



# *First Church*

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**Rooted in Christ, Growing Together, Serving the World**

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**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**

Janna Hirschfeld, Lay Leader  
Erik Hirschfeld, Music Director  
Sharon Chaney & Grace Roediger,  
Musicians  
Tracy Luck, Scripture  
Maria Lammers, 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 info center.
- **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** – The Holy City

### **Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship** - Ephesians 4:1-6

<sup>1</sup>As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. <sup>2</sup>Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. <sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>one Lord, one faith, one baptism; <sup>6</sup>one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

**\*Hymn No. 277** – The Church's One Foundation

**Children's Chat & Greeting Time**

**Remembering Our Soldiers**

**\*Hymn No. 433** – Sweet Hour of Prayer

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

**Giving Back to God**

Offering: The Radio Ministry

Offertory Music: We Are One, Lord by Pethyl

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

**\*Scripture Reading** – John 1:12-13

**Message** - I Am a Child of God and Part of His Family

**\*Hymn No. 283** – We Are God's People

**\*Blessing, Dismissal & Postlude**

## **Life of the Church**

**The Red Rose on the Altar** is in honor of Gene & Pat Schrolucke who will celebrate 55 years of marriage on April 11. *Happy Anniversary!*

**The Confirmation banquet, pictures & Elder interviews are this afternoon.** Students please arrive for confirmation photos at by 5:00 pm. Remember to bring your robes and photo order forms.

**No high school bible study tonight** due to confirmation activities.

**This Wednesday is the last Wonderful Wednesday in Lent** – Join us for dinner at 5:45 this Wednesday as we wrap up the program with beef stroganoff and one final devotion on our identity in Christ.

**Confirmation Students** - Please remember that next Sunday you need to be at church by 8:00 am.

**Our Youth SonRise Service is coming soon!** The students are planning a great service focused on the family of God. Our hope is that throughout the morning you will be reminded of the call we all have to act, think and function as the family of Christ as a church.

**Jr. & Sr. High Students** helping with SonRise Service: Set up will be on Wednesday, April 17 during our normal youth group time of 7-8:30 pm.

## Holy Week & Easter Activities

Sunday, April 14	Palm Sunday & Confirmation
Thursday, April 18	7:30 pm Maundy Thursday Service with communion
Friday, April 19	7:30 pm Joint Good Friday Service with the NK United Methodist Service
Sunday, April 21	7:00 am SonRise Service led by the youth. 8:00 am Easter Breakfast 9:00 am Celebration Service 10:05 am Sunday school

**Tough Questions Summer Sermon Series:** 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.

## Community News

**The New Knoxville Historical Society** will hold its Annual Meeting on Thursday, April 11. A buffet dinner, catered by Main Street Station, will be served at 6 p.m. The program for the evening will feature Gary Katterheinrich, the past administrator of the Neil Armstrong airport, and Dante Centouri, Director of the Armstrong Air and Space Museum. Tickets may be purchased for \$15 at the Village Market or through Edythe Henschen at 419-753-2104

**Women 4 Christ** invite you to their Easter cookie sale on Saturday, April 13 from 9 am to 1 pm at St. Peter's Fellowship Hall in New Bremen. You are provided with a container and gloves and can select from a variety of treats. You pay by the pound. Proceeds go to Women 4 Christ to provide scholarships for the Women's Retreat, buy supplies, reduce costs and make the retreat a blessing to all.

## Prayer Focus

**Individual Prayer Needs** – Robert Schroer, Kari Farr, Shannon Roediger, Darrel Kuck, Gary Katterheinrich, Dennis Howe, 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.

### Facts & Figures from last Sunday 3/31

Worship Attendance – 200  
Total Sunday Collection - \$1,948.00  
    Soup Kitchen - \$1,688.00  
    General Fund & Pledges - 110.00  
    Heating System Gifts - \$110.00  
    Radio Ministry- \$40.00  
Sunday School Offering - \$18.32

### Heating System Campaign Update

Project Cost/Goal - \$847,800+  
  
Progress toward goal as of  
4/4/19 - \$561,778

## Wonderful Wednesdays – Week 4



The message of Week 4 was "I am in Christ".

Tory shared with the kids how we are connected to God through Christ and we remain in him through prayer and reading our bible.

***"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5***

## Sermon Questions for Deeper Study

1. How does technology both enhance and devalue the quality of our relationships?
2. How have relationships with other Christians helped your walk with Christ?
3. What does it mean to be a child of God? What does this teach us about our relationship with God and what he did for us?
4. If all Christians are children of God, then we are also brothers and sisters in Christ. How should this affect how we relate to one another?
5. What does Christian unity look like? How can you foster it within our church? (Ephesians 4:1-6)
6. What is the purpose of spiritual gifts? Do all Christians have the same gifts? How can you put your gifts to use within the church? (1 Corinthians 12)
7. What have you learned about your identity in Christ over the past 5 weeks? Ask the Holy Spirit to instill these truths into your heart and equip you to begin to live them out.

# Notes & Doodles

## This Week at First Church – April 7-14

### **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  
5:00 pm Confirmation Photos  
6:30 pm Confirmation Banquet

### **MON.**

7:00 pm Spiritual Council

### **TUES.**

9:00 am Women's Bible Study - Min. Ctr. youth room  
9:30 am Serve at Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen in Lima  
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 – Last one!  
5:45 pm Wonderful Wed. Dinner & Worship – Ministry Center  
6:30 pm Bell Choir Practice  
7:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice

### **FRI.**

5:30 pm NK High School Prom Dinner hosted by NK UMC & First Church

### **NEXT SUN.**

#### **Palm Sunday & Confirmation**

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