

*Serving Today*

GREETERS & USHERS: Gary and Mary Beth Hallen - Fellowship Center  
LITURGISTS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel  
SOUND: Andrew Hagan  
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in loving memory of Fran Sellers  
and are presented by her family.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Kingsport, Tennessee

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



*First Sunday of Lent*  
February 18, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” arr. Mark Hayes  
Donna Hathaway, pianist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: Now is the time to wake from our sleeping,  
People: **To throw off our fears, and to discard our excuses.**  
Leader: Now is the time to walk toward freedom,  
People: **To believe in new life and to turn away from dead ends,**  
Leader: Now is the time to live new possibilities, to sing new songs.  
People: **To open our hearts to our awesome God.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 637 “O Sing to the Lord” (Choir sings vs.1; All then repeat)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
**God, we confess that what we say we believe and the beliefs our lives profess frequently aren’t the same. We say that you are good, yet we are quick to blame you when discomfort or distress arises. We say that you love us, but we act as if your will for our lives cannot be trusted. We proclaim that we are forgiven, yet we still carry the burdensome baggage of our past. We profess that you are a faithful God, yet we’re riddled with anxiety and impatience. Forgive us, Lord. Give us the courage to look honestly at the disparity between what we profess and the truth that our actions and attitudes tell. Grant us grace that we may seek to close the gap between the two.**  
(silent prayer)

KYRIE D. Johnson  
Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON  
Leader: Friends, the mercy of Jesus Christ covers all your sin and is from everlasting to everlasting.  
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 Deuteronomy 30: 11-20

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 7: 1-9

SERMON “Moses’ Famous Last Words” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

\*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.

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS (11:00)  
~ Mary Beth Hallen, John McInturff, Eva Pearson, MaryGail Py

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:45) “Spirit of the Living God”  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, move within my soul. Holy Spirit, breath of God, heal and make me whole. Take me; use me; come, invade me; make my life an offering, wholly unto Thee.  
(11:00) “O Savior of the World” D. Clemensen

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Let our offerings, gracious God, be a sign of our longing to lead lives worthy of the Lord, pleasing to him. May they continue to bear fruit in every good work, and may we come more fully into the knowledge of God. Amen.

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 741 “Guide My Feet” (vs. 1-4)

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE “Ain-a That Good News” arr. John Carter

\*Those who are able please stand