



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.

February 21, 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
Connie O'Neill, Guest Musician
Holly Smith, Flautist & Choir
Director
Handbell Choir
Carolyn Lammers, Children's Chat
Tracy Luck, 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 Located in the basement.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the info center.
- **Children's Activity Bags** are available at the info center at the back of the sanctuary.
- **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** – Psalm 62:1-2, 5-8, 11-12

One: ¹Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.
²Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

All: ⁵**Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.**
⁶**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**
⁷**My salvation and my honor depend on God^[a];
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.**
⁸**Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.**

One: ¹¹ One thing God has spoken,
two things I have heard:
“Power belongs to you, God,
¹² and with you, Lord, is unfailing love”;
and, “You reward everyone
according to what they have done.”

***Hymn No. 201** – Grace Greater Than Our Sin

Children’s Chat

Bell Choir – Solid Rock with What A Friend and Take My Life

Sharing of Praises & Concerns

Hymn No. 213 – Because He Lives

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

Today’s Scripture is Galatians 1:1-10

*¹Paul, an apostle—sent not from men nor by a man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—² and all the brothers and sisters with me,
To the churches in Galatia:*

³Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, ⁴who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, ⁵to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

⁶I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you to live in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—⁷ which is really no gospel at all. Evidently some people are throwing you into confusion and are trying to pervert the gospel of Christ. ⁸But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach a gospel other than the one we preached to you, let them be under God’s curse! ⁹As we have already said, so now I say again: If anybody is preaching to you a gospel other than what you accepted, let them be under God’s curse!

¹⁰ Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Message – No Other Gospel

***Hymn No. 404 – The Solid Rock**

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.
- 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 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

Thank you, Connie O'Neill, for being here as our guest musician today. It is always a joy to have you here with us.

Today's Offering is for the Building Maintenance Fund for church patching & painting. 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.

Our Daily Bread Booklets for March – May are available at the door and at the info center.

The Congregational Meeting originally scheduled for today has been rescheduled to next Sunday, February 28. The purpose is to discuss and approve the purchase of a new sound board and related equipment.

Meeting Reminders – Spiritual Council, trustees and consistory monthly meetings were cancelled due to the winter storm and have been rescheduled to Monday, February 22 at their normal times.

Lent Sermon Series - The cross, and nothing but the cross, can save us.

Lent and Easter are opportunities to reorient ourselves on the cross of Christ. The good news of the Gospel is that Jesus saves us. We can't save ourselves. But that doesn't mean we don't try. In his letter to the Galatians, Paul teaches us that nothing, not even our good works, can save us. Nothing, that is, but the cross. What we are unable to do for ourselves, God did for us in Christ. Join us on Sunday morning as we explore the centrality of the cross and how it transforms our lives.

New Devotional for Lent - This devotional contains a scripture passage, a short devotional reading, and a prayer for each day during Lent. *You can pick up your free copy at the church or we can send you one. Take an extra and give it to a friend!*

Sunday Night Bible Study - Want to dig a little deeper? In addition to the Lenten devotional, Pastor Joel will also lead a Bible Study on Sunday evenings, February 14 to March 28 from 6—7:30 pm in the Ministry Center. The study is a companion to the devotional, and features teachings by Pastor Tim Keller from Redeemer Presbyterian Church. There is a sign-up sheet at the Info Center in the sanctuary. You can also call / email the office or send a Facebook message to sign up.

Wednesday Night Meals During Lent start this Wednesday! - First church is excited to announce we will be having Wonderful Wednesday meals again this year. We will have a short devotional to start our fellowship together along with indoor dining

- The dates are February 24, March 3, March 10, and March 17.
- No children's after school program this year.
- Ministry center will open at 4:45 pm and we will serve at approximately 5 pm. Dinner will be completed by 6:15 pm.
- Carry out available at the west door in the ministry center from 5 to 6 pm.
- **This week's menu is sloppy joe & shredded chicken, salad, chips & cookies.**

Safety Precautions will be used in preparation and serving of the meals. If anyone is interested in helping serve or make a meal please let one of the Elders know. We would be happy to have any volunteers!

Youth Wake Up Group- Junior and senior high students you are invited to come have breakfast, studying God's Word, and pray for each other on Tuesday mornings before school at 7 am in the ministry center. Come join us at Wake Up this week!

Have you signed up for RightNow Media yet? 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. Create your account on our website at www.firstchurchnk.org

Schedule change for junior and senior high youth bible study - Parents and Students- We've made the decision to change the time of junior and senior high bible study. Spring is always a busy time of year for families and students. Our hope is that this time change will work better for our students and families. Junior and senior high bible study will be at Dave and Judy Bambauer's house from 6:30-8 pm on Sunday evenings.

Heating System Fundraising Update – Listed below is a breakdown of revenue and expenses for the heating system as of 2/17/2021

\$847,800 – Project total cost / Paid

\$776,457 – Revenue received: paid pledges, gifts, & bequests.

\$ 84,000 – Loan balance.

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

\$113,434 – 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.

Weekly Prayer List

Bulletin Prayer List – Our prayer is new each Sunday. Names will stay in the bulletin for one week only. Each week we will start over with a new list. You may call the office with a name, drop your request in the offering plate or submit it via our website via the “contact us” link. We hope this will keep the weekly list current and focused. Please remember we are bound by privacy laws and cannot post personal or medical information so names only.

Prayer List for the Week of February 21 – Judy Hoelscher, Larry Henschen, Crystal Miller all those who are affected by Covid-19, our teachers, and healthcare professionals.

This Week at First Church – February 21-28

TODAY

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:15 am Adult Bible Study Class, Gospel of Mark – Min. Ctr.
6-7:30 pm A Journey Through Lent Bible study – Min. Ctr.
6:30-8 pm Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home.

MON.

- 6:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting – Conference room
7:00 pm Women's Bible Study – Maria Lammer's home
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
7:30 pm Consistory

TUES.

- 6:30 – 8 p Couples' Bible Study Group – Min. Ctr.
7:00 am Jr. & Sr. High Youth Wake Up! group

WED.

- 7:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group – Ministry Center
8:30 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUN.

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:00 am Special Congregational Meeting
10:15 am Sunday School & Confirmation
10:15 am Adult Bible Study Class, Gospel of Mark – Min. Ctr.
6-7:30 pm A Journey Through Lent Bible study – Min. Ctr.
6:30-8 pm Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home.

Facts & Figures from February 14 - Attendance: 96

Total Sunday Morning Collection - \$1,418.00

Offering for the Radio Fund - \$723.00

General Fund Pledges & Gifts- \$175.00

Jr & Sr. High Youth Fund - \$500.00

Heating System Pledges - \$20.00

Sunday School Offering - \$22.10 / Online Giving for the week– \$1,570.00