

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

LITURGISTS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel
Richard Meyer - Sanctuary
GREETERS/USHERS: Betty Blass and Ella Deakins - Sanctuary
SOUND: Olin Babb
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Sharon Engel

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in honor of all fathers; past, present and future.
By Mitch and Greta Robinette.



Service of the Lord's Day
June 16, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(8:45)
(11:00)

“The Serenade of Love”
“Elegie”

arr. D. Kartsonakis & N. DiGesare
J. Massenet

Carolyn McPherson, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit. Be the wind and fire that transform our lives.

People: **Breathe upon us as we study your word of life.**

Leader: Kindle faith from our believing doubt.

People: **Cleanse us from our waywardness.**

Leader: Deepen our passion for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ.

People: **Give us voice to proclaim your mighty works in every tongue.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 610

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we are a stiff-necked people. If things are not done in our favor, at our timing, for our good pleasure, then it must be wrong. It is out of our fear, impatience and stubbornness that we make bad decisions that not only hurt us but others and most importantly our relationship with you. It is in these moments of clarity that we can see clearly your love and your ultimate plan for us. Be patient with us and give us the assurance of your continued presence, though we do not deserve it...

(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 forgiving. Even though our actions create pain and strain our relationship, God is bigger and more compassionate than we can ever comprehend. God not only forgives but also restores.

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

Matthew 10: 16-25

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 6: 8-15, 7: 44-60

SERMON

“Beyond Your Assignment”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2074

“Shout to the Lord”

*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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

FINLANDIA

O God of hope, we lay our lives before you; we have one claim, to trust in Christ, our Lord.

When this world fades, the more we shall adore you; when answers fail, we trust more in your Word.

Now, by your grace, Lord, sanctify our journey, that in your image we may be restored.

Within your Spirit, goodness lives unfading. The past and future mingle into one.

All joys remain, unshadowed light pervading. No valued deed will ever be undone.

Your mind enfolds all finite acts and offerings. Held in your heart, our deathless life is won!

(11:00)

“Peace Like a River”

Joel Raney

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Accept these gifts we humbly offer, gracious God. Use them, and use us, to reach into places where your goodness is not yet known. Make us good stewards of your word. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 826

“Lift High the Cross”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“We Have Heard the Joyful Sound”

arr. Don Phillips

**Those who are able please stand*