

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST: Carolyn McPherson
SOUND: Olin Babb
LITURGISTS: Don Thompson- Chapel
Mark Davis - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Candi Harker

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and presented by Anna Gamble and Family
in loving memory of Bill Gamble.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



The kingdom of
God is among you.

Christ the King Sunday
November 26, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

(PRELUDE 8:45)

“My Tribute”
Carolyn McPherson, guest organist

Arr. Dino Kartsonakis

*GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)

“We Will Glorify the King of Kings”
*We will glorify the King of kings, we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords, who is the great I AM.
He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth, he is Lord of all who live.
He is Lord above the universe, all praise to Him we give.*

“Shout to the North”
*Men of faith, rise up and sing of the great and glorious King.
You are strong when you feel weak, in your broken-ness complete.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*

No. 319

*Rise up women of the truth. Stand and sing to broken hearts
who can know the healing power of our awesome King of love.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth.*

*We've been through fire; we've been through rain;
We've been refined by the power of your name.
We've fallen deeper in love with you. You've burned this truth on our lips.*

*Rise up church with broken wings; fill this place with songs again
Of our god who reigns on high; by God's grace again we'll fly.
Shout to the north and the south; sing to the east and the west.
Jesus is Savior to all, Lord of heaven and earth*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

People: **For this I was born, and for this I have come into the world,
to bear witness to the truth.**

Leader: Grace and peace to you from the God who is, who was, and who is to come,
and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead and the King of all kings.

People: **Amen! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 363

“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that we do not want a savior who is a king. We'd prefer Jesus to be subject to us, instead of the other way around. We are not keen on a redeemer who makes claims and demands of us. We have our own plans. We are happy for Jesus to rubberstamp them, but not for this Lord to whom we owe allegiance and obedience. Forgive our foolishness and arrogance, God. We are forgetful, rebellious, and stubborn. Thank you for not giving up on us. We ask for your mercy, not because of anything we have or have not done, but only for the sake of Christ the King. Amen...

(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: Through the crucified body and blood of Christ, we have been given a pardon from God.

Let us approach the throne of grace with confidence, proclaiming Jesus as Lord of all.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“Christ the King Reigns Over All”

EASTER HYMN

***Christ the King reigns over all, alleluia! We now heed Christ's sovereign call, alleluia!
Freed from sin now let us sing, alleluia! Praise we raise to Christ our King, alleluia!***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Revelation 21: 1-6, 22-27

GOSPEL READING

Luke 17: 20-30

SERMON

“Between Now and Then”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 370

“This Is My Father's World”

*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 MISSION ~ Family Promise, Gail Preslar

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:30)

“Be Thou My Vision”

***Be thou my vision, illumine my heart; bind me to follow thee, never to part;
Sight of thy righteousness, fill now mine eyes; strengthen my striving for thy heavenly prize.***

***Riches I heed not, nor vain empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
High King of Heaven, my victory won; my heart I offer, O bright heaven's Sun!***

(11:00)

“All Good Gifts”

J.M. Martin

Tammie Davis, contralto; Mark Davis, baritone

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God only Wise, accept these offerings, the fruit of our labor and lives, in obedience of our faith, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 354

“Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“To God Be the Glory”

Arr. J. Christopher Pardini

**Those who are able please stand*