

Serving Today

GUEST ORGANIST: Tim Hagy
SOUND: Andrew Hagan
GREETERS & USHERS: Gerrie Morie
LITURGISTS: Mark Plemmons
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: 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

Kingsport, Tennessee

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.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE “Crimond” Charles Callahan
Tim Hagy, guest organist

*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 valleys.
(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: 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!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “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

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING II Peter 1: 16-19

GOSPEL READING John 2: 1-11

SERMON “His Grace Never Runs Out” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS
As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ.
There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to the one hope of our calling.
In baptism, each of these people were clothed with Christ, and are now called by God through the voice of the church to enter into ministries of service and governance, announcing in word and deed the good news of Jesus Christ.
We remember with joy our common calling to serve Christ, and we celebrate God’s particular call to our brothers and sisters.
There are varieties of gifts, but it is the same Spirit who gives them.
There are different ways of serving God, but it is the same Lord who is served.
God works through each person in a unique way, but it is God’s purpose that is accomplished.
To each is given a gift of the Spirit to be used for the common good.
Together we are the body of Christ,
And individually members of it.

Statement of Ordination and Installation
Constitutional Questions to the Elders and Deacons
Constitutional Questions to the Congregation

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Nicene Creed

Prayer of Installation and Ordination
Declaration of Ordination and Installation and Charge
Welcome of Newly Installed Deacons and Elders

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 69 “Here I Am, Lord”

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ CONGREGATIONAL FELLOWSHIP & NURTURE COMMITTEE Richard Meyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD “O Love” E. Hagenberg

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
Lord, we offer you not just our money, our time or service. We bring ourselves to you, fully and freely. Multiply the fruit of the Spirit among us that the world may be fed. Multiply our gifts that the world may know that you are real and that you are a God of grace. Multiply your life in our lives that we might be agents of your redemption. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2162 “Grace Alone”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE “The Ash Grove” Charles Callahan

**Those who are able please stand*