

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KINGSPORT, TN  
*Seeking to see the Face of Christ... Striving to be the Hands of Christ*

Sunday, February 16, 2025 ~ 10:00 a.m.

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Old Time Religion: A Medley”

arr. Mark Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus, you came when we were least expecting you, and you invited us: “Come, follow me.”

**People: We thank you, Lord, for interfering in our private lives.**

Leader: You never promised us a comfortable life of success or status, but you said:

“Leave behind your old life. Seek first God's kingdom.”

**People: We thank you, Lord, for not promising us empty rewards.**

Leader: You invited us to walk with you and learn from you.

**People: We thank you, Lord, for calling us and entrusting us to be a part of what you are doing in the world.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 749

“Come! Live in the Light!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, you seek the best for us, desiring health and wholeness, peace and justice for all creation. Yet we seek our own way, wandering off toward the gods of success and wealth. Forgive us when we go astray; when we live for unworthy ends and when we let worthy ends justify unworthy means; when we allow failure to leave us hopeless and let success make us arrogant; when we look for your kingdom in the wrong places. Holy God, tune our hearts to your commands, and keep our eyes focused on Jesus, our Lord and guide...**

*(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 this good news: Our God is a God of mercy and love. In the name of Christ, your sins are forgiven. In response to this gift of grace, make your pledge to do better as you follow in the footsteps of Jesus.

**People: Alleluia, Amen!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!***

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

**HEARING GOD'S WORD**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM ~ Henry Robertson

Elder Jami Arrowsmith, Dr. Mike Shelton, Rev. Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Luke 12: 22-33*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*I Kings 3: 5-14*

SERMON

“The Lessons Success Teaches Are Fleeting”

Mike Shelton

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*(please remain seated)*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Goodness of God"

*CeCe Winans*

\*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

"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"

*arr. Lloyd Larson*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**On my own, what I have to give doesn't amount to much in the light of all you have given to me and in the face of so much need. Put together as a congregation, what we offer you here in love is multiplied. Bless these gifts and multiply their usefulness. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

HYMN OF SENDING NO. 450

"Be Thou My Vision"

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

CONCLUDING PRAISE

"Toccata on 'Ode to Joy'"

*Paul Fey*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\*Those who are able please stand*

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## Serving Today

**SOUND:**

Olin Babb

**GREETERS & USHERS:**

Nancy Knisley and Cheryl Rice

**LITURGIST:**

Claudia Mihovk

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:**

Russ Pearson

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED

TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and are presented by Barbara Foust

in loving memory of family that have passed on.

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