



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.

January 10, 2021

**PO Box 339; 200 W. Bremen
New Knoxville, OH, 45871**

Office: 419-753-2446

Email: firstchurchnk@nktelco.net

Website: www.firstchurchnk.org

Facebook & Instagram:
[firstchurchnk](https://www.facebook.com/firstchurchnk)

Youth Instagram:
[firstchurchnk_youthgroup](https://www.instagram.com/firstchurchnk_youthgroup)

Pastor Joel Bucklin

256-698-8813

joel.bucklin@nktelco.net

Youth Pastor Tory Breitigan

231-557-0260

tory.breitigan@nktelco.net

Assisting in Worship Today

Brian Lammers, Lay Leader

Holly Smith, Choir Director

Connie O'Neill, Musician

Sharon Colson, Scripture

Shelby Rohrbaugh, 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.
- **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”
- **Our Worship Service** is broadcast each Sunday on T-102 FM at 10:15a
- **Facebook Live** - We stream our service live via our Facebook page “firstchurchnk” at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **Visit our Website** at www.firstchurchnk.org for a link to our YouTube page.
- **The * invites those who are able, to rise.**

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Prelude & Welcome

*** Call to Worship** from Psalm 42

- One: ¹As the deer pants for streams of water,
 so my soul pants for you, my God.
 ²My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
 When can I go and meet with God?
 ³My tears have been my food
 day and night,
 while people say to me all day long,
 “Where is your God?”
 ⁴These things I remember
 as I pour out my soul:
 how I used to go to the house of God
 under the protection of the Mighty One
 with shouts of joy and praise
 among the festive throng.
- All: ⁵**Why, my soul, are you downcast?**
 Why so disturbed within me?

**Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.**

One: ⁶ My soul is downcast within me;
therefore I will remember you
from the land of the Jordan,
the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

⁷ Deep calls to deep
in the roar of your waterfalls;
all your waves and breakers
have swept over me.

⁸ By day the Lord directs his love,
at night his song is with me—
a prayer to the God of my life.

⁹ I say to God my Rock,
“Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I go about mourning,
oppressed by the enemy?”

¹⁰ My bones suffer mortal agony
as my foes taunt me,
saying to me all day long,
“Where is your God?”

All: ¹¹ **Why, my soul, are you downcast?
Why so disturbed within me?
Put your hope in God,
for I will yet praise him,
my Savior and my God.**

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

Children’s Chat

Choir – Holy Spirit with Holy Spirit, Rain Down

Sharing our Praises & Concerns

*Hymn No. 43 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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

Today's Scripture is Psalm 77

- ¹ I cried out to God for help;
I cried out to God to hear me.*
- ² When I was in distress, I sought the Lord;
at night I stretched out untiring hands,
and I would not be comforted.*
- ³ I remembered you, God, and I groaned;
I meditated, and my spirit grew faint.*
- ⁴ You kept my eyes from closing;
I was too troubled to speak.*
- ⁵ I thought about the former days,
the years of long ago;*
- ⁶ I remembered my songs in the night.
My heart meditated and my spirit asked:*
- ⁷ "Will the Lord reject forever?
Will he never show his favor again?"*
- ⁸ Has his unfailing love vanished forever?
Has his promise failed for all time?*
- ⁹ Has God forgotten to be merciful?
Has he in anger withheld his compassion?"*
- ¹⁰ Then I thought, "To this I will appeal:
the years when the Most High stretched out his right hand.*
- ¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the Lord;
yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago.*
- ¹² I will consider all your works
and meditate on all your mighty deeds."*
- ¹³ Your ways, God, are holy.
What god is as great as our God?*
- ¹⁴ You are the God who performs miracles;
you display your power among the peoples.*
- ¹⁵ With your mighty arm you redeemed your people,
the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.*
- ¹⁶ The waters saw you, God,
the waters saw you and writhed;
the very depths were convulsed.*
- ¹⁷ The clouds poured down water,
the heavens resounded with thunder;
your arrows flashed back and forth.*
- ¹⁸ Your thunder was heard in the whirlwind,*

*your lightning lit up the world;
the earth trembled and quaked.*
¹⁹*Your path led through the sea,
your way through the mighty waters,
though your footprints were not seen.*
²⁰*You led your people like a flock
by the hand of Moses and Aaron.*

Message – Keep On Praying

***Hymn No. 428 – I Need Thee Every Hour**

***Dismissal & Postlude**

Welcome to Worship

We are glad you are here! - Whether you are joining us in person or choose to continue worshipping with us by the radio broadcast or Facebook Live we are glad to have you joining us. Each person, family, and situation is unique. Some people are ready to come back to church, while others may feel more comfortable worshipping from home for a while longer. Both options are perfectly valid. You need to decide what is right for you and your family, and First Church will do everything we can to minister to you either way. We are a family. We must respect and honor each other's decisions. We are all in this together.

- Masks are required in the State of Ohio in indoor public spaces. They are available at the entrances. Exemptions are made for children under ten years of age and people with medical conditions that prevent them from wearing a mask.
- All surfaces in the church will be disinfected and cleaned weekly.
- Everyone will be encouraged to follow social distancing practices.
- Families should sit together and keep distance from others.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances

The Nursery is Open. Thank you to all the volunteers who care for our children during the worship service. It really is a vital ministry for our church family. We are taking the following changes and safety precautions to help ensure the health of our children and volunteers.

- When you drop off your child, please check in with the nursery volunteer. We will be keeping track of attendance and parental contact information on an iPad app.
- Please take off shoes and leave them on the bookshelf at the door.
- Please either wash your child's hands in the bathroom before dropping them off or use the hand sanitizer available in the nursery.
- Nursery volunteers will wear face coverings while interacting with children. Children are not required to wear face coverings.
- All toys, tables, and chairs will be sanitized each week.
- Please do not bring your child to the nursery if they have had a fever in the last 24 hours.

Announcements

The Annual Meeting to elect officers, hear reports from the trustees, the treasurer, the committees and to approve the proposed 2020 budget will be held on Sunday, January 17, 2021 in the sanctuary after the 9:00 am service.

- There is no Sunday school or confirmation next Sunday.
- Childcare will be available in the Ministry Center.
- Sunday school students can report to the ministry center or stay with parents for the meeting.
- Confirmation students are required to attend annual meeting.

The Annual Report for 2020 is complete and copies are on the front pew, at the doors and at the info center. The booklet contains the Pastor & Youth Pastor's summary, Trustees report, Treasurer's financial report, the 2021 proposed budget, designated offerings for 2021 etc... You are invited to take one and preview it prior to next week's annual meeting. Please call the church office if you would like a copy via mail or have any questions.

The Red Rose on the Altar is in honor of John & Jo Ann Hoge who will celebrate 68 years of marriage on Saturday, January 16. *Happy Anniversary!*

Today's Offering is for Agape Ministries in St. Marys. The Deacons will be at the doors after service today to receive your offering. You may also take advantage of online giving or by mailing your gift to the church.

Youth Bible Study resumes this afternoon, January 10 at 3 pm at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home.

Youth Group Students. Bible study will in the Ministry Center on January 17 from 3-4:30pm. We will be watching the Netflix documentary "The Social Dilemma" for part of our "Can I Ask That" bible study series.

Today, First Church is launching a new Bible study resource called RightNow Media. RightNow Media is an online library of thousands of Bible Study resources for adults, youth, and children. Materials can be accessed on a computer, smart phone, tablet, and smart TV apps like Roku and Apple TV. If the church has your email address you should receive an email this morning with an invitation to sign up for free! (See the insert in today's bulletin.) If you do not get an email, you can go to <https://www.rightnowmedia.org/Account/Invite/FCNK> and sign up. Pastor Joel will give a preview at the Annual Meeting on January 17th.

Heating System Fundraising Update – Listed below is a breakdown of revenue and expenses for the heating system as of 12/31/2020

\$847,800 – Project total cost / Paid

\$742,587 – Revenue received: paid pledges, gifts, & bequests.

\$109,000 – Loan balance.

\$ 3,708 – Loan interest paid to date.

\$147,254 – Pledges not yet paid, due by 12/31/2023

Online Giving through "My First Church" – My First Church provides you with 24/7 access to online giving and your giving history. Create a secure log in through the link on our website. Creating an account allows you to submit changes to your personal information, view your giving history, set up online giving (one time or recurring, view the 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". You can also give as a guest without creating an account.

Prayer List for the Week of January 10 – Joyce Howe, Judy Hoelscher, Larry Henschen, Pastor Ferguson & family, all those who are affected by Covid-19, our teachers, and healthcare professionals.

This Week at First Church - January 10 - 17

TODAY

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Confirmation
10:15 am Adult Bible Study Class on Prophecy – Min. Ctr. Big Rm.
3:00 pm Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home

MON

7:00 pm Spiritual Council

WED.

7:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group – Ministry Center
7:00 pm Bell Choir Rehearsal
7:30 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal

NEXT SUN.

Annual Meeting

8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Annual Meeting
3:00 pm Youth Bible Study will be in the Ministry Center instead of at Bambauer's.

Facts & Figures from January 3 - Attendance: 92

Total Sunday Morning Collection - \$912.00

General Fund - \$612.00

Radio Fund - \$100.00

Agape Ministries - \$100.00

Aug. Co. Group Home / Crisis Ctr. - \$50.00

WBCL Radio - \$50.00

Online Giving for the week– \$1,145.00