

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, KINGSPORT, TN

*Seeking to see the Face of Christ... Striving to be the Hands of Christ*

Sunday, March 9, 2025 ~ 11:00 a.m. ~ First Sunday of Lent

## GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“And the Song Was of the Morning”

Gilbert M. Martin

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You are our guardian and shield, O God, our protector who keeps us from falling.

**People: You surround us with righteousness that wards off evil forces  
and in Christ we find strength to withstand temptation.**

Leader: You shower us with mercy that cleanses our wrongdoing. You temper your judgment with compassion.

**People: We stand in adoration and in praise of your name.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 775

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**For today's sins, God, grant us mercy: for sloth that wasted the hours or for haste which outran its wisdom; for fear that frustrated bold hopes or dullness that took everything for granted; for anger that burst forth destructively or indifference that smothered the soul; for mistrust wrongly held or for trust cheaply betrayed; for indecision which avoided the evil or for compromise which disguised it. (silent prayer)**

KYRIE

D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

**People: Alleluia, Amen!**

\*SUNG RESPONSE

“Give Thanks”

*Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks, because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now, let the weak say, “We are strong”; let the poor say, “We are rich, because of what the Lord has done for us!” Give thanks. Give thanks.*

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*I Peter 5: 6-11*

GOSPEL READING

*Mark 1: 9-13*

SERMON

“Evil Isn't just Out There”

Mike Shelton

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

\*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 621

"I Will Call upon the Lord" (*sing twice*)

\*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

"Because He Lives"

Gaither/arr. Schrader

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**We honor you, O God. Accept these gifts as a sign of our obedience to you, our love for you, and our desire to serve your purposes in this world. Take them from our hands and turn them into your blessing for others, we pray. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

HYMN OF SENDING NO. 741

"Guide My Feet"

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

CONCLUDING PRAISE

"Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens Adore Him"

arr. Don Phillips

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*\*Those who are able please stand*

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### Serving Today

**SOUND:**

Olin Babb

**GREETERS & USHERS:**

Mark and Sarah Barbour

**LITURGIST:**

Gary Tucker

**TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES:**

Russ Pearson

**FLOWER DELIVERY:**

Eva Pearson

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THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED  
TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and in appreciation of Mike and Donna Shelton  
and their dedicated service to our church.

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