

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ KINGSPORT, TN

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

Sunday, June 22, 2025



## Gathering of God's People

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

"Festival Prelude on Thaxted"  
*Will Lively, trumpet; Carolyn McPherson, organ*

arr. D. H. Pettit

WELCOME AND GREETING

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

**People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 23

"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the World.**

*Moment for Silent Confession*

\*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

\*PEACE OF CHRIST

## Hearing God's Word

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

*II Corinthians 5: 16-21*

GOSPEL READING

*Luke 9: 37-43*

SERMON

"God's View of You"

Mike Shelton

## Responding to God's Call

ANTHEM OF RESPONSE

"The Commission"  
*Will Lively and Delaney Young*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ Apostles' Creed

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, EDUCATION, WORSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Friends in Need Health Center ~ Harry Turner

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING LITANY

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come:

The old has gone, the new is here!

**People: Let us offer our gifts with grateful hearts, as signs of the new life Christ has begun in us.**

\*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

*OLD HUNDREDTH*

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## Going Out into the World

\*HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2088

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

\*BLESSING

\*SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD

*Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me; Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.*

BELLS OF GOD’S CALLING

*\*Those who are able please stand*

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### Serving Today

#### **LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:**

Mike Shelton, Russ Pearson, Tammie Davis, Carolyn McPherson, Will Lively and Delaney Young

**GREETERS & USHERS:** Bo and Judy Grover

**SOUND:** Gary Hallen

**FLOWER DELIVERY:** Jennie Compton

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

and in loving memory of Jeff Byrd  
by his family.

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### Prayer List

**PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK:** Sam Compton; Daniel, Natalie, Caleb and Henry Robertson; Issac Conner; and Sara Lou Ring.

### 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” for the Sanctuary service. Friends in Need Health Center will receive 50% of today’s Five-Cents-A-Meal collection.

### Birthdays This Week

**June 22:** Elli Walker

**June 23:** Sylvia Wright

**June 24:** Owen Allgood, Laura McConnell

**June 25:** Tom Sellers, Quinn Raines

**June 26:** Peggy Groseclose, Patty Pendleton, Mike Pendley, Debra Smith, Rachel Smith

**June 27:** Louise Piazza, Betty Blass

**June 29:** Naima Kincaid, Sakhile Banda

### Upcoming Events

- ◆ July 2 ~ Trip to Bright’s Zoo, *meet at church at 9:30 a.m.*
- ◆ July 13 ~ Ice Cream Social, *Fellowship Center after the 10:00 a.m. service*
- ◆ July 27 ~ Potluck Lunch, *Fellowship Center after the 10:00 a.m. service*
- ◆ August 17 ~ BLT Luncheon, *Fellowship Center after the 11:00 a.m. service*
- ◆ September 3 ~ Church Night Supper Resumes
- ◆ September 21 ~ All-Church Picnic at Allandale

*\* Please be aware this worship service is live streamed and recorded on Facebook and YouTube.*