

Welcome to First Presbyterian in Kingsport!

Sunday July 5th, 2026

10:30am Worship

GATHERING MUSIC

String Band

(Tammie Davis, violin; Paul Smith, violin; John Alan Smith, cello and bass; Anson Hagan, mandolin)

PRELUDE ~ “Stars and Stripes Forever” *(John Philip Sousa, composer)*

INTROIT ~ “My Country ‘Tis of Thee” *(Handbells)*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ~ *Please sign the friendship pads*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.

Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,

with the lyre and the sound of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn

Make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN #338 ~ “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies/America the Beautiful”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we try to hide from your presence, knowing that we have traded your abundant life for a wasteland of sin. We have not followed your will, but instead heed other voices and pursue our own desires at the expense of others. We are so misguided that we cannot discern good from evil, making the wrong choice, choosing the wrong side. We ask for the courage to tell you truthfully what we have done. We pray for forgiveness so that we can live with ourselves, with others, and with you. You alone can restore us. In steadfast love, look upon us and reclothe us in your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *(Time for silent confession)* Amen.

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

SCRIPTURE READING ~ Mark 2:23-3:7

SERMON ~ “W.W.J.C?” ~ Dr. Brad Walker

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ~ The Apostle’s Creed *(p.35, Glory to God)*

HYMN #340 ~ “This Is My Song”

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

God is here.

God’s Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, creating God, breath of all being; . . .

. . . especially praying together as our Lord taught his disciples,

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be

done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our

debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Communion

Quartet Anthem ~ “Homeland” *(words on back)*

*CLOSING HYMN

"God Bless America"

(Quartet will sing through first verse, then congregation will join for full song)

*While the storm clouds gather far across the sea,
Let us swear allegiance to a land that's free.
Let us all be grateful for a land so fair,
As we raise our voices in a solemn prayer. (2x)*

*God bless America, land that I love.
Stand beside her and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.
From the mountains to the prairies
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America, my home sweet home.
God bless America, my home sweet home. (2x)*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ~ "Washington Post" *(John Philip Sousa, composer)*

Quartet:

("Homeland" and "God Bless America")

Barbara Maston (soprano)

Tammie Davis (alto)

Larry Maston (tenor)

Jim Amstutz (bass)

"Homeland"

*Shine upon our homeland,
God of peace and promise.
Bless our hearts with right and good,
Our homes with heaven's light.
Many came from distant shore, each with hope for something more.
This our humble prayer, O God: to make this place a homeland for us all.*

*Lavish on our homeland
Golden fields of plenty.
Make our hearts a holy place
Where truth and justice reign.
We, through many, stand as one,
Joined as kin when day is done.
This our humble prayer, O God: to make this place a homeland for us all.*

*Place upon our homeland
Freedom's crown of glory.
Let the bells of heaven chime
When mercy rules the day.
Faithful pilgrims sing with pride!
Saint and sinner side by side.
This our humble prayer, O God: to make this place a homeland for us all.*

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

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