



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

Brian Lammers, Lay Leader
Erik Hirschfeld, Music Director
Sharon Chaney & Grace Roediger,
Musicians
Maria Lammers, Scripture &
Children's Chat

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 located 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 – In The Cross of Christ I Glory

Welcome & Announcements

***Call to Worship** - Psalm 130

One: ¹ Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

All: ² **Lord, hear my voice.**

**Let your ears be attentive
to my cry for mercy.**

³ **If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,
Lord, who could stand?**

⁴ **But with you there is forgiveness,
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

⁵ **I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,
and in his word I put my hope.**

One: ⁶ I wait for the Lord
more than watchmen wait for the morning,
more than watchmen wait for the morning.
⁷ Israel, put your hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord is unfailing love
and with him is full redemption.
⁸ He himself will redeem Israel
from all their sins.

***Hymn No. 334 – Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy**

Children’s Chat & Greeting Time

Remembering Our Soldiers

***Hymn No. 335 – Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

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

Giving Back to God

Offering: Vacation Bible School

Offertory Music: My Savior and My God by Althouse

Offertory Hymn No. – Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the Holy One,

Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong,”

Let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us.

And now let the weak say, “I am strong;”

Let the poor say, “I am rich,” because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks!

***Scripture Reading – Romans 3:21-24**

Message - I Am Broken By Sin

***Hymn No. 493 – It Is Well with My Soul**

***Blessing & Dismissal**

Postlude

Life of the Church

The Flowers on the Altar are in honor of Sue Hoge who celebrated her 99th birthday on March 12. They are a gift from her family. *Happy Birthday Sue!*

We extend our love and sympathy to the families of Donna Larson and Barbara Jean Kuck.

Donna Larson entered into Christ's care on March 11, 2019. She was 80. She was given a Christian burial on Saturday, March 16, 2019 at the Evangelical Protestant Cemetery in New Knoxville.

Barbara Jean Kuck entered into Christ's care on March 12, 2019. She was 90. She was given a Christian burial on Friday, March 15, 2019 at Pilger Ruhe Cemetery in New Knoxville.

Meeting Reminders: Spiritual Council meets on Monday, March 18 at 6:30 pm. The trustees meet at 7:00 pm followed by consistory at 7:30 pm.

Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Dough – Students are out selling cookie dough and other great items from March 13 – 24. Money raised will be used for their summer mission trip in July. You may also call the church office to place an order. If you would like to preview the book online and see what is available you can do so here:

[https://www.cherrydale.com/media/contentimages/spring2018/18BRO114 Otis and More ShowCopy np.pdf](https://www.cherrydale.com/media/contentimages/spring2018/18BRO114%20Otis%20and%20More%20ShowCopy%20np.pdf)

Lent Sermon Series : Who Am I? Discovering Who You Are in Christ - How would you answer that question? We often define our identity in terms of our roles in life, such as your family relationships or career choice. It is also tempting to define ourselves by the world's standards of beauty, money, power, and popularity. Identity is a major issue. It informs how we view ourselves and the world around us. Too often, unfortunately, we find our identity in things that are doomed to fail us. We will find true joy, peace, and fulfillment when we find our identity in Christ.

Birthday Card Shower for Irma Hoelscher – Irma will be celebrating her 90th birthday on Saturday, March 30. If you would like to send her a card or note you can do so at 711 S. Walnut St., Room 1001, New Bremen, OH 45869

Get Well Wishes for Shannon Roediger – Shannon is recuperating from ankle surgery due to a car accident this past week. Get well cards and notes of encouragement can be sent to Shannon at 3954 Walnut Grove Way, Gainesville, GA 30506 (a few people have asked if there is anything Shannon needs, please see Pastor Joel or call the church office and we can offer a few suggestions)

Upcoming Dates to Remember

April 12	New Knoxville HS Prom Dinner
April 7	Confirmation Banquet & Pictures
April 14	Palm Sunday & Confirmation
April 18	Maundy Thursday Service – 7:30 pm
April 19	Joint Good Friday Service – 7:30 pm
April 21	Easter Sunday - SonRise Service, Easter Breakfast & Celebration Worship Service

Coming This Summer

What is the difference between the Old and New Testaments? Is Jesus the only way to be saved? What were those Old Testament sacrifices about anyway? Can I trust the Bible? Maybe you have thought of



these or similar questions before, but weren't sure where to look for answers. This summer, Pastor Joel will preach a series of sermon addressing the tough questions of faith. We all have questions, and even doubts, about God, the Bible, and how to live out our faith day to day. So let's talk about them and examine them from a Biblical perspective. You can submit questions to him directly via email or through the church office. There will also be a box at the Info Center next to the custodians' office where you can submit questions anonymously. Start submitting your questions now, so Pastor Joel has plenty of time to plan and prepare these messages.

Wonderful Wednesdays at First Church.

- 3:15 pm Kids Program (snacks, games, homework & fun)
- 5:45 – 7 pm Community Dinner with family & friends

Again this year members of our congregation have stepped into the cooking role and have planned some wonderful meals for us.

- ♥ Week 2 – Chicken Salad Crossiant, Hot Dogs, Mac & Cheese or Green Beans, Salad & Cookies
- ♥ Week 3 – Shredded Chicken / Sloppy Joes
- ♥ Week 4 – Taco Night
- ♥ Week 5 – Beef Stroganoff

The New Knoxville United Methodist Church also offers a traditional Lenten worship service at 7:30 p.m. Pastor Joel and Pastor Dennis encourage you to invite a friend and participate in either or both of the Wednesday evening services offered by the two churches.

Heating System Campaign Update: To date 61 of 400 heating system pledge cards have been returned with a total of \$346,875 pledged to date. If you have not turned in your pledge card we ask that you prayerfully consider it.

Prayer Focus

Individual Prayer Needs – The Families of Jean Kuck and Donna Larson, Shannon Roediger, Darell Kuck, Gary Katterheinrich, Dennis Howe, Robert Schroer, Jeannie Zanboni, Brooklyn Karch, Ed Oberlander, Marilyn Kuck, Don Williams, Joann Feldwisch, Cameron Wilkerson, Mike Geib, Shawn Spencer, Becky Quellhorst, Ned Niemeyer, Don Heidt, Mable Meckstroth, Michael Allen, Judy Hoelscher, Wavalene Opperman, 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)*

Sermon Questions for Deeper Study

1. What evidence do you see that we live in a broken world? How does this brokenness affect our society? On a personal level?
2. Why do people tend to avoid the topic of sin?
3. How do you define sin? Why does it matter how we define it?
4. Is anyone immune to the effects of sin? Why or why not?
5. How does sin impact our relationship with God? Is there anything a person can do about it?
6. How does a right understanding of sin change our view on God's holiness? His grace?
7. Why are confession and repentance so important? How can you implement these practices into your life?

Wonderful Wednesdays – Week 1

If you haven't joined us for a Wonderful Wednesday yet, what are you waiting for? We have a record number of children with us this year (81) and served dinner for almost 140 last week.



The message of Week 1 was "I am created in God's Image". Tory shared with the kids that they are not here by accident and they have a purpose!

"So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them." Genesis 1:27

This Week at First Church – March 17 - 24

TODAY

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Jesus Among Secular Gods Bible Study – Ministry Center
10:15 am Confirmation Class
4:30 pm Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home

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- 6:30 pm Spiritual Council – Conference Room
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting – Min. Ctr. big room
7:30 pm Consistory Meeting - Min. Ctr. big room

TUES.

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Min. Ctr. youth room
2:00 pm Grand Adults Fellowship - Min. Ctr. youth room
6:30 pm Growth Group Study led by Pastor Joel & Alie

WED.

- 3:15 pm Wonderful Wed. Kids Program
5:45 pm Wonderful Wed. Dinner & Worship – Ministry Center
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice
7:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice

NEXT SUN.

- 8:00 am Men's Bible Study – Min. Ctr. youth room
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Facts & Figures from last Sunday 3/10

- Total Sunday Collection - \$2,258.00 Worship Attendance – 138
 Doug & Kathy McClain in Germany - \$1,213.00
 Heating System Gifts - \$235.00
 Pledges / Gen. Fund Gifts- \$810.00
Sunday School Offering - \$25.90

Online Giving for the week - \$1,025.00