

Serving Today

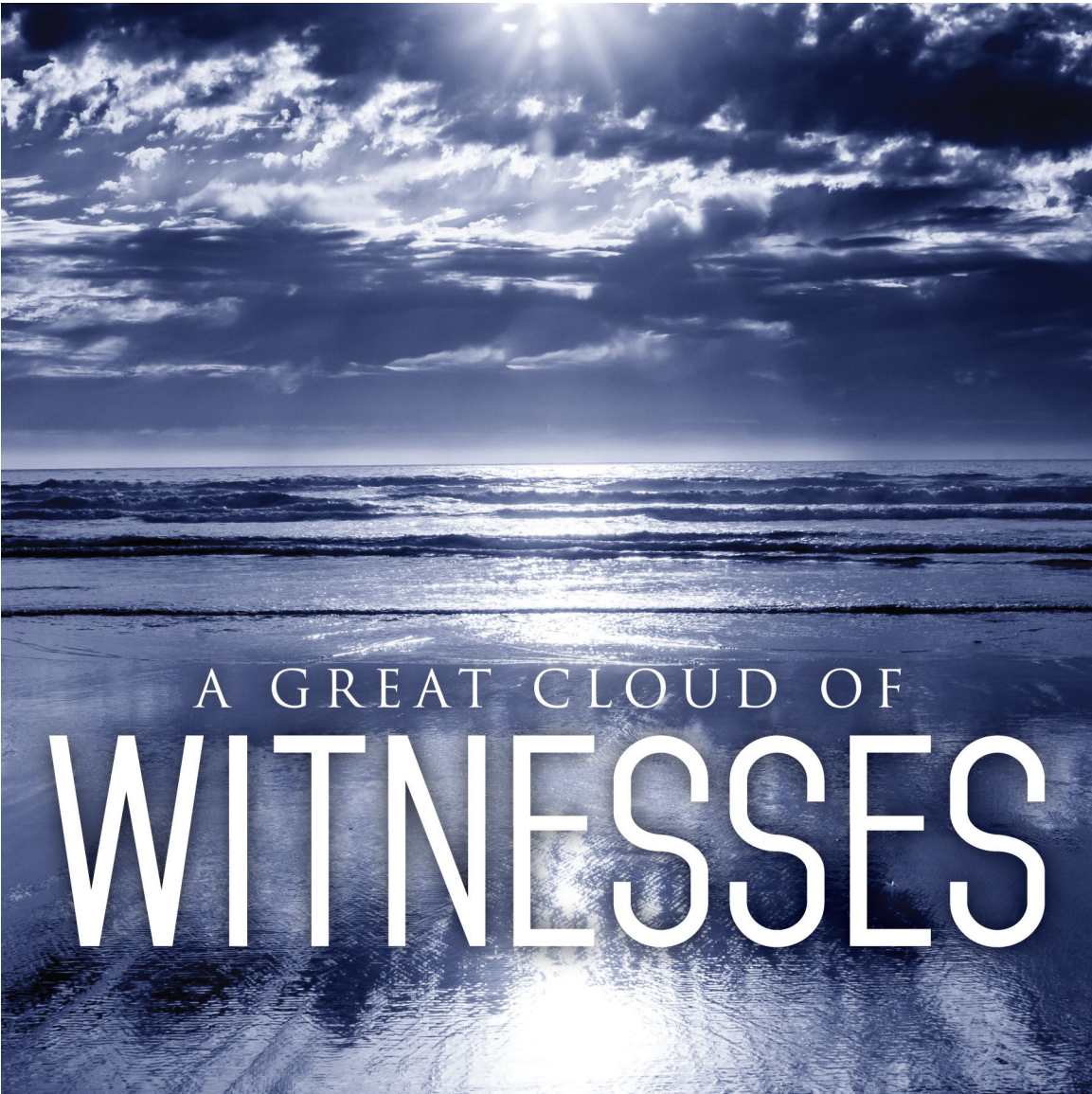
LITURGIST: Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Bob Stoots
GREETERS & USHERS: Gerry Mayberry - Chapel
GREETERS & USHERS: Greg and Mary Easley - Sanctuary
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Gary Hallen

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in celebration of our 40th Wedding Anniversary
on November 5, 2023
by Mitch and Greta Robinette.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



All Saints' Day
November 5, 2023
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE		
BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE		
WELCOME		
PRELUDE (8:45)	“Spirit of the Living God” <i>Jenny Dougan, guest organist</i>	arr. Todd Smith
GATHERING MUSIC (11:00)		
No. 701	“Sanctuary”	
No. 466	“Come, and Fill Our Hearts”	
<i>(Choir): Confitemini Domino quoniam bonus. Confitemini Domino. Alleluia.</i>		
<i>Come, and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy. Come, and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.</i>		
<i>Gather us, O Lord, with your saints; join us now in all that’s holy. Bind our hearts as one family. Alleluia.</i>		
No. 2025	“As the Deer”	

CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Today is a day that is held in tension.
People: **We are surrounded by the past yet looking toward the future.**
Leader: A past that reminds us of blessings and the presence of God with us in our joys and in our sorrows.
People: **And a future filled with promises of when death, mourning, and pain will be no more.**
Leader: And God proclaims, “See, I am making all things new.”
People: **Today we worship the one who was, is and is to come.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 326	“For All the Saints”
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PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE AND RESURRECTION		
<i>Today we celebrate the life and witness of each of these members of First Presbyterian Church and faithful members of Christ’s church who have died since our last Service of Remembrance, November 1, 2022:</i>		
	Harold W. Childress	John R. Hay, III
	Ruth S. Hess	Arlene D. Kuhfuss
	Marcia Ann Opp	Ruby Nell Rogers
	Carol B. Francisco	Josephine “JoAnn” Phlegar
	Wanda L. Mayberry	T. Douglas “Doug” Benton
	George R. “Rudy” Greear	

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, when we recall the Church’s martyrs, and call the roll of those who are now with you, we have mixed feelings. Recalling their faithfulness, we know that we do not measure up to them. In wistful moments, we feel that we might have been more faithful except for bad breaks or the interference of others. God, help us to forget what we might have been or what we might have done. Remind us that even the bravest saints we have known were ordinary people and subject to the same mixed feelings about their worth and potential. Help us concentrate on the present and the future: on what we might yet do, the persons we might yet be, in Christ’s service, starting today... *(silent prayer)*

KYRIE	“Let Us Break Bread Together” <i>Lord, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer; Christ, have mercy upon me, hear my prayer; When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O lord, have mercy on me.</i>
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ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. In Christ, the old has passed away; the new has come. From this moment on, live joyously as God's forgiven people!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE	“Let Us Break Bread Together” <i>Let us praise God our Father on our knees! Let us praise Christ our Savior on our knees! Holy Spirit, we bow with the saints who surround Your throne: Praise God, the Three in One.</i>
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*PEACE OF CHRIST	
HEARING GOD’S WORD	
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES	Russ Pearson
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION	
OLD TESTAMENT READING	<i>Ezekiel 37: 1-14</i>
NEW TESTAMENT READING	<i>Hebrews 11: 13-16, 12: 1-2</i>
SERMON	“Sinners Being Saved; Saints Being Made ” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 377 “I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ Tony Cole, *Property Committee*

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

 INVITATION

 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

 THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

 PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:45)	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds” <i>Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love. The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above. Now joined in bonds of grace, from debt of sin set free, Our debt of joy and gratitude we offer unto Thee. With all who dwell above, whose lives reflect Thy ways, We join our lives as offerings, our hearts as gifts of praise.</i>
(11:00)	“God of Grace” D. Allen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord, you have brought your word to us today, and you have called us to ministry and service. We ask now that you would dedicate our gifts and our lives to faithful actions through the church of Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING	
*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 805	“Come Sing to God” (Psalm 30)
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION	
*CONCLUDING PRAISE (8:45) (11:00)	“For All the Saints” “For All the Saints” arr. M. Hayes arr. P. Lehenbauer

*Those who are able please stand