

*Serving Today*

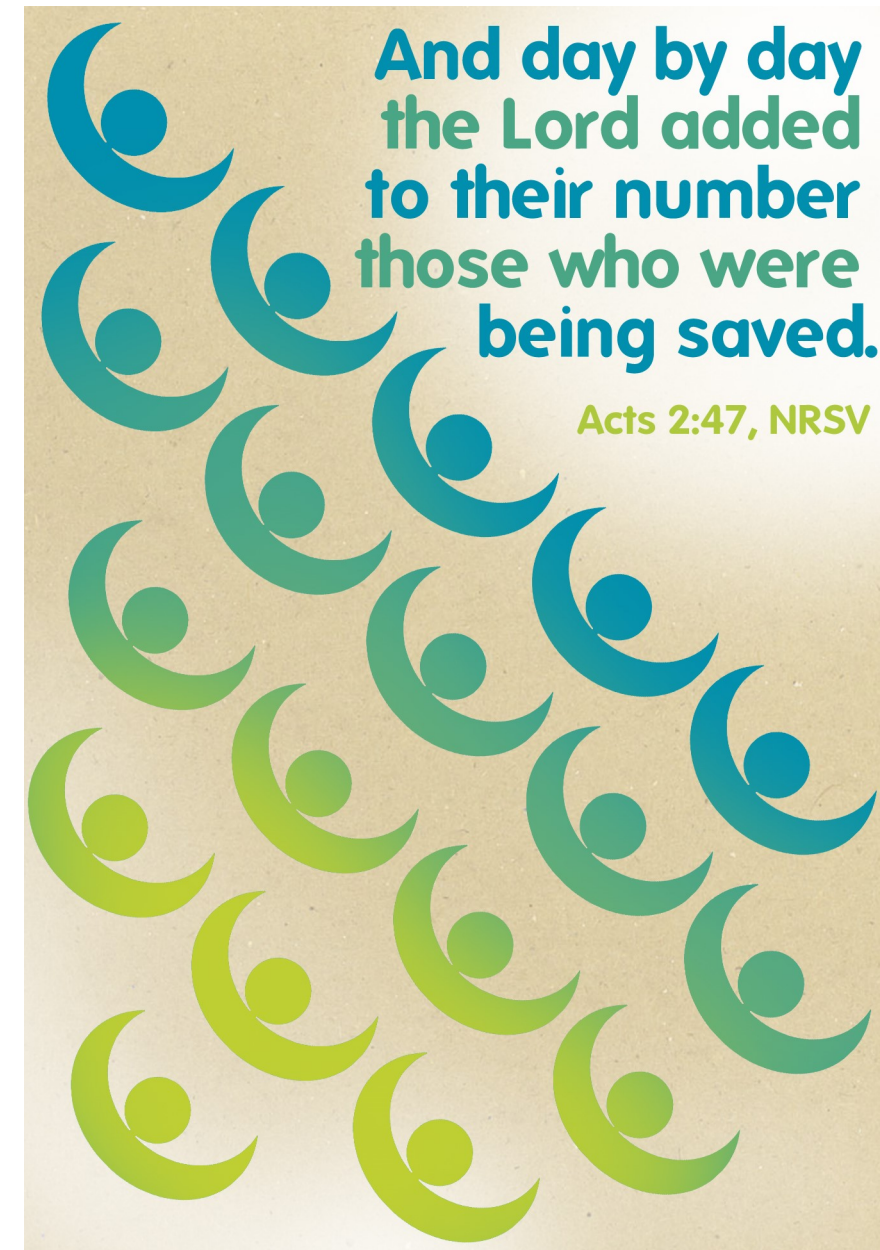
**LITURGISTS:** Cheryl Rice - Chapel  
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary  
**GREETERS/USHERS:** Don Thompson—Chapel  
**GREETERS/USHERS:** Gary and Catherine Tucker – Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Olin Babb  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Mary Easley

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Jennie and Family  
in loving memory of Doug Benton.  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Service of the Lord's Day  
May 26, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Becky Cooper, guest organist*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Like the disciples, we come looking for answers. Like them, what we find are questions.  
So we ask and ask again for guidance.

People: **Where do we burn? How do we keep our passion alive? How do we ignite it in others?**

Leader: We come together, singing and praising God together, and putting ourselves at God's disposal.  
Trusting, we learn to trust each other.

People: **May we strive to be of one heart and mind, as the Apostles were, so that there may not be a needy person among us.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 318

“In Christ There Is No East or West”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We confess to you, God, that we confuse unity with uniformity and diversity with divisiveness. We speak and behave as if being a part of your family means assimilating others to our way of living. We deny and destroy the beauty you created in each person. We long to change these patterns, Lord, but we do not know how. Teach us to value challenge. Help us to see strength in difference. Empower us to build your kingdom in creativity and love...**

*(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 is gracious and merciful, abounding in steadfast love. God judges, but God also forgives the contrite.  
The burden of your sin is taken away. Enter the joy of your freedom in Christ. Rejoin the congregation of the redeemed, in humble service, through Christ.

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

GOSPEL READING

*Luke 10: 21-24*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Acts 2: 37-47*

SERMON

“God's Dream Team”

Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE

“We Are the Body of Christ”

STF No.2227

***One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision: to see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.***

***One Lord, one body, we join to praise you; though we are many, we come.  
One heart, one Spirit uniting our differences. We are the body of Christ.  
And to this we give our lives to see you glorified.***

***One heart, one Spirit, one voice to praise you, we are the body of Christ.  
One goal, one vision: to see you exalted. We are the body of Christ.***

\*A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

PCUSA

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,  
we trust in one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. He proclaimed God's reign.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain, and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people.**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life, who justifies us by grace  
through faith, who sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us  
from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION (11:00) ~ Five Cents a Meal ~ Friends In Need

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“O Jesus, I Have Promised”

***O Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; be now and always near me, my Shepherd and my friend;  
I shall not fear the valley if you are by my side, nor wander from the pathway, if you will be my guide.***

***O Jesus, you have promised to all who follow you, that where you are in glory your servant will be too.  
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve you to the end; now give me grace to follow, my Shepherd and my friend.***

(11:00)

“Celebrate the Day”

P. Choplin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We thank you, loving God, for the abundance of your gifts poured out upon us, and we ask that you use  
these gifts and offerings to spread healing and hope throughout the world, for the sake of Jesus the Christ.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 727

“Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*\*Those who are able please stand*