

*Serving Today*

GREETERS & USHERS:	Carol Dixon and Claudia Mihovk - Fellowship Center
LITURGISTS:	Cheryl Rice - Chapel
SOUND:	Gary Hallen
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Mary Beth Hallen

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in honor of Becca Wright’s birthday on March 11.  
Much love and many thanks from your FPC family.  
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**First Presbyterian Church**  
Kingsport, Tennessee

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



*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
March 10, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE  
WELCOME

PRELUDE (8:45) “Come to Me, All Who Labor” John Purifoy  
Carolyn McPherson, guest pianist  
(11:00) “O Worship the King” arr. by Lenny Seidel  
Donna Hathaway, guest pianist

\*CALL TO WORSHIP  
Leader: This is the sanctuary of God-the place where God’s Kingdom touches the earth.  
People: **We come here weary and worn. We need to hear Your voice.**  
Leader: Here is the holiness of God- the realm of truth and righteousness.  
People: **We come from this world, Lord- searching for justice. We need to hear Your voice.**  
Leader: Today is the day of salvation; our Redemption draws near.  
People: **We come from the desert, Lord-confused and thirsty. We need to hear Your voice.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE “O God of Love” O WALY WALY  
*O God of love, we seek your face; bow’d down in sin, we need your grace.  
We wander, weary, through this earth; before your throne, we find our worth.  
When through the desert, we are worn, we see your Son, who suffered scorn;  
Yet, in His suff’ring, brought us home; within your heart, no more alone.  
Because you come to us in love, your Kingdom dawns with light above;  
We hear your voice, Lord; dry each tear. In you, salvation now draws near.*

CALL TO CONFESSION  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION  
Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed. We have fallen short of what You expect. We have left undone that which You desire. We have wandered from Your Word. We have lost our way in the wilderness of our defiance. Have mercy upon us, Lord. Receive our confession. Cast out all that is unholy and restore in us a right spirit. Fill us with Your Spirit, God, that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your love, now and forever...  
(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: Friends, hear the good news: the Lord your God is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love. When we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. In 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  
CONFIRMATION CLASS REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISMAL VOWS (11:00)  
Mary Kate Lively  
Neely Mink  
Lainie Pearson

HEARING GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION  
NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 8: 1-8  
GOSPEL READING Luke 8: 40-48  
SERMON “Saved From and Saved For” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”  
*Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I’m so glad you’re in my life; I’m so glad you came to save us!*  
(Refrain): *You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth to the cross my debt to pay;  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.  
In the power of your name, we find life, and we find healing.  
We will never be the same; we with thankful hearts are kneeling... (Refrain)*

\*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER  
OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD (8:45) “Hymn of Promise”  
*In God’s loving gift of Jesus, I receive God’s mystery; in His death, I am forgiven, in His rising I am free!  
In the gift, O Lord, you offer, I now give myself to Thee. In your Holy Spirit, fill me, that your servant I may be.  
In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity.  
In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.*  
(11:00) “O Come Unto the Lord” Robert J. Greene, Jr

PRAYER OF DEDICATION  
Extravagant God, as you have lavished your grace and blessings upon us, we thank you for the privilege of participating in your kingdom. Use these gifts, we pray, to bring healing, comfort and hope to a world in need of you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION “He Who Began a Good Work in You”  
*He who began a good work in you, He who began a good work in you - will be faithful to complete it,  
will be faithful to complete it. He who started the work will be faithful to complete it in you.  
Praise God, whose mercy makes all things new! Praise Christ, in whom we are all made new!  
Praise the Spirit who is working. Deep within, our Lord is working. He who started the work  
will be faithful to complete it in you.*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION  
\*CONCLUDING PRAISE (8:45) “Thine Is the Glory” arr. Marvin Gaspard  
(11:00) “Lift High the Lord, Our Banner” arr. Mark Hayes