Serving Today

LITURGISTS:	Don Sharitt - *Chapel*
	Gary Tucker - *Sanctuary*
GREETERS/USHERS:	Everett Bond and Sharon Engel - *Sanctuary*
SOUND:	Dan Dietrich
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:	Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Candi Harker

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD
in loving memory of William Blass
by Betty Blass.

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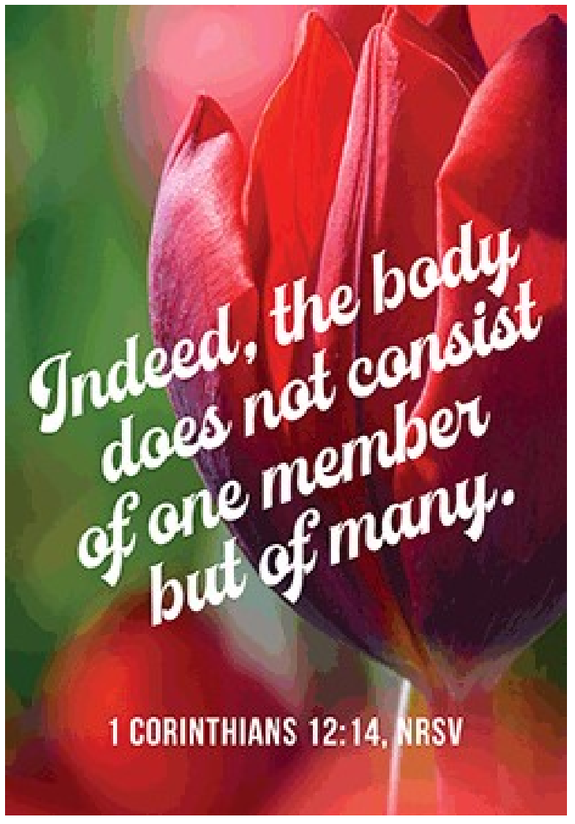
First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

Seeking to see the face of Christ…
Striving to be the hands of Christ



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

Gathering as God's People

Bells of God's Presence

Congregational Meeting (11:00) ~ Jim Amstutz, *Chair of the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee*

Welcome

Prelude
(8:45) "Beautiful Savior" arr. J. Knowles
(11:00) "Little Prelude in C" J.S. Bach
Carolyn McPherson, guest organist

*Call to Worship
Leader: We are gathered together in Jesus' name,
People: **May the peace of Christ be upon us.**
Leader: We are sisters and brothers in God's family. We don't always agree but we look together toward our Savior.
People: **May the peace of Christ be upon us.**
Leader: Today we remove what divides us and embrace what unites us.
People: **May the peace of Christ be upon us.**

*Hymn of Praise no. 361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession
God, you know that we have sinned. We have hurt each other, been unkind and thought only of ourselves. You have given us grace and mercy; help us to extend the same to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Free us from holding grudges, from gossip or passing judgment. Let us never pour shame upon another, but instead love and peace. Help us walk with each other toward forgiveness and restoration. Thank you for the beauty you will bring to our relationships because we have sought your healing. We are yours, gracious God.
(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 Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth.
People: **Thanks be to God!**

*Sung Response "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

*Peace of Christ

Hearing God's Word

Time with Young Disciples

Prayer for Illumination

New Testament Reading *I Corinthians 12: 1-4, 12-26*

Acts Reading *Acts 15: 1-11*

Sermon "Conflict is Inevitable; Misery is Optional" Mike Shelton

Responding to God's Word

*Hymn of Response no. 2221 "In Unity We Lift Our Song"

*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.

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Offering Ourselves to God "Jesus Loves Me" arr. L. Sjoholm

Prayer of Dedication
Let it be that we do not give and serve by rote, O God. Open our eyes instead to see the world as you see it. Touch our hearts in such a way that we might respond in gratitude that we are *able* to give. We do so in joy!

The Sending

*Hymn of Sending no. 313 "Lord, Make Us More Holy"

*Charge and Benediction

*Concluding Praise "Jesus Will Reign" arr. J.D. Smith

**Those who are able please stand*