

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH ~ KINGSPORT, TN

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

Pentecost Sunday, June 8, 2025



BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

"Spirit of the Living God"

arr. Edward Broughton

WELCOME

*PENTECOST CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, like a rushing wind

People: Fill this place with your power and grace!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, like tongues of fire

People: Kindle our hearts with your holy flame!

Leader: Come, Holy Spirit, with speech and song

People: Inspire our worship, ignite our joy!

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made

People: Let us rejoice and be filled with the Spirit!

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 291

"Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we confess that the Spirit hasn't moved us much lately: that the wind and fire have been absent from our lives; that routine has blurred our prayers; and that busyness has obscured our vision. We confess that we have not taken time to be transformed by the Spirit, and that we have felt too little joy. Help us to let go of all that hinders our love for you and one another. May we find our proper place in community. Spirit of God, create in us a new heart. Come build your community right here and right now.

Moment for Silent Confession

*WORDS OF FORGIVENESS

*PEACE OF CHRIST

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

"Invitation"

Mary Kay Beal

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2: 37-42

GOSPEL READING

John 20: 19-23

SERMON

"Don't Just Come to Church; Be the Church"

Mike Shelton

ANTHEM OF RESPONSE

"I'm Gonna Sing When the Spirit Says Sing"

Westminster Ringers

OPPORTUNITIES FOR SERVICE, EDUCATION, WORSHIP, AND FELLOWSHIP

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: God we give these gifts of time and money to you as the hands and feet of Christ.

Help us as we seek to bring your Kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven.

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. 302

"When Hands Reach Out and Fingers Trace"

*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*

Liturgy adapted from *Call to Worship* which is published by the Office of Theology and Worship of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Serving Today

LEADING WORSHIP TODAY:

Mike Shelton, Russ Pearson, Tammie Davis, Carolyn McPherson, and the Westminster Ringers

GREETERS & USHERS: Mark and Kim Plemmons

SOUND: Gary Hallen

FLOWER DELIVERY: Judy Grover

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE DEDICATED TO THE GLORY OF GOD

and are presented by Larry Long, David, Craig and Ellen
in loving memory of Catherine Long.

Prayer List

IN THE HOSPITAL – Tom Haynes – JCMC

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Gary, Carolyn and Olivia Collins; Mary Ruth; Wes, Rebecca, Lylah and Eleanor Combs; and Alan and Kathy Ruffel.

Birthdays This Week

June 9: Olin Babb, Mary Glenn Lively, Shannon Vanlandingham

June 10: Scott Cooper

June 11: Donna Quillen, Rhys Wilkins

June 12: Precia Keel

June 13: Donna Marchion

June 15: Lou Ann Moore

Lemonade on the Lawn Next Sunday!

Come join with friends for a time of socializing with lemonade and home-baked cookies on **June 15** after the 10:00 a.m. service. It will be held outside under the portico going toward the Fellowship Center.

VBS 2025: Waves of Faith

June 16-19 ~ 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Contact Russ for more information.

Upcoming Events

- ♦ July 13 ~ Ice Cream Social
- ♦ July 27 ~ Potluck Lunch
- ♦ August 17 ~ BLT Luncheon
- ♦ September 3 ~ Church Night Supper Resumes
- ♦ September 21 ~ All-Church Picnic at Allandale

Second Harvest in June

First Presbyterian Church volunteers will be working at Second Harvest Food Bank of Northeast Tennessee on **Wednesday, June 18**. Please join us if you can and bring a friend. Summer months present good opportunities to engage the youth from our church as well as friends and family from other churches. Call or text Bob Stoots at (423-782-6280) to sign up and indicate your time preference: morning (9-11 a.m.), afternoon (1-3 p.m.) or both!