

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

Sunday, February 9, 2025 ~ 11:00 a.m.

**GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

"Etude No. 6"

Philip Glass

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice in the Lord always! Again, I say rejoice!

**People: Thank you, God, for so many wondrous gifts.**

Leader: For our homes and families, for our church and friendship, for food and fellowship.

**People: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, we say rejoice.**

Leader: Thank you, God, for new life in Jesus Christ, for love, for belonging  
and for this time of thanks and praise.

**People: We all rejoice in the gifts and grace of Jesus Christ our Savior.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 2022

"Great Is the Lord"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, your love extends beyond our boundaries. You reach out to include all of creation, and we would rather draw the circle small. We get close only to a few, relate only to "our kind." You remind us that we are all in need of healing and forgiveness; that you died for sinners and the righteous; that our pride blocks your flow of blessing. Forgive us and grant us the courage to see you in the eyes of the stranger, the foreigner, the child, the dying and the addict. God, strengthen our hearts, and enable us to extend our arms in friendship to all in need... (silent prayer)**

KYRIE

D. Johnson

*Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Jesus name, accept your forgiveness and claim God's promises. We are not defined by what we have done in the past. We are defined by our Savior in the past, by what he does for us today and by what we shall do in the future.

**People: Thanks be to God!**

\*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**

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Russ Pearson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*Mark 3: 13-19*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

*I Samuel 18: 1-9*

SERMON

"Life's Fun Course: Friendship"

Mike Shelton

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 2222

"The Servant Song"

\*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

"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

arr. Mark Miller

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**God, you have given us all things and we give you thanks. You know what we need, and provide for us in due season. May we use what we have for good, and not for harm. May we give out of your abundance, and not out of our sense of scarcity, that we may glorify your name.**

## THE SENDING

HYMN OF SENDING NO. 300

"We Are One in the Spirit"

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

CONCLUDING PRAISE

"What a Wonderful World"

arr. Mark A. Brymer

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\*Those who are able please stand*

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### Serving Today

<b>SOUND:</b>	Olin Babb
<b>GREETERS &amp; USHERS:</b>	Sharon Engel and Gerry Morie
<b>LITURGIST:</b>	Tammie Davis
<b>TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:</b>	Russ Pearson
<b>FLOWER DELIVERY:</b>	Judy Grover

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
and in celebration of the January 3, 2025,  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Tony and Gail Cole.

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