

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Andrew Hagan
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Lorrie Cooper

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of William Blass
by Betty Blass.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Communion Sunday
February 4, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

A SPECIAL WORD FROM HOLSTON CAMP ~ Dave Cohn, Executive Director of Holston Camp and Retreat Center

PRELUDE “Lord I Want to Be a Christian” arr. John Carter
Donna Hathaway, guest pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP
Leader: Let everyone who thirsts come and drink deeply!
People: **Here all who hunger may satisfy themselves freely.**
Leader: Why should we spend our money for that which is not bread?
People: **Why do we labor for that which cannot satisfy?**
Leader: Here you may feast on the goodness of the Lord.
People: **Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness shall be filled.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 401 “Here in This Place”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
God, you call us to your table of grace to enjoy your presence, to be made one with your people of every time and place. But we dare not come to the table with sin-stained hearts. Only your forgiveness can make us clean within. We confess we have edged you to the fringes of our lives as we have become preoccupied with other matters. We have fooled ourselves into believing we are too busy to pray and too exhausted to serve. Forgive us, Lord, and help us do better. Help us order our days and our deeds according to your will. Grant us pardon, and comfort us with the assurance of your Spirit. Then shall we be free to celebrate your feast of love with all your saints.

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Leader: God’s mercy and grace are sure. Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” OLD HUNDREDTH
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen**

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING Ephesians 2: 11-22

GOSPEL READING Matthew 15: 21-28

SERMON “Crumbs Falling from His Table” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 510 “We Gather Here in Jesus’ Name”

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
(Communion will be served at your tables during the 11:00 service.)
INVITATION
WORDS OF INSTITUTION
THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE
MUSICAL MEDITATION
PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:45) “Let Us Break Bread Together”

**Bread of Life, you have fed us in each soul; Wine of Love, you have cleansed us, made us whole.
Holy Spirit of Christ, claim and seal us as yours alone; by faith we live in your grace.
Lord, we offer ourselves in songs of praise! Lord, inspire us to serve you all our ways!
When we rise with the sun, give us strength for the race we run; Your love fulfilling our days.**

(11:00)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION
We bring our gifts and our lives to be blest by the spirit of God. May all that we bring be a sign and witness of our love and devotion to this church. As we offer these gifts, may our lives be renewed and may our church become even more a witness of the Good News of Jesus. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 523 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” arr. Carol Tornquist

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service.

**Those who are able please stand*