

*Serving Today*

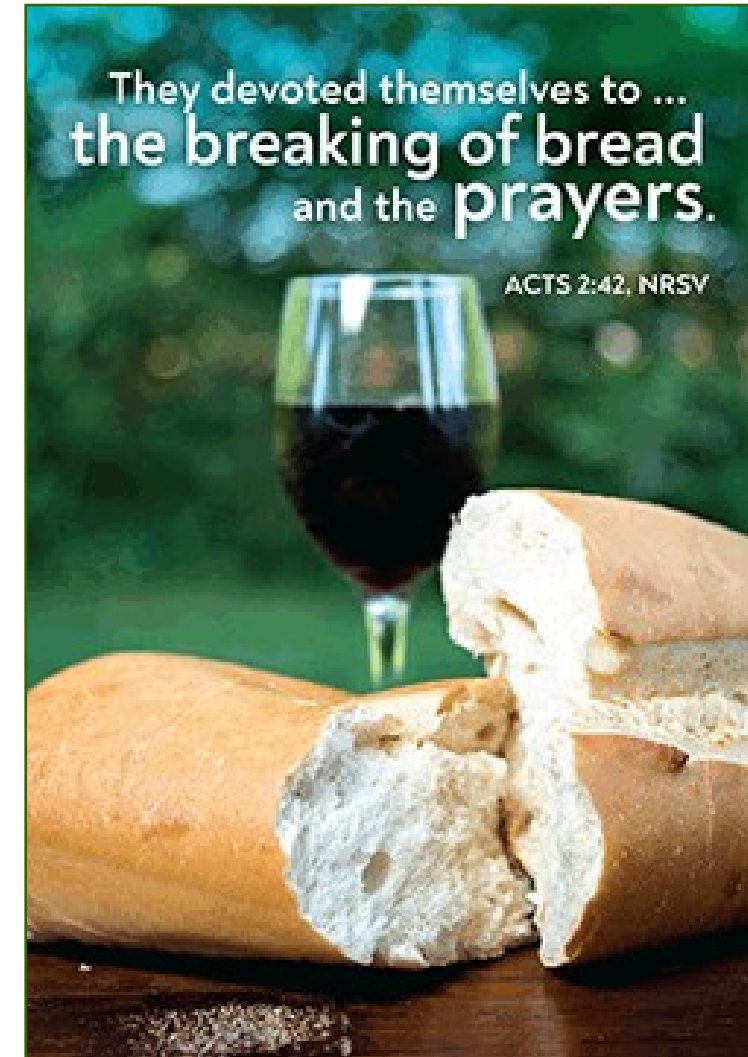
**LITURGISTS:** Don Thompson - *Chapel*  
Russ Pearson - *Sanctuary*  
**GREETERS/USHERS:** Gerry Morie and Tom Sellers - *Sanctuary*  
**SOUND:** Olin Babb  
**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:** Russ Pearson  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Gary Hallen

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
in loving memory of Bill Dickson  
by his wife and family.  
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# First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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



Communion Sunday  
August 4, 2024  
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" arr. Mark Hayes  
*Donna Hathaway, guest pianist*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, you have searched us and known us-

People: **When we sit down and rise up, when we worship and pray,  
when we praise and serve...**

Leader: You discern our thoughts from far away

People: **Our hopes and dreams, our worries and fears. You search out  
our paths, and you are acquainted with all our ways.**

Leader: Even before a word is on our tongue, Lord, you know it completely.

People: **You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us.  
We praise you! Wonderful are your works, O God!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 634 "To God Be the Glory"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, we turn to you to get the inside track and obtain special favors. We ask for your direction in our lives only when it coincides with the direction we want to go. We want your power only when it will help us with our own projects. We ask you to sanction our ambitions. We want you to give us a blank check that we can fill out however we wish. Lord, help us listen for what is your will for our lives, and to be open to being used by you rather than trying to use you.**

*(silent prayer)*

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News! Christ offered for all time one sacrifice for sins  
and took his seat at the right hand of God.

People: **Christ offered one sacrifice for our sins and took his seat at the right hand  
of God to intercede in prayer for us.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures high and low:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING *Luke 11: 5-13*

NEW TESTAMENT READING *Acts 12: 1-19*

SERMON "God's Strange Answers to Prayers" Mike Shelton

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 510 "We Gather Here in Jesus' Name"

MORNING PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*Communion will be served by intinction at the 11:00 a.m. service. Worshippers are invited to come forward by rows, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup and partake. If you prefer, individual cups are available from the elder closest to the outside aisle. If you have difficulty coming to the front, an elder will be happy to serve you in your seat.*

INVITATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSICAL MEDITATION

PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD "Deep River" arr. Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God of all creation, we present these monetary gifts, as well as our very selves, to you. It is our prayer that all our gifts would be used to your glory. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 543 "God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CONCLUDING PRAISE "Lead On, O King Eternal" arr. Carol Tornquist

*\*Those who are able please stand*