



Sunday April 19th, 2026
Welcome to First Presbyterian in Kingsport!
10:30am Worship Service

Please sign the friendship pads and you can sign up for our Wednesday Night Supper that starts at 5:30pm. We'd love to have you join us and stay for our weekly Wednesday evening program beginning at 6:20pm. Please read about other announcements in our weekly update handout.

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

CENTERING MUSIC ~ "Rain Down," arranged by Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Followers of Jesus, by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin. He is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

By his rising we are free from the fear of death. The Lord is risen!

He is risen, indeed!

By his love we are made new in the living and enduring Word of God. He is risen!

Alleluia! Give thanks to God. He is risen, indeed!

*HYMN OF PRAISE #246

"Christ Is Alive!"

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Almighty God, our world is filled with corruption: power disguises itself as truth; convenience masquerades as goodness; selfish pleasure imitates love. We confess to you, O God, that we have been caught in the web of the world's sin. By the power of the Holy Spirit, save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience, that we may see the joy of Jesus' resurrection and receive the promise of everlasting life. (Time for silent confession). Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Followers of Jesus: God has promised salvation to us, to our children, and to all who are near and far. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God!

*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *An intentional time to share the peace and fellowship of Christ*

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: I Peter 1:3-9, 22-25

Second Reading: Acts 2:22-24, 29-42

SERMON ~ Dr. Brad Walker

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

CHORAL RESPONSE ~ "Agnus Dei/How Great Thou Art," by Michael W. Smith, arr. By Joel Raney

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Confession of 67*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of man's mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love. . .

Out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (pg. 35, *Glory to God*)

*HYMN OF SENDING #300

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

"To God Be the Glory"

arr. by Kenneth Varner

Worship Notes

Please be aware the 10:30am service is live streamed on Facebook and YouTube

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