

Serving Today

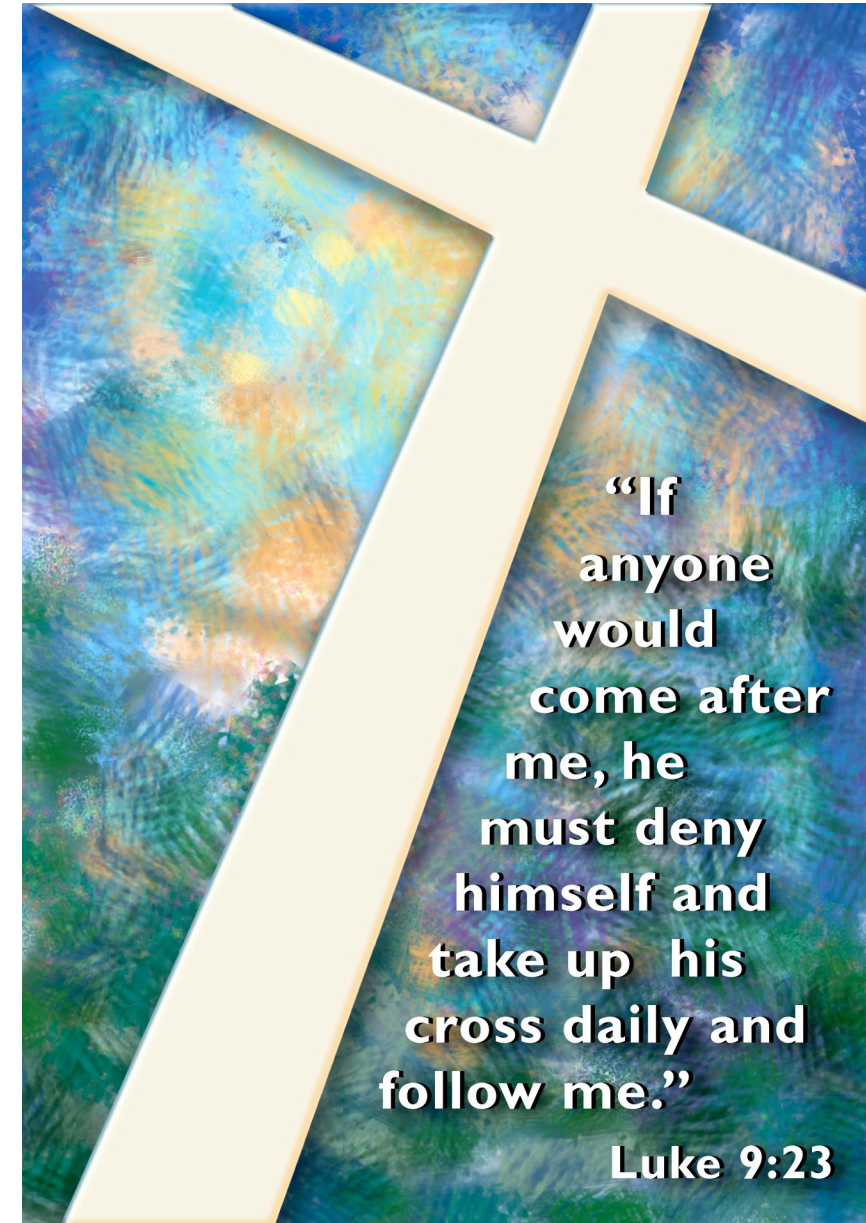
LITURGIST: Cheryl Rice - *Chapel*
Richard Meyer - *Sanctuary*
GREETERS/USHERS: Mark and Sarah Barbour - *Sanctuary*
SOUND: Dan Dietrich
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: Mary Ruth

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
and in loving memory of Ben, Katherine and Katie Brown
and presented by Allen and Becca Wright.

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 25, 2024

8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD’S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD’S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Ashokan Farewell” J. Ungar
Carolyn McPherson, guest organist
(8:45) Tammie Davis, violin
(11:00) Tammie Davis, violin; John Alan Smith, cello

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Call on the Lord! God inhabits our praise and hears our prayers.

People: You, O God, are good and forgiving, bighearted toward all who ask for help.

Leader: We put ourselves in your hands with confidence and trust.

People: We depend on you from morning to night.

Leader: You know the number of hairs on our heads. You won’t let us down.

People: No one is like you, God. Nothing compares to your greatness.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 321

“The Church’s One Foundation”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God, for breaking faith; for forgetting that we are kept by your faithfulness; for expecting the best to be the shortest and easiest; for wanting life to be exciting but not risky; for having ears and not hearing; for having eyes and not seeing; for breaking our promises and forgetting yours; for covering your light and keeping silent; for not loving fully and guarding our love. Have mercy upon us and grant us your peace.

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The good news is for us all. Christ loves us and calls us to new life. No matter the past and no matter what we have done or not done, God’s love nourishes us with new life and hope.

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

GOSPEL READING

Luke 9:21-27

ACTS READING

Acts 20: 17-24

SERMON

“God Puts Our Farewells on a Clock” Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 621

“I Will Call upon the Lord” *(sing twice)*

*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 (Five Cents a Meal) ~ Grace House

Alanna Leonberg, Executive Director

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

“Come to Me, All Who Labor”

J. Purifoy

(11:00)

“Come, Thou Fount”

arr. C. Courtney

Tammie Davis, violin; John Alan Smith, cello

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

From your fullness, God, we have received grace upon grace. Grant that we will be good stewards of your gifts and graces. May we resist the impulse to live for ourselves instead of for others. May we choose generosity over greed and humility over influence and power. We pray in the name of the One you sent to save us, Jesus the Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 306

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Majesty”

arr. D.E. Wagner

**Those who are able please stand*