



First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World

**First Church recognizes Jesus Christ
as the head of the Church and as Savior and Lord.**

**We are a community of faith who engage Biblical truth
to provide an environment where people mature
as disciples of Christ.**

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In Worship Today

Jack Schrolucke, Lay Leader
Erik Hirschfeld, Music Director
Sharon Chaney, Musician
Clinton Hirschfeld, Scripture

If you are a Guest or Visitor today, we are glad you're here!

- **The Restrooms** are in the basement at the East end of the church and inside the main glass doors of the ministry building next door.
- **The Nursery for Young Children** is in the basement. You can go down any set of stairs near the entrances to reach the nursery.
- **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.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the table.
- **Hearing Assistance Devices** – Please see the sound system technician on the South wall if you would like to use one.
- **WiFi Connection is available** for those who wish to use their device to connect to the Bible app or take notes. Connect via “FirstChurchWifi Guest”
- **The Bible App by YouVersion** -- Under the “More” tab in the Bible App you will find the Events feature. Each Sunday you can find the scripture, sermon key points and weekly questions.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

*The * invites those who are able to stand.*

Prelude - I Will Trust

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** from Titus 3:3-7

³At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, ⁵he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life.

***Hymn No. 579** – Jesus Loves Me

Dedication to the Lord – Myles Edward Bucklin, son of Joel & Alie Bucklin

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Congregational Promise

**With joy and thanksgiving, we now welcome you into Christ's
church, for we are all one in Christ. We promise to love,
encourage, and support you and to help you know and
follow Christ.**

Children's Chat & Greeting Time

Remembering our Soldiers

Presentation of Bibles to 1st Grade Students

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer [using debts and debtors]

Giving Back to God

Ministry: The General Fund

Music: Jesus Is The Light! By Williams / Drennan

Offertory Hymn No. 620 - We Give Thee But Thine Own

***Scripture Reading-John 3:1-21**

***Hymn No. 69 – Thy Loving Kindness**

Message – A Disciple is Faithful

***Hymn No. 405 – My Faith has Found a Resting Place**

***Blessing, Dismissal & Postlude**

What is Happening at First Church?

Today is the first day of Sunday School please bring your children to their **NEW** classroom this morning. Ages 3 & 4 are in the nursery room behind the sanctuary. Ages 5 to kindergarten are in the kindergarten room (SW corner adjacent to the nursery room), Grades 1-3 are in the upstairs SW Corner and Grades 4-6 are in the upstairs room off of the balcony.

Confirmation class begins today following the 9 am service in the ministry center youth room.

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University begins tonight at 6:30 pm in the ministry center. It's not too late to sign up. You are welcome to attend the first class and purchase a kit after that if you wish to continue with the entire class.

Bell Choir Practice begins on Wednesday, September 19 at 6:30 pm followed by regular choir practice at 7:30 pm.

Pastor Joel's Sunday School class, The Gospel Project for adults begins next Sunday, September 23 following church in the ministry center.

Life of the Church

Prayer Needs – MaryJo Colson, Ed Oberlander, Kathy Williams, Joann Feldwisch, Cameron Wilkerson, Don Prueter, Robert Schroer, Mike Geib, Ermie Wildermuth, Marlene Wildermuth, Shawn Spencer, Ted Lammers, Becky Quellhorst, Marilyn Kuck, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Mable Meckstroth, Scarlett Unrast, Michael Allen, Judy Hoelscher, Wavalene Opperman, Darell Rupert, Helen Wellman, Irma Hoelscher, Kathy Schrolucke, Thelma Arnett, Ruth Kuck, and Betty Kiefer. *(Please let us know if you would like to be added or removed from the prayer list – the office staff does not know to take you off unless you ask. Thank you)*

Men's Bible Study is every Sunday morning at 8:00 am in the ministry center youth room.

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study class will hold its first session on September 18 at 9 a.m. in the Ministry Center. The class will watch and discuss Priscilla Shirer's DVD lessons on the *Discerning the Voice of God*. Through this practical study we will become more familiar with God's Holy Spirit, His character, His language, and the tone of His voice. Make plans to set aside a morning to explore with a group God's intentions for our lives. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Grand Adults Fellowship meets on Tuesdays at 2:00 pm in the ministry center youth room. You are invited to come and play cards or games and enjoy some friendship and food. Call Becky Huston at 419-753-2230 if you need to arrange for transportation.

Tuesday Night Growth Group is a sermon based bible study led by Pastor Joel & Alie that meets on Tuesday nights in the Ministry Center youth room from 6:30-8 pm during the school year.

Updating the Funeral Dinner Food List- If you would like to have your name put on the list to bring a dish of food for a funeral dinner or if you want your name taken off the list please call the church office. We also need people to help prepare and serve the dinner. You will not be called every time there is a funeral dinner. Let us know if you would like to be called on your cell phone. When bringing a dish of food put your name on the dish if you want it back. We can also bake the food item, put the directions on the dish. Food can be brought the day before and put in the refrigerator or laid on the counter. A pad will be on the counter where you can sign in. Your empty dish will be sitting on the kitchen counter for two weeks. Please pick up your dish within two weeks after the funeral dinner. We no longer need empty containers with lids brought in. *Thank you, The Funeral Dinner Committee*

We need help in the Nursery. Our nursery ministry is a vital part of a healthy growing church. If anyone is able to serve, please sign up on the sheet which is located on the front pew near the altar.

Pledge Card Reminder – If you haven't considered your general fund pledge yet, we ask that you prayerfully consider your giving for the remainder of the year. The general fund of First Church is where the day to day operations and expenses are paid. Your generosity allows First Church to minister both within and outside of our doors.

Heating System Gifts - We have begun to receive donations for the upcoming heating system project. If you would like to make a gift to this upcoming project please mark your check, envelope or online gift for the Building Maintenance Fund and add "Heating System" in the memo line. Thank you to all who have begun supporting this necessary maintenance and upkeep to our place of worship.

You're Invited to a celebration for Irene Howe's 90th birthday on Saturday, September 22 from 2-4 pm at the NK Gun Club. Come and enjoy cake and ice cream to celebrate her special day. No gifts please.

Dear First Church, thank you for the beautiful red rose for our anniversary. 62 years, what a blessing. *Robert & Mary Schroer.*

Community News

The New Knoxville Historical Society will be open for visitation on Sunday, September 23 from 1-4 pm. This is a special day for the Heritage Center as the New Knoxville band will be in concert at 1:30 pm. Mike Neuman's open fire kettle chili will be served all afternoon and Zella's house will be open for visitation for the first time this summer. Zella's house has been cleaned, painted, and in some places it's contents removed. Spend an interesting afternoon touring the five buildings of the Heritage Center.

One Warm Coat Drive September 9 to October 12

The Twelfth Annual One Warm Coat Drive began Sunday, *September 9.* *We need the help of all of our churches in making this a great coat drive again this year.* We need clean, gently used men's, women's and especially children's coats. New coats are gladly accepted should you want to purchase a new coat for a child or adult.



The final date of collection will be Friday, October 12th. Agape will have volunteers that will sort, count and hang up the coats, getting them ready for immediate distribution.

Please bring your donation to your respective churches prior to October 12th. If you wish to deliver directly to Agape, make sure that you take the coat(s) to the Client Services Building. If you take it to the Thrift Store regular drive-thru for donations, you must be sure to specify it is for the One Warm Coat Drive. Otherwise, it will be sold in the Thrift Store. Remember, the coats we collect through One Warm Coat Drive are given to those in need free of charge.

In the past years, many coats have been collected and given to those in need right here in our community! We cannot thank you enough for your support in the years' past. Your donations truly are what make the coat drive so successful. Let's work together to make a difference again this year!

Faithful Discipleship Questions

1. What does it mean to have a relationship with Jesus? How do our human relationships help us understand our relationship with God?
2. What does it mean to be “born again”? What evidence of the new birth do you see in your own life? (Other helpful passages: 2 Corinthians 5:17; 1 Peter 1:3, 23; Galatians 6:15)
3. What does it mean to be a child of God? How do your brothers and sisters in Christ help you to be a faithful disciple?
4. How do God’s Word and prayer enable you to be faithful? How does trust in something (including God) impact how you live?
5. What factors motivate you to keep going? How can these be applied to your walk with Christ?
6. How does God’s motivation, purpose, and goal for sending Jesus encourage you to remain faithful? (also read Romans 8:31-39; Philippians 2:12-13)

This Week at First Church – September 16 -23

TODAY

8:00 am Men's Bible Study
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School for All Ages
10:15 am Confirmation Class
4:30-6 pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study – Dave & Judy Bambauer's home
6:30 pm Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University – Ministry Center

MON.

6:30 pm Trustees Mtg. – Ministry Center
7:00 pm Spiritual Council – Conference Room
7:30 pm Consistory Mtg. – Ministry Center

TUES.

2:00 pm Grand Adults Fellowship
6:30 pm Growth Group Study

NEXT SUN.

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Attendance Last Sunday –172

Sunday Collection - \$2,043.44

Jr. & Sr. High Youth Fund – \$1,503.44

Pledges & Gen. Fund - \$490.00

Furnace Project Gifts.-\$50.00

Online Giving-\$570.00