

First Presbyterian Church

Kingsport, Tennessee

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

Serving Today

SOUND: Olin Babb
LITURGISTS: Cheryl Rice - Chapel
Claudia Mihovk - Sanctuary
GREETERS/USHERS: Nancy Knisley and Gerry Morie - *Sanctuary*
TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES: Russ Pearson

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in loving memory of Allen N Dryden, Jr.
by Frances Dryden, Allen & Nick Dryden, Angela Lovin.



Service of the Lord's Day
October 13, 2024
8:45 & 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (11:00)

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

(8:45)

(11:00)

"Joyful, Joyful!"

"Symphony No. 9: Largo"

arr. Jay Rouse

Dvorak/arr. Underwood

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In the midst of meaninglessness,

People: You call us to meaning, O God.

Leader: In the midst of divisiveness,

People: You call us to community through Christ.

Leader: Out of our brokenness,

People: You call us to wholeness and new life in the Spirit. We are here to worship and you are worthy of our praise.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 35

"Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have commanded us to be patient, but we count down the minutes until tomorrow. You have commanded us to love, yet we are skeptical of people and guard our hearts with caution. Are we lost, without hope, destined for failure? By no means! Your grace is greater than our failings; your mercy covers the greatest sin. Only by your work on the cross, by surrendering ourselves to you, will we be able to love fully, to wait patiently, to be holy. We confess our deep need for you, our Savior. Make us more like you. Amen.

(silent prayer)

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Relax into the healing certainty of God's love. Breathe in the gift of new life given to you by the God who calls you by name and claims you as his own. For the healing which renews us we say thanks be to God.

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

II Timothy 4: 9-22

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16: 1-9

SERMON

"Our Most Important Choice: Yes or No"

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 350

"Keep Your Lamps Trimmed and Burning"

*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

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)

"Sudden Inspiration"

"The Hand of the Lord is Mighty"

Jim Brickman

Tom Fettke

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing and in our living. Amen.

THE SENDING

HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2218

"You Are Mine"

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

CONCLUDING PRAISE

(8:45)

(11:00)

"Come Thou Fount"

"Sinfonia BWV29"

arr. Joel Raney

J.S. Bach

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Those who are able please stand*