

*Serving Today*

LITURGISTS: Virginia Wooten - Chapel  
Claudia Mihovk - Fellowship Center  
SOUND: Andrew Hagan  
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Barbara Foust  
in loving memory of her husband and two sisters.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Kingsport, Tennessee

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



*Transfiguration of the Lord*  
February 11, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE  
(8:45)

“How Great Thou Art”  
*Carolyn McPherson, guest pianist* arr. Dino Kartsonakis

(11:00)

“He Hideth My Soul”  
*Donna Hathaway, guest pianist* arr. Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of faith, we are God's children.

People: **We are God's family, God's own flesh and blood.**

Leader: We are God's heirs, God's legacy.

People: **We are beloved and redeemed, chosen and called.**

Leader: We have nothing to fear. In Christ, God's love is poured out on us.

People: **It is our joy to bear the family resemblance of Christ to the world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 13

“The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, today we confess our lack of trust in you. We confess that we don't believe in your goodness; we quickly forget your unending faithfulness. When trouble and hardship surround us, we don't run to you; we run to friends, entertainment, food, activity -- anything to numb the pain or fill the void. And yet, what you want is to hear our cries. You want to be the one we run to, the only one we run to. You are so merciful, and we thank you today for your mercy. May we always give you the cries of our hearts...**

*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE D. Johnson

***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The mercy of God has no beginning and no end but endures forever. Friends, receive the free gift of God's grace that is yours this day.

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Psalm 136: 1-9, 23-26*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*I Corinthians 1: 4-9*

SERMON

“We Are What We Believe”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 19

“God of Great and God of Small”

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.**

**We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.**

**We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD  
(8:45)

“For the Fruit of All Creation” (vs. 1, 3)  
*(Please see insert)*

(11:00)

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”  
*John Alan Smith, cello* arr. H. Helvey

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**Father, you have blessed us beyond measure, and you have called us to worship. May our gifts today flow from hearts of worship to the One who provides all we need. May we never forget that all we have is yours. Take it and use it according to your will. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 39

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE  
(8:45)  
(11:00)

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”  
“I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

arr. Lani Smith  
arr. Carol Tornquist

\*Those who are able please stand