

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ KINGSPORT, TN

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

Sunday, May 25, 2025

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## BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Libera Me (Deliver Me)" arr. Lani Smith

## WELCOME AND GREETING

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 462 "I Love to Tell the Story"

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes but we soon lose interest. We promise to be courageous but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace.**

### *Moment for Silent Confession*

### \*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

### \*PEACE OF CHRIST

## TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING *II Timothy 2: 1-10*

GOSPEL READING *Luke 24: 44-49*

SERMON "The Gospel According to You" Mike Shelton

ANTHEM OF RESPONSE Old Time Religion Medley arr. M. Hayes

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Apostles' Creed

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, EDUCATION, WORSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Providence Medical "Mobile Clinic" ~ Kim Hart

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

### OFFERING LITANY

Leader: Freely we have received grace upon grace, mercy beyond measure.

Freely we give, with hearts full of gratitude.

**People: We carry the good news to a hurting world with our words and our deeds and our offerings.**

Leader: God of abundance, use our gifts to heal, to nourish, and to build up the body of Christ.

\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" *OLD HUNDREDTH*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2173 "Shine, Jesus, Shine"

### \*BLESSING

### \*LORD PREPARE ME TO BE A SANCTUARY

## BELLS OF GOD'S CALLING

*\*Those who are able please stand*

## Serving Today

### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:**

Mike Shelton, Russ Pearson, Gary Tucker, Tammie Davis, and Carolyn McPherson

**GREETERS & USHERS:** Charles and Mary Beggerow  
**SOUND:** Gary Hallen  
**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Sharon Engel

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

and are presented by Jennie and the Benton Family  
in loving memory of Doug Benton.

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## Prayer List

**CELEBRATION** – A rose has been placed in the chancel celebrating the birth of **Samuel William Ashby** who was born on May 16, 2025, in Winston Salem, NC. Samuel is the son of Chad and Kierney Ashby and the grandson of Mike and Donna Shelton.

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK** – Leola Campbell; Max and Parker Seckman; Lois Carter and Jane Scott.

## Five Cents-A-Meal Offering

The Five Cents-A-Meal offering will be received today. Donations may be dropped in the basket on the altar steps during the “Hymn of Sending.” Providence Medical “Mobile Clinic” will receive 50% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

## Holiday Schedule

The church office will be closed **Monday, May 26** for Memorial Day. The Clothes Closet will be closed May 27.

## Birthdays This Week

**May 25:** Dave Hafele  
**May 27:** Tricia Argabrite, Colin Pendleton  
**May 31:** Kathy Redwine

## Lemonade on the Lawn

Our next Lemonade on the Lawn will be held on **June 15** after the 10:00 a.m. service outside under the portico. Home-baked cookies will be served with the lemonade. This will be a wonderful time to socialize and catch up with friends.

## VBS 2025: Waves of Faith

**June 16-19**

**9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

Opening and closing programs will be in the Fellowship Center  
*Contact Russ for more information.*

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