

First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

JESUS SAID TO THEM AGAIN,
PEACE BE WITH YOU. AS THE
FATHER HAS SENT ME, EVEN SO

I AM SENDING YOU.

JOHN 20:21

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Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World



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OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**A Community of Faith who engage Biblical truth
To provide an environment
Where people mature as disciples of Christ.**

To accomplish our mission First Church will:

Encounter our Creator.

Embrace Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior to become His disciples.

Empower lives through God's living Word, the Bible.

Engage with the Holy Spirit to provide guidance and direction.

Encourage others to know Christ and strengthen their relationship with God.

Enrich the body of Christ by going forth and supporting fellow disciples.

***First Church recognizes Jesus Christ as the head of the Church and as Savior
and Lord. We are an independent, non-denominational congregation.***

Joel Bucklin, Senior Pastor

Tory Russell, Director of Children & Youth

Erik Hirschfeld, Director of Music

Kay Nolte, Organist Emeritus

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Welcome to Worship at First Church

*The * invites those who are able to stand.
Unless otherwise noted the Blue Hymnal is used*

Prelude

Majesty

Kay Nolte

Welcome & Announcements

Dave Bambauer

*Call to Worship

Dave Bambauer

One: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

**All: Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD?
And who shall stand in his holy place?**

One: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.
They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

**All: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.**

One: Who is the King of glory?

**All: The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle.**

One: Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

**All: The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory.
—Psalm 24, NRSV**

***Hymn No. 8** – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Children's Chat

Tory Russell

(While the children come forward, please take time to greet your neighbor.)

Concerns –Pam Feathers, Joyce Howe, Gene Roediger, Barb Howe, Michael Allen, Ron Kremer, Lisa Thobe, Roberta Rupert, Nick Bushong, Don Prueter, Mary Katterheinrich, Judy Hoelscher, Pat Reinhard, Marilyn Little, Judy Schroer, Gene Kuck, Wavalene Opperman, Payton Drummond, Darell Rupert, Helen Wellman, Irma Hoelscher, Kathy Schrolucke, Renee Clark, Thelma Arnett, Ruth Kuck, Betty Kiefer and all who are shut-in or require special care.

Prayer

Pastor Joel Bucklin

The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Giving Back to God

Ministry: Carl Whitlatch / Young Life in Suffern, NY

Behold, the King of Glory - McDonald

The Choir

***The Doxology: No. 625** Old 100th

Scripture Readings - Luke 24:45-49

Adam Rohrbaugh

⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. ⁴⁶ He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Morning Message

Pastor Joel Bucklin

From Meaningless to Mission

***Hymn No. 394** – In My Life Lord, Be Glorified

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn No. 372** – Living for Jesus

***Blessing & Dismissal**

Pastor Joel Bucklin

***Postlude**

Kay Nolte

What is Happening at First Church?

The Rose on the Altar is in honor of Lee & Gloria Schroer who will celebrate 59 years of marriage on Wednesday, May 24. *Happy Anniversary*

Congratulations to Josh Durnell & Amanda Kuck who were united in Christian marriage here at First Church on Saturday, May 20. Amanda is the daughter of Gene & Jane Kuck. Josh is the son of Michael Durnell and Lisa Durnell.

Congratulations to Rick & Abby Homan on the birth of their daughter Addison Mae who arrived on Tuesday, May 16 weighing 8 lb. 10 oz. and was 21" long. Addison's Grandparents are Dave & Judy Bambauer and Dave & Marge Homan. Great Grandparents are Carolyn & the late Roger Bambauer, the late Spike & Dottie Kohler, Lillian and the late Arnold Homan and Pauline and the late Melvin Timmerman. She was welcomed home by big brother Luke.

Senior High Youth Baked Potato Bar Today! - Following the service the High School students going to Young Life Camp in June will be hosting a baked potato fundraiser in the social room. You are welcome to come and eat with us or take your potato to go. We will have plenty of potatoes and many delicious toppings. We hope that you will consider staying and supporting our students going to Young Life Camp! Donations only.

The Blue Jug is out on the steps by the organ. Donations support Agape's Summer Food Program which provides food for qualified children in New Knoxville, New Bremen, St. Marys and Minster.

Special Thanks to the Choir. Today is the choir's last Sunday of singing until the fall. The numerous hours and hard work you invest throughout the year bring honor and glory to God!

Cookbooks are here! Stop by the office to get yours. The cost per book is \$15 and all proceeds go to support the students going on the mission trip or to camp. (If you ordered a cookbook from a student they will deliver your cookbook to you.)

Our Daily Bread Booklets for June – August are available at the doors.

Graduation Sunday is May 28 - First Church of New Knoxville would like to invite all graduating members to attend the 9:00 a.m. service wearing their gowns for a special service on this day. The following First Church students will be graduating this year: Laura Katterheinrich, Corey Kuck, Jadyne Lauth, Shannon McCabe, Kendra Paul, Emma Pfeil, Kenzie Schroer, Renee Schrolucke, Sam Stone & Nick Topp.

College graduates are also welcome on Graduation Sunday – Parents, if you have a student graduating from college in 2017 please call the church office by May 23 with their graduation information and future plans.

Tanner's Romanian Mission – Shannon & Lee Helton (daughter and son-in-law of the Tanners) will be joining us on Sunday, May 28 and share an update during church.

VBS Registration Forms have been handed out in Sunday school. They are also available at the entrances and on our website at www.firstchurchnk.org VBS is June 5-9, 9:00 to 11:45 a.m.

Vacation Bible School Help! We are still in need of help for VBS this year! We still need...

- Teacher for 4 year olds
- Craft Organizer / Leader (they are planned out already)
- Teen and Adult Helpers
- Crafty people to help decorate

It's also time to start saving those unused and recyclable items around your house. We are working hard to make this Galactic Starveyors experience awesome for our children. If you have any of the following that you would like to donate to us for VBS this year we would appreciate it!

- Paper Towel Tubes

VBS Training Meeting- All teachers and volunteers helping with VBS this year there will be a training meeting June 1st at 6:30pm. Please let Tory Russell know if you will NOT be there.

VBS Decorating & Setup Day will be Sunday, June 4 at 2:30 p.m.

VBS Cookies – It wouldn't be NK Community VBS without all of your amazing baking skills! 😊 You can drop them off beginning Sunday, June 4 in the basement kitchen or during the week in the ministry center.

Church Office Closed- The office will be closed on Memorial Day, May 29.

The Church Office will be closed on Fridays between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Regular office hours Monday through Thursday will be 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For Our Guests

Restrooms are located in the basement at the East end of the church. They are inside the main glass doors of the ministry building next door.

The Nursery for Young Children is in the church basement. The nursery is staffed with volunteers who have completed our Child Safety Program.

Children's Activity Bags are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary. Inside are activities and fun things for your kids to do. Please feel free to have your child use one during service and return it to the table before you leave.

Hearing Assistance Devices – there are 8 units available for those who need them. Please see the sound system operator if you would like to use one during the service.

Large Print bulletins are available on the table next to the custodian's office.

Beyond the Sunday Service

Want to dig deeper into God's Word? Try one of these options.

The Gospel Project Adult Class - Pastor Joel is leading an adult Sunday school class every Sunday following church in the ministry center. *The last class will be May 28th when we will break for the summer and resume in the fall.*

The Adult Sunday School Class is led by Jay Elshoff and meets in the prayer room adjacent to the sanctuary. Jay's class uses lessons from the International Sunday School Curriculum (see the weekly lesson at the back of the bulletin)

The Gathering meets on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. in the social room. All are invited to join us for this informal bible discussion group. Young and old, singles or couples, ladies and men... everyone is invited! There is a weekly topic but no preparation is required. Bring your bible and let's talk about scripture and how it relates to life!

Pastor Joel's Blog – Sometimes there's more to share about a topic than time allows on Sunday mornings. You are invited to check out Pastor's new blog called Sunday Leftovers. There you will find additional thoughts or points that didn't make it into the weekly sermon. You can read it at www.joelbucklin.wordpress.com. Feel free to post comments or questions or give Pastor Joel some feedback.

Youth & Sunday School News

June 4 will be the last day of Sunday school for the year. The Sunday school department WILL be hosting several Family Fun days in July and August following church that will involve games and things for the whole family to do together. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more information!

Attention Parents and Students going on the Steubenville Mission Trip! There will be an informational meeting on Sunday, June 11th right after church. You will receive a packing list and other details at that meeting. Please try to be at the meeting.

Camp Scholarship Forms Due TODAY - Students going to Young Life Camp or on the Mission Trip: your camp scholarship forms are due to Tory before the end of the day today.

Nursery Help is Needed - the volunteer sign-up sheet for 2017 is on the front pew. Please take a look and if you can serve in this ministry even once this year that would be a wonderful gift to our children and families.

Life of the Church

Grand Adults Fellowship. Attention Seniors! Men, women, couples and friends. Join us on Tuesday afternoons for "Grand Adults" from 2 - 4 p.m. in the Ministry Center youth room for cards, games, movies and snacks. If you can't drive let us know and we will arrange transportation, call Becky Huston at 419-753-2230.

Community News

Bus Trip to the Creation Museum and Noah's Ark in Kentucky – John Oen Sports Tours Inc. is offering a Christian Fellowship tour on Saturday, September 30, 2017. The cost is \$125 per person and includes travel, dinner and admittance to both attractions. Seniors (60 & up) are \$110 per person and children (5-12) are \$100 each. The tour will depart from Lockington UMC in Sidney. IF enough Auglaize County people sign up they may add a pickup stop in Wapakoneta. There are info flyers on the front pew. Call 937-658-4446 or email oenSports@yahoo.com with questions or to sign up.

The New Knoxville Historical Society will hold an open house on Sunday, May 28, from 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. Stop by and find out more about Auglaize County's "In Motion" program. Pick up a brochure focusing on attractions throughout the county that you can also visit the fourth Sunday of the month throughout the summer. View the banner that will be in the house's kitchen. It changes every month so you can find out more about Auglaize County history in motion.

New Knoxville American Legion Post 444 will be conducting Memorial Day services on May 29. The ceremony will take place at Pilger Ruhe cemetery at 11:30 a.m. Please plan to attend to honor those who have given their lives in the service of their country.

The following order is for Jay Elshoff's adult Sunday School class that meets in the heritage room following worship.

Forgiving Love

When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

Jonah 3:10

Thought to remember: Repent for a lifetime to receive God's forgiving love for an eternity

Devotional reading for this week: Acts 11:11-18

You are invited!

This Week at First Church

TODAY

8:00 a.m.	Men's Morning Bible Study – Ministry Center Youth Room
9:00 a.m.	Family Worship Service
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	The Gospel Project Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Joel
10:15 a.m. – 12p	Baked Potato Bar Camp Fundraiser – Social Room

Communion

TUE.

2:00 p.m.	Grand Adults Fellowship & Games – Youth Room
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WED.

6:30 p.m.	The Gathering – Social Room
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NEXT SUN.

Graduation Sunday

8:00 a.m.	Men's Morning Bible Study – Ministry Center Youth Room
9:00 a.m.	Family Worship Service
10:15 a.m.	Sunday School
10:15 a.m.	The Gospel Project Adult Bible Study led by Pastor Joel

Attendance Last Sunday - 211

Total Offering - \$2,149.00

Cheryl Reed / YoungLives, Zanesville, Ohio – \$1,694.00
Pledges & Gen Fund. Gifts – \$455.00

Notes & Doodles

Mission Trip to Germany, September 9-17

Recently, Kathy & Doug McClain and Pastor Michael Landoll with the 3C Project in Kusel, Germany contacted First Church and shared their need for another work group this fall. The details regarding the exact nature of the work are yet to be determined, but they will make them known as soon as possible. We will fly from Ohio to Frankfurt, Germany. While in Germany, all food, lodging, and transportation will be provided by the host church. We will only need to cover the cost of airfare (currently between \$800-900 round trip), fees associated with obtaining a passport, and personal spending money. We are hoping to form a group of about 6-10 people.

The 3C Project led by Pastor Michael Landoll is constructing a building in Kusel, Germany that will house in depth training for the local church, a summer camp ministry, and a missions training center. The 3C Project hopes to encourage churches and missionaries struggling against the post-modern mindset found in Germany.

Pastor Landoll's vision has already produced real fruit. He has seen his church in Kusel grow to host a congregation of about 130 people, ranging from young adults to seniors, that has outgrown its current location.

This is a great opportunity for our church to continue to build upon a relationship that began last year. There is a very real need in Germany. Much of the Western World now lives in a post-Christian society. The values, morals, and truth of Scripture is no longer accepted as the norm. We are even beginning to see this trend in our own country. The 3C Project is attempting to push back against the postmodern mindset and equip Christian leaders with the resources they need to spread the Gospel effectively.

How are Kathy & Doug involved? As ABWE missionaries in nearby Pirmasens Kathy and Doug assist with the construction of the 3C project and also use the completed portions of the building for ministry. Kathy has taken our concept of "Wonderful Wednesdays" and runs a children's program there!

How did we get involved? The 3C project relies 100% on financial donations for materials and on volunteers for labor. In 2016 Kathy and Doug reached out to their supporters here – both individuals and churches – to see if anyone might be interested in putting together a group for a work trip – specifically to help with construction of the 3C project. This year they reached out to First Church directly and asked if we would be interested in sending another group this fall.

**Please pray for those headed to Kusel, Germany to work on the
3C Project from September 9-17**

*So far we have 9 people confirmed going: Pastor Joel, Sharon & Jeff Colson,
Connie Schroer, Brad & Krista Hoge, Erik & Janna Hirschfeld
and Weston Hirschfeld.*

If you are interested in going on this trip, or want more information,
please contact Connie Schroer in the church office. We would like to book
airline tickets at the end of May or beginning of June. Don't hesitate to call and
find out more about this exciting mission opportunity!

