

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

KINGSPORT, TN

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

Sunday, April 27, 2025

11:00 a.m.



BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Andante cantabile (Symphonie IV)”
Tim Hagy, guest organist

Charles-Marie Widor

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Russ Pearson

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

People: Calling us to transform the brokenness and the violence of our world.

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

People: Calling us to seek out the lonely and the lost and those who need to experience God's love.

Leader: The risen Christ lives among us, calling us to be a blessing,

People: Calling us to be disciples to the world: blessed, healed, and filled with joyous good news!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 233

“The Day of Resurrection!”

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you bring life out of dead ends, and hope in the midst of despair. Forgive us for doubting that you are still at work even in the most painful moments. Forgive us for our hesitant action, our cautious compassion, our frequent reluctance. God, teach us a stillness that leads to acts of kindness and clear vision. Shape in us a trust that leads to faithful witness and bold compassion. Make us true disciples of the Risen Christ, filled with love, acting with justice, and living out hope... (silent prayer)

KYRIE

D. Johnson

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ forgives the most impossible sins, overcomes the greatest fears, comforts the loudest cries, and breaks down the strongest barriers to his love and peace. Christ's power in the Holy Spirit lives and works here and now. Brothers and sisters, know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: Thanks be to God!

*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

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

II Peter 1: 3-11

GOSPEL READING

Luke 24: 13-35

SERMON

“Our Burning Hearts ”

Mike Shelton

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

*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 ~ Washington Elementary “Patriot Edge”

Martha Dixon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES TO GOD

“Creation Sings”

Getty/Townsend

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Your risen life is in us, Gracious God, and we delight in rejoicing in what you have done in our lives and in the world. Receive these gifts and offerings, given with joyful hearts, and use them, we pray, to proclaim the good news of the risen Christ. Amen.

THE SENDING

HYMN OF SENDING NO. 246

“Christ Is Alive!”

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

CONCLUDING PRAISE

“Final (Symphonie IV)”

Charles-Marie Widor

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Those who are able please stand*

Serving Today

GREETERS & USHERS:	Tony and Gail Cole
GUEST ORGANIST/PIANIST:	Tim Hagy
LITURGIST:	Russ Pearson
SOUND:	Olin Babb
FLOWER DELIVERY:	Gary Tucker

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED
TO THE GLORY OF GOD**

and in loving memory of
Donald E. Brown and Laura Caroline Brown
by Joyce M. Brown.
