

Welcome to First Presbyterian in Kingsport!

Sunday, May 17th, 2026

8:30 & 10:30am Worship

Please sign the friendship pads .

Please read about announcements in our weekly update handout.

GATHERING Music "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" arr. Don Wrytzen
"Change My Heart, O God" arr. Mark Hayes
Carolyn McPherson, guest pianist

BELLS OF GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE "Oh, How He Loves You and Me" arr. Mark Hayes

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the righteous be joyful! Let them rejoice before God.

Let us all be jubilant with joy!

Sing to God, all peoples of the world. Sing praises to God most high.

From the sanctuary of heaven, God gives life and renews the face of the earth.

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*HYMN OF PRAISE #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Christ our Savior, before your ascension you instructed us to continue your work. You called us to keep the movement going, to witness to the ends of the earth, to pray, to heal, to glorify you through our thoughts, words, and deeds, to show the world a glimpse of the goodness you have given us. We have fallen short of this call. We have hidden ourselves in fear, sought our own comfort, and resigned ourselves to the status quo. Forgive us, and strengthen us to do your will, that we may be signs of your coming reign. (Time for silent confession). Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE I Peter 4:7-14, 5:6-11

SERMON "This Pilgrimage of Perseverance" Dr. Brad Walker

MUSICAL RESPONSE (10:30) "Amazing Grace" arr. Dino Kartsonakis
Carolyn McPherson, piano, and Tammie Davis, violin

STATEMENT OF FAITH from *A Declaration of Faith* (PCUS 1977)

Jesus announced the coming of God's kingdom and its hidden presence in the midst of the world's kingdoms. He taught his disciples to seek God's kingdom first. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives in pilgrimage toward God's kingdom. Like Christ we may enjoy on our journey all that sustains life and makes it pleasant and beautiful. No more than Christ are we spared the darkness, ambiguity, and threat of life in the world. We are in the world, but not of the world. Our confidence and hope for ourselves and other people do not rest in the powers and achievements of this world, but in the coming and hidden presence of God's kingdom. Christ calls each of us to a life appropriate to that kingdom: to serve as he has served us; to take up our cross, risking the consequences of faithful discipleship; to walk by faith, not by sight, to hope for what we have not seen.

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

*HYMN OF SENDING #463 "How Firm a Foundation"

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE "Come, Thou Almighty King" Felice de Giardini

Worship Notes

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

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