

Serving Today

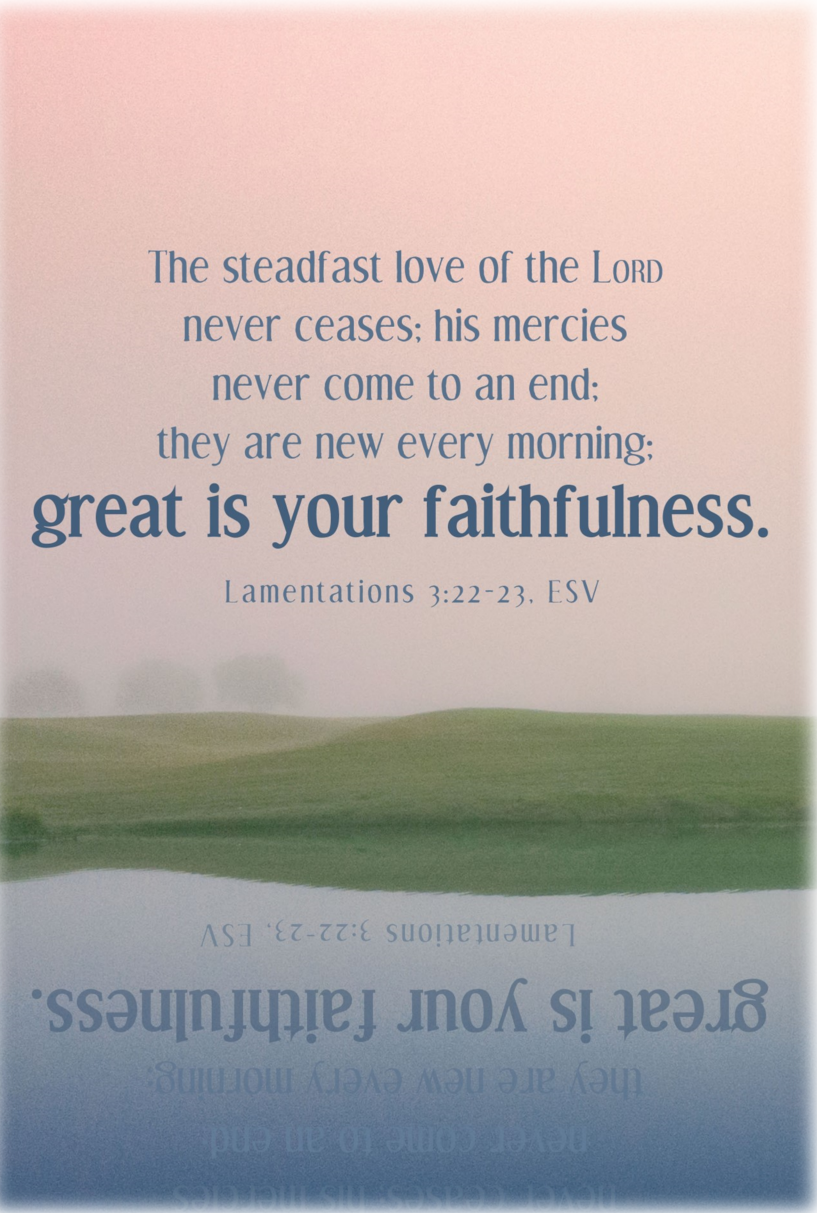
LITURGISTS: Mark Davis - Chapel
Tammie Davis - Sanctuary
GREETERS/USHERS: John and Tonya McInturff – Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in celebration of our 55th Wedding Anniversary
on April 26, 2024, by Larry and Patty Pendleton.

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



The steadfast love of the LORD
never ceases; his mercies
never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
Lamentations 3:22-23, ESV

Fifth Sunday of Easter
April 28, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

MINUTE FOR CHILDREN'S MINISTRY ~ Elizabeth Wilkins for Vacation Bible School

PRELUDE

"How Great Is Our God"

arr. Bill Wolaver

Donna Hathaway, pianist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God of hope, we come into your presence this morning with the confidence that you will meet us here.

People: **Where there is sadness, bring joy; where there is tiredness, bring refreshment; where there is despair, bring renewed hope.**

Leader: Let this place be a sanctuary, a safe haven for us, a home for holy words and songs and prayers.

People: **We devote ourselves to you. Please accept our worship as a sign of our devotion to you.**

*HYMN OF INVOCATION

"Sanctuary"

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Where there's sadness, O Lord bring gladness; where I languish, grant new strength;

Where there's darkness, Lord, shine upon me, rise within me, make me new.

Lord, prepare me, so I feel your presence; in your grace, Lord, I find hope.

In devotion, I bow before you, may my worship honor you...

I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we confess that we look but never see the face of hunger, for our eyes are not open. We listen but do not hear the cry of despair, for our ears are stopped up. We touch but feel nothing of the pain in others, for our hearts have grown dull. God, grant us to be: silent before you that we might hear you; open to you that you may enter; empty before you that you may fill us; loyal to you that we would be obedient.

Thankful to you so we can be thankful in all things...

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the name of the risen Christ, be assured, if you approach our merciful God with a repentant heart, all is forgiven.

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Lamentations 1: 1-12

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19: 41-44

SERMON

"There is a Time to Sing the Blues"

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 375

"Shall We Gather at the River"

*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 ~ Five Cents a Meal ~ The Clothes Closet

(8:45) - Don Thompson

(11:00) - Richard Meyer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

"When I Survey"

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss; and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine demands my soul, my life, my all!*

(11:00)

"Be Thou My Vision"

Agnese Goin, soprano solo

B. Chilcott

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of Jeremiah, we trust in your blessings as we offer these gifts to you, praying that our offering may express our belief and trust in redemption. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

*CHARGE AND BENECTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

arr. Victor Labenske

**Those who are able please stand*