

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
Russ Pearson - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Pat Bryan

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
on our 50th Wedding Anniversary
March 2, 2024
by Bob and Kathy Stoots.

First Presbyterian Church
Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Communion Sunday
March 3, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”
Donna Hathaway, guest pianist

arr. Mark Hayes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather here as the people of God.

People: To do the work of God.

Leader: For our Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

People: We have come to hear from the Lord!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 41

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above” *(vs. 1, 2, 5)*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-wise God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder. We are victims of selfishness that distorts your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in whom alone abides peace.
(silent prayer)

KYRIE

“Seek Ye First”

***Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me;
forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin and be alive to all that is good. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE

“The Gift of Love”

***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.***

*PEACE OF CHRIST

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 7: 14-25

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1: 14-15

SERMON

“Speaking of Sin”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2143

“O Lord, Your Tenderness”

***O Lord, your tenderness, melting all my bitterness; O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your loveliness, changing my unworthiness; O Lord, I receive your love (3x)
O Lord, your graciousness, overcomes my selfishness; O Lord, I receive your love.
O Lord, your holiness, fills me with your righteousness; O Lord, I receive your love. (3x)***

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(11:00) Communion will be served by intinction at the 11:00 a.m. service. Worshippers are invited to come forward by rows, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. If you prefer, individual cups are available from the elder closest to the outside aisle. If you have difficulty coming to the front, an elder will be happy to serve you in your seat.

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Lord of All Good”

(No. 711)

***Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to You; use them your holy purpose to fulfill,
tokens of love, and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.***

***We give our minds to understand your ways; hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great design;
heart with the flame of your love ablaze, till for your glory all our powers combine.***

(11:00)

“Create in Me”

T. Johnson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Here I am, Lord - body, heart and soul. Grant that with your love, I may be big enough to reach the world, and small enough to be at one with you. In the name of your Son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 442

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Jesus Shall Reign”

arr. Carol Tornquist

**Those who are able please stand*