

Serving Today

GREETERS & USHERS:	Sharon Engel - Fellowship Center
LITURGISTS:	Mark Davis - Chapel
	Richard Meyer - Fellowship Center
SOUND:	Andrew Hagan
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	MaryGail Py

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in honor of Don Thompson's 76th birthday
on February 25, 2024, by Karen Thompson.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Second Sunday of Lent
February 25, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE		
Bells of God’s Presence		
Welcome		
Prelude	“O How He Loves You and Me” <i>Donna Hathaway, pianist</i>	arr. Dino Kartsonakis
*Call to Worship		
Leader: Sense the presence of God here in this place:		
People: A sudden lifting of the heart, a child's ready smile,		
Leader: The song that comes quickly to our lips,		
People: A feeling of acceptance and hints of joy.		
Leader: God moves over the mysteries of our living and our dying,		
People: We come here to seek the God who is worthy of our lives.		
*Hymn of Praise No. 664	“Morning Has Broken”	
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession		
Holy God, Lord of history and our lives, we confess that we sometimes doubt your ability to work in the world, and wonder where you are. We disbelieve that anything good could happen. We are short of hope, tired of doing good and skeptical of miracles. God, let our trust in your promises deepen and our eyes be opened to the unexpected signs of your love and grace. God of our lives and history, ready our hearts and minds to see your new dawn in all of life...		
<i>(silent prayer)</i>		
Kyrie	“Seek Ye First”	
<i>Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me; forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.</i>		
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	“The Gift of Love”	
<i>Our Father, hear the praise we sing; now to your Son our lives we bring; Come, Holy Ghost, our hearts inspire; fill all our deeds with holy fire.</i>		
Peace of Christ		
HEARING GOD’S WORD		
Time with Young Disciples		
Prayer for Illumination		
Old Testament Reading	<i>II Samuel 12: 1-15</i>	
Gospel Reading	<i>Matthew 18: 1-9</i>	
Sermon	“Speaking the Truth in Love”	Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD		
*Hymn of Response No. 754	“Help Us Accept Each Other”	
*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.		
Minute for Mission (11:00) ~ Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School		
Prayers of the People and The Lord’s Prayer		
Offering Ourselves to God (8:45)	“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”	
<i>God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store, nature’s wonder, Jesus’ wisdom, costly cross, grave’s shattered door: gifted by you, we turn to you, offering up ourselves in praise; Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.</i>		
<i>Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow’rs your grace conferred: ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word. Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ’s ageless call, healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving you by loving all.</i>		
(11:00)	“We Kneel, Lord”	P. Lutkin
<i>We kneel, Lord, now in humble prayer. Your grace, Lord, has called us here to worship you. We seek your face... We long for your countenance of light and love. You have claimed us as your own, Lord, in mercy. We are forgiven. We belong to you. We give you thanks. Receive our hearts, receive our lives, receive our offerings. O Lord, we give our lives to you. Amen.</i>		
Prayer of Dedication		
As we follow Christ on the path of obedience, God, we are reminded of your desire for us to be faithful. Take these gifts and make them become for us an act of faith in your gracious love. Amen!		

THE SENDING

*Hymn of Dedication No. 738	“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”	
*Charge and Benediction		
*Concluding Praise	“To God Be the Glory”	arr. Bruce Greer
*Those who are able please stand		