

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
Youth - Sanctuary
GREETERS/USHERS: Mitch and Greta Robinette - Sanctuary
SOUND: Gary Hallen
FLOWER DELIVERY: Eva Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in loving memory of Jeff Byrd
by Claudia Byrd.



Service of the Lord's Day
June 23 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNG PRELUDE

“Light Dawns on a Weary World” No. 79
(Choir/solo: Vs.1 and Refrain; All join as you wish)
Jenny Dougan, guest organist

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord, the God of Peace.

Congregation: **We gather to seek God's peace in our hearts and lives.**

Leader: In a world filled with conflict and unrest,

Congregation: **Help us to plant peace anyway.**

Leader: Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers,”

Congregation: **For they will be called children of God.**

Leader: May our worship of God today fill us with peace,

Congregation: **So we can share this peace with the world.**

*GATHERING HYMN NO. 705

“You are Holy” (Prince of Peace)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God,
We confess that we have not always been instruments of Your peace. We have allowed conflict, anger, and division to rule our hearts. We have failed to seek peace in our relationships and in our world.**

Forgive us for our part in strife and discord. Fill us with Your peace and help us to be peacemakers in all that we do. Guide us to love others as You love us and to promote harmony wherever we go.

(silent prayer)

KYRIE

“Seek Ye First”

***Lord, have mercy upon my soul; Christ, have mercy on me;
forgive my sins, and make me whole; Lord, forgive, and restore me.***

WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*SUNG RESPONSE NO. 582

“Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines On Me”

*PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES (11:00)

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

“Listen to the Word That God Has Spoken” *(sing twice)* No. 455

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9
Parable of the Sower

SERMON

“Planting Peace” Russ Pearson

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 250

“Hymn of Promise”

*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 ~ Kingsport Community Ministry Center

Mary Waterson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“What Shall I Render to the Lord”

No. 655

***What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be,
For all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?***

***My mind, my heart, my treasure store belong, O Lord, to Thee;
Receive my humble offering to serve eternity.***

(11:00)

“Aina that Good News!”

Wm. L. Dawson

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 39

“Here I am Lord”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

“O Worship the King”

C. Tornquist

(11:00)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

J. Leavitt

**Those who are able please stand*