



Sunday May 3, 2026
Welcome to First Presbyterian in Kingsport!
8:30 & 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 Bible study beginning at 6:20pm.
Please read about other announcements in our weekly update handout.*

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE ~ *We encourage you to prepare your hearts and minds to worship God*

PRELUDE ~ "Shine, Jesus, Shine" by Mark Hayes.

WELCOME ~ *Please sign the friendship pads*

*HYMN OF PRAISE #301 ~ "All Are Welcome / Let Us Build a House"

UNISON PRAYER

Almighty God, in Christ you have shown us the way, revealed to us your truth, and offered to us everlasting life. Keep our eyes upon him, that we may see your path more clearly, know your truth more fully, and receive your life more abundantly; through Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in eternal glory. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, your word offers freedom from sin, but we confess that we have not obeyed your word. We have harbored malice toward our enemies; we have been deceitful in our relationships; we have been insincere in our commitments; through gossip we have slandered our friends. Forgive us our sins and lead us to genuine repentance. Help your children long for your pure, spiritual milk that we may grow into the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ. *(Time for silent confession)* Amen.

CHORAL ANTHEM (10:30) "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy" by Frederick Faber/Paul Langford *(words on back)*
John Alan Smith, cello

*HOLY INTERRUPTION ~ *Please share signs of God's peace with your neighbors*

GOSPEL READING ~ John 13:31-35, 14:1-7

SERMON ~ "The True Way Is a Life of Love"

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostles Creed

COMMUNION

**Invitation*

**Communion Hymn #515 "I Come with Joy" (vss 1 & 2)*

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer (p. 35, Glory to God)

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer

*SENDING HYMN #515 ~ "I Come with Joy" (vss 3-5)

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE ~ "How Firm a Foundation"

"There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;
There is mercy with the Savior, there is healing in his blood.
But we make his love too narrow, by false limits of our own;
And we magnify his strictness, with a zeal he will not own.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of one's mind.
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.
Was there ever kinder shepherd, half so gentle, half so sweet.
As the Savior who would have us, come and gather at his feet?
If our love were but more simple, we could take him at his word;
And our lives would be more loving, in the likeness of our Lord.*

Worship Notes

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

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