

Serving Today

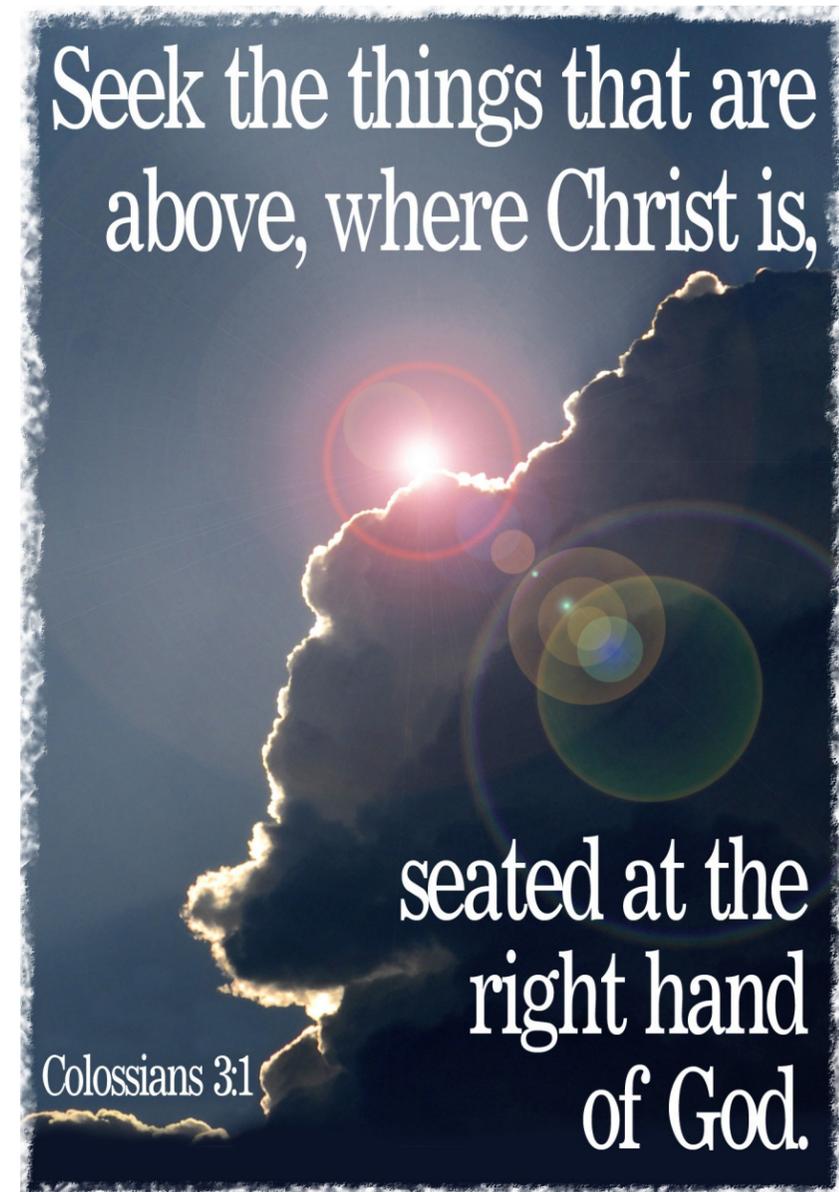
LITURGISTS: Don Thompson - Chapel
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Candi Harker

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of
Donald E. Brown and Laura Caroline Brown
by Joyce M. Brown.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Fourth Sunday of Easter
April 21, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(8:45)
(11:00)

“I Am Thine, O Lord”
“Now the Green Blade Riseth”
The Westminster Ringers

arr. Don Wyrzten
K. McChesney

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glorious God, this is indeed the day which you have made.

People: **You cause new life to burst forth with beauty and fragrance.**

Leader: You adorn the creation with splendor and grandeur.

People: **We lift our voices to sing your praises. Help us to walk in the confidence of Christ's company, and look forward to the day when we will dine with him in glory.**

Leader: Surround us with the assurance of your Holy Spirit as we worship.

People: **Alleluia! Alleluia! Live in us now, Risen Friend!**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 236

“The Strife is O’er”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Waken our hearts, O God; make them ever watchful to serve you and your purposes. Trouble us with the smallness of our vision and work. Rekindle in us a renewed desire for the coming of your glorious kingdom when all wrongs will be made right, when everything that is broken will be made whole, and when we will trade a cross for a crown. In Jesus' name, we pray...

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is this: Jesus Christ came into the world to redeem sinners. Hear it and believe: in Christ we are forgiven. Hallelujah! Amen.

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Colossians 3: 1-4

GOSPEL READING

Luke 20: 27-40

SERMON

“The Long Way Home”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 804

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!”

*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)

“God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

***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.***

***Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through powers 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.***

(11:00)

“In Christ Alone”
The Westminster Ringers

arr. S. Eithun

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Praise God, Christ our Lord is risen. Breathe new life into each of us and your church. May the giving of our gifts be a sign of our love and devotion; in the name of our risen Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 384

“Soon and Very Soon”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

“O Breath of God”

arr. L. Shackley

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

arr. John Innes

**Those who are able please stand*