



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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**The Church Office is Closed to
visitors for the time being.**

Staff is still working in the office
regular hours of 8-3, M-Th.
Please call 419-753-2446 if you
need to drop off or pick something
up please call and someone will
come out and meet you.

Ways to Listen to Our Sunday Service

- **Our Worship Service** is broadcast each Sunday on T-102 FM at 10:15a
- **Facebook Live** - We will be streaming our service live via our Facebook page "firstchurchnk" at 10:15 am Sundays
- **Website** – We will have the audio of the weekly service on our website at www.firstchurchnk.org by noon on Sundays.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Prelude – Be Still My Soul

Welcome & Announcements

Scripture Reading - Romans 8:31-39

***Praise Song** – 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.

Worship Your holy name.
Lord I'll worship Your holy name/

CCLI Song # 6016351 Jonas Myrin | Matt Redman | CCLI License # 2403283

Children's Chat & Kids Song – Jesus Loves Me

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

Hymn No. 213 – Because He Lives

God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

And then one day I'll cross that river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;

And then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.

And life is worth the living just because He lives.

CCLI Song # 16880 Gloria Gaither | William J. Gaither CCLI License # 2403283

Scripture Reading – 2 Timothy 1:3-10

Message – Responding Faithfully in Times of Crisis

Hymn No. 443 – Give Me Jesus

Take the world, but give me Jesus,
All its joys are but a name;
But His love abideth ever,
Thru eternal years the same.

O the height and depth of mercy!
O the length and breadth of love!
O the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

Take the world, but give me Jesus,
Sweetest comfort of my soul;
With my Savior watching o'er me,
I can sing tho billows roll.

O the height and depth of mercy!
O the length and breadth of love!
O the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

Take the world, but give me Jesus,
Let me view His constant smile;
Then thruout my pilgrim journey
Light will cheer me all the while.

O the height and depth of mercy!
O the length and breadth of love!
O the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

Take the world, but give me Jesus,
In His cross my trust shall be;
Till, with clearer, brighter vision,
Face to face my Lord I see.

O the height and depth of mercy!
O the length and breadth of love!
O the fullness of redemption,
Pledge of endless life above!

CCLI Song # 5517301 Fanny Jane Crosby CCLI License # 2403283

The Lord's Supper

Hymn No. 206 – There Is A Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
There I'll serve my King forever. In that holy place.

Thank You, oh, my Father, for giving us Your Son,
and leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.

CCLI Song # 11483 Melody Green CCLI License # 2403283

***Blessing & Postlude**

Important Information

To Our Church Family - On Monday evening, Spiritual Council and Consistory supported my recommendation to cancel all in-person ministries, including Sunday morning worship, until further notice. Our goal is to abide by current Ohio and CDC restrictions as long as they are in place. We make this decision out of love, not fear. Love for our church family and the New Knoxville community, and a desire to put your health and safety first.

Although in-person ministries are cancelled, we will continue our Radio Ministry. A small, predetermined group of people will put on a worship service so that we can still worship together as a church family, even if we are not able to gather together. The broadcast is from 10:15-11:15 am on T102 (102.1 FM) and also the iHeart Radio app. We will post to our website and social media immediately after the service.

In addition to keeping the radio ministry alive, we also plan to do the following:

- Utilize Facebook and other social media to stay connected and update the church with video messages, teachings, and words of encouragement.
- Create family Scripture reading plan, so that families and individuals can read the Bible together about topics like peace, fear, and God's presence in the midst of trouble.
- Pastor Tory plans on continuing Youth Bible Study through an app called Zoom.
- The Sunday School department will create short videos covering the Gospel Project lesson for each week. Students currently enrolled in Sunday School will receive a packet in the mail with weekly worksheets and other resources.

Please contact the church office via phone at 419-753-2446, email us at firstchurchnk@nktelco.net or joel.bucklin@nktelco.net, the church website – www.firstchurchnk.org, or reach out to us on Facebook if you have any questions or would like to talk with someone.

What Can We Do / How Can We Help

We are called to be a people of prayer.

- Pray for our leaders at all levels of government.
- Pray for our doctors, nurses and first responders.
- Pray for our fellow pastors & congregations, school administrators, teachers, and students.

- Pray for our business owners. Pray for our employers.
- Pray for those who have lost jobs and are scared.
- Pray for those who fear losing their jobs.
- Pray for those in nursing homes who are at high risk and who are now isolated, lonely and miss their families.
- Pray for our delivery drivers and those who work hard to replenish shelves and clean and disinfect.
- Pray for each other in these times of uncertainty. Pray for all those struggling with any type of health issue.
- Simply pray and talk to your Father in Heaven.

Look for ways to help. Maybe you've seen this lately – "In a crisis, look for the helpers". It has brought great joy to see how our community has already pulled together and exhibited part of what we were teaching the children at Wonderful Wednesdays – love your neighbor as yourself. We're not advocating being irresponsible at all, but being smart and taking care of each other spiritually and physically.

- We have had many people reach out and offer to go get groceries or pick up food for those who do not wish to go out. Please call the church office at 419-753-2446 and we can connect you with someone.
- If you're willing to go pick up things for others please let us know.
- Support local restaurants by ordering takeout if you're able.
- Encourage a mom who's homeschooling kids right now and feeling unequipped and exhausted.
- Encourage and help those who may have lost employment for a time.
- Communicate with each other – it's easy to let fear take over and rule your thoughts.
- Remember that no building is the church. WE are the Church, the very Body of Christ.
- Be patient with others. Exhibit grace, mercy and forgiveness.
- Send cards or thank you notes.
- Share your testimonies with each other of where you're seeing God working in the midst of all this.

Giving Information – If you are able and willing to continue your giving to First Church and the mission projects we as a congregation support, you may take advantage of our online giving, giving via text message or by mailing your gift to the church.

“My First Church” provides our members with 24/7 access to their membership information & giving records. All members who create a secure



log in have access to their own personal information and only connected members may access their data or the membership directory. Our system is called Access ACS and is available through our website or the Church Life mobile app.

Once you create a log in you can: Submit changes to your personal information, view your giving history, set up online giving (one time or recurring), register for events & volunteer for activities, view an up to date church directory and download the Church Life Mobile App. How do I sign up? Go to our website www.firstchurchnk.org & click on “Online Giving”

The Designated Offering for Sunday, March 22 is for Doug & Kathy McClain in Pirmasens, Germany. We have been in contact with them and they are doing fine. They are staying home as much as possible at the request of their mission organization ABWE and local authorities. Like us they are working on ways to continue discipleship online. They face several challenges though in the way of lack of technology and unreliable internet. You can still support the McClain’s via online giving, mailing gifts to the church office or specifically via text. Instructions on how to give via text are below.

Text FIRSTCHURCHNK mcclain \$20 to 73256 to give to the Sunday Mission Offerings fund for Doug & Kathy. \$20 is just an example – you can replace the \$20 with whatever dollar amount you wish to give.