

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

LITURGISTS:

GREETERS & USHERS:

SOUND:

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:

FLOWER DELIVERY:

Russ Pearson - Sanctuary

Mike and Elizabeth Wilkins – Sanctuary

Olin Babb

Russ Pearson

Mary Ruth

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and are presented by Precia and Family
in loving memory of Al Keel.



Sixth Sunday of Easter

Communion

May 5, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Becky Cooper, organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

People: **We come to worship the one true God.**

Leader: How will you worship?

People: **Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.**

Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

People: **Come abide in God’s tent and in God’s heart, now and forever.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 12

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

ST. DENIO

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Savior, you have called us to live as your disciples and have equipped us with the power of God to be your heart, hands and feet to the world. We confess that instead of serving our neighbors with the might and boldness of your Spirit, we are timid and afraid. We miss opportunities to be salt and light. We fail to be peacemakers. We harbor resentments and justify anger rather than model forgiveness. We are more judgmental than compassionate. Forgive us, we pray. Grant us a renewed vision of who we are in you. Revitalize our faith and transform our lives.

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God’s mercy and grace are sure. Believe the good news. In Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia!

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

John 16: 16-24

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 1:1-11

SERMON

“To Be Continued...In Us”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2199

“Stay with Us”
(Choir only first verse; then ALL join)

STAY WITH US

MINUTE FOR MISSION ~ Legacy Sunday

Don Sharitt

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)

“O Perfect Love”

O perfect love, all human thoughts transcending, lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne, That we may grasp the depth and height unending of Thy pure love which seals us as Thine own.

Grant us the love which heals and lessens sorrow; grant us to reach in love to those in need. Lord, may our gifts, our lives o’erflow with blessing, Thy Kingdom come, in love all captives freed.

(11:00)

“The King of Love”

D. Barton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love is multiplied. Bless these gifts and multiply their usefulness. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 295

“Go to the World!”

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*Those who are able please stand