagle’s Wings”

\*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.

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 silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold;  
Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose; every power as thou shalt choose.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store;  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.  
(11:00) “Be Still” arr. Jennifer L. Lewis

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Holy God, take our lives and let them be consecrated to you. Take our days and let them be moments for  
praise. Take our gifts and let them be used to show forth your kingdom. All that you have given, let us hold  
with open hands and offer back to you. Amen.

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 22 “God of the Sparrow”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE  
(8:45) “Wondrous Love” Zach Unke  
(11:00) “Dialogue sur les grands jeux” Jean Adam Guilain

\*Those who are able please stand