

*Serving Today*

**LITURGISTS:** Virginia Wooten - Chapel  
**GREETERS/USHERS:** Sharon Engel and Gerry Morie - Sanctuary  
**SOUND:** Gary Hallen  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Mary Beth Hallen

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and are presented by Larry Long, David, Craig and Ellen  
in loving memory of Catherine Long.  
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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  
June 9, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Jenny Dougan, guest organist*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is calling to you today.

People: **God is calling us today.**

Leader: Why is God calling us?

People: **To be the church. People united by God in faith.**

Leader: For what purpose would God do such a thing?

People: **Because God has given each of us a gift to share, so that if we come together and lean on one another, then we can become all that God has called us to be.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you already know how, why, and when we sin. You know that we have hurt each other, been unkind and thought only of ourselves. You have given us mercy; help us to extend it to our brothers and sisters. Free us from holding grudges, gossip and passing judgment. Let us never pour shame upon another, but instead love and peace. Help us to encourage each other and walk with each other toward restoration. Thank you for the beauty you bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, gracious God...**

*(silent prayer)*

KYRIE D. Johnson

***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.***

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In this, we have assurance of God's forgiveness: while we were yet sinners, we were reconciled to God through Jesus Christ. Because we have received his mercy, we can grant mercy to those who have wronged us.

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 5: 27-32*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 4: 32-37*

SERMON “The Early Church’s Head Cheerleader” Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 693 “Though I May Speak”

\*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) “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

***Called as partners in Christ’s service, called to ministries of grace, we respond with deep commitment, fresh new lines of faith to trace.***

***May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend to friend, Equal partners in our caring to fulfill God’s chosen end.***

***Christ’s example, Christ’s inspiring, Christ’s clear call to work and worth, let us follow, never faltering, reconciling folk on earth.***

***Men and women, richer, poorer, all God’s people, young and old, let us blend our skills in service that God’s kingdom may unfold.***

(11:00) “Blest Are the Pure in Heart” D. Barton

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, your heart is wide open to us. You have given to us freely and taught us to return to you a portion of what we have. Grant us glad and generous hearts, and help us be as open to you as you are to us. Help us use your gifts wisely and for the benefit of all your people. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 408 “There’s a Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE

*\*Those who are able please stand*