Serving Today

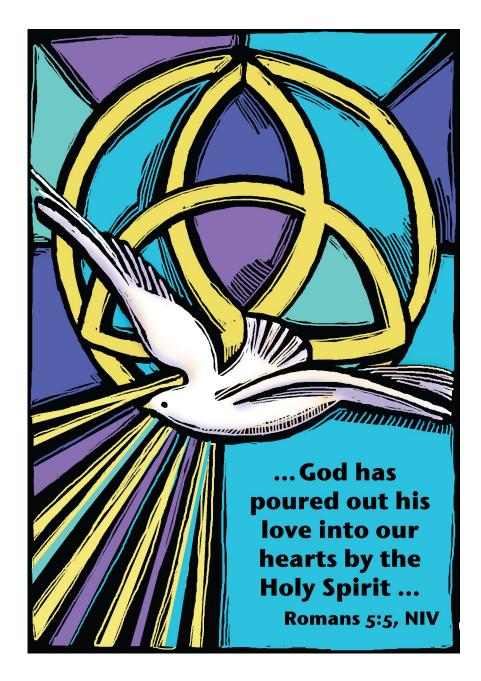
GUEST ORGANIST: SOUND: **GREETERS & USHERS:** LITURGISTS: TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson **FLOWER DELIVERY:**

Tim Hagy Andrew Hagan Gerrie Morie Mark Plemmons Jennie Compton

******** THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD in memory of all the FPC members that we lost in 2023. By Mitch and Greta Robinette. *******

First Presbyterian Church

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



Service of the Lord's Day January 14, 2024 11:00 a.m.

Kingsport, Tennessee

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

"Crimond"

Tim Hagy, guest organist

Bells of God's Presence

WELCOME

Prelude

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Christ is the light for all people in despair, People: Christ is our hope. Leader: For people who are grieving, **People: Christ is our comfort.** Leader: For people who are burdened and anxious, People: Christ is our calm assurance. Leader: For all people gathered here, hear the call to follow Christ and be Christ to others.

People: Christ is for us, and he is with us.

*Hymn of Praise no. 314

"Christ, Be Our Light" (vs. 1,2,5)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you place a light into every darkness and a star in every sky, and yet we prefer to walk in the darkness of despair and worry. We cover over the light of possibility with a flurry of worry. We walk bent over with care and concern. We fear the worst and distrust the best. We forge ahead on our own, not noticing your outstretched hand. We forget that there is never a moment that you are not with us, that your Son was called Immanuel, which means "God with us" Shine your light on our path and walk with us through all our vallevs.

(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.		Offering Ourselves to God
	Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, forgive, and heal my sinful heart.		

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding.

People: Thanks be to God!

"Give Thanks"

Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks, because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!' Give thanks. Give thanks.

*PEACE OF CHRIST

*SUNG RESPONSE

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

GOSPEL READING

Sermon

John 2: 1-11 "His Grace Never Runs Out"

II Peter 1: 16-19

Mike Shelton

Charles Callahan

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

As many of you as were bap	
There is one body and o	
In baptism, each of these pe	
the church to enter into min	istries of service and
of Jesus Christ.	
We remember with joy	
call to our brothers and	
There are varieties of gifts, There are different way	ys of serving God, bu
God works through each pe	
To each is given a gift o	
Together we are the body of	
And individually memb	pers of it.
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*Affirmation of Faith ~ Nicene (Creed
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*Hymn of Response no. 69	"Here I Am,
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ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

*Hymn of Sending no. 2162	"Grac

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*Those who are able please stand

As many of you as were bantized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.

were called to the one hope of our calling.

th Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of governance, announcing in word and deed the good news

to serve Christ, and we celebrate God's particular

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Richard Meyer

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E. Hagenberg

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"The Ash Grove"

Charles Callahan