

Serving Today

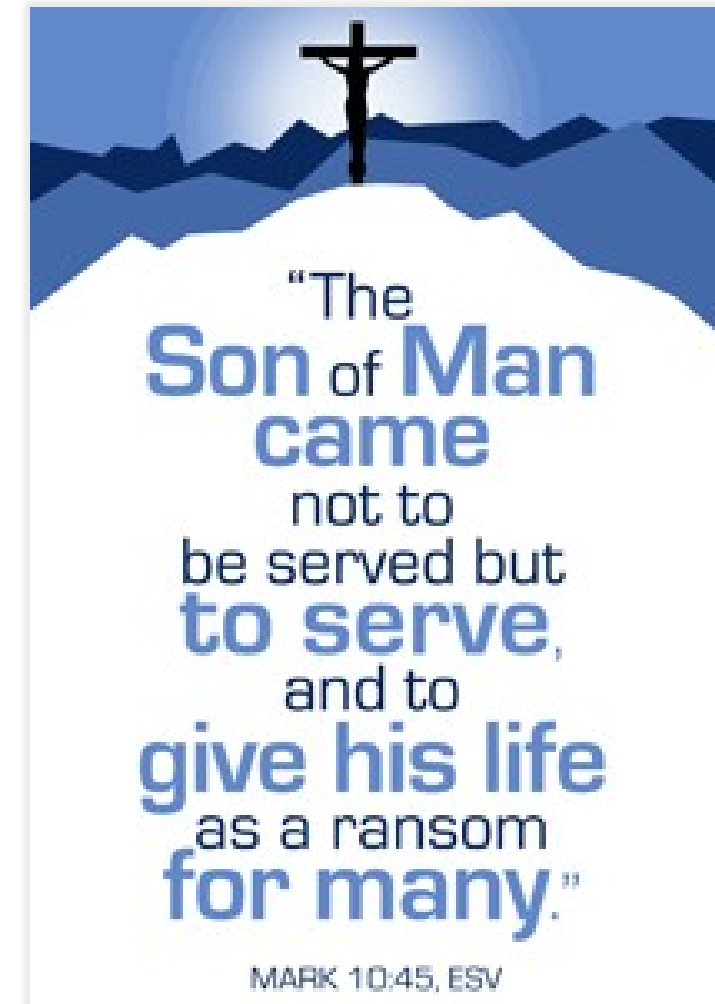
SOUND: Olin Babb
LITURGIST: Tammie Davis
GREETERS/USHERS: Gerry Morie and Gray Stothart - *Sanctuary*
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson
FLOWER DELIVERY: MaryGail Py

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD
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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
September 22, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

A MINUTE FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

Roger Goin

PRELUDE

(8:45)

(11:00)

"How Great Thou Art"
"Prelude & Fugue in F Major"
Bryan K. Underwood

arr. Oscar Peterson
J.S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather as God's people:

People: **To seek direction in the living of our lives.**

Leader: We gather as God's people:

People: **To be still and hear what God would have us do.**

Leader: We gather as God's people:

People: **To be renewed, restored and recreated.**

Leader: We rejoice that we are God's people:

People: **To serve, to love and to sing God's praise.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2022

"Great Is the Lord"

(from *Sing the Faith*)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We have failed as your church, God. You call us to live faithfully, act justly and bring peace to the earth. Instead, our lives reflect more of our needs and worries and less of the needs and worries of all peoples. Move us beyond ourselves to hear the cry of the world and to respond with acts and deeds of kindness, mercy and justice. May your grace shine through a church that, even with its shortcomings, accepts the call of Christ to serve and care and love and bring peace. May we feel your forgiving spirit now.

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. In our forgiveness, may we blossom fully with purpose and resolve, so that the world will know us by our love.

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

Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1: 15-18

GOSPEL READING

Mark 10: 35-45

SERMON

"Branded and Loving It"

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 319

"Men of Faith, Rise Up and Sing"

*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) ~ Family Promise

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

(8:45)

(11:00)

"Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini: Variation No. 18"

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

Sergei Rachmaninoff

F.W. Faber / P. Langford

John Alan Smith, cello

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, who gives and gives and gives to us again, hear our plea for one more gift: a generous spirit, that we may find and use and return to you all that you have given us, ordinary and extraordinary, for you are the source and gift of life itself. Amen.

THE SENDING

(Please remain seated for the final hymn and concluding praise)

HYMN OF SENDING NO. 169

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"

CONCLUDING PRAISE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Those who are able please stand*