



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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Sharon Colson, Scripture Reader
Tory Breitigan, 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.
- **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 – In the Garden and How Great Thou Art

Welcome

*** Call to Worship** – Psalm 103:1-14

One: ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
 ² Praise the Lord, my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits—
 ³ who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases,
 ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion,
 ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

All: ⁶ **The Lord works righteousness
 and justice for all the oppressed.**

All: ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger, abounding in love.

One: ⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.
¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

All: ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

***Praise Song – The Wonderful Cross**

**When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.**

**See from His head, His hands, His feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were an offering far too small.**

**Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

**O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross
Bids me come and die and find
That I may truly live.
O the wonderful cross,
O the wonderful cross;
All who gather here by grace
Draw near and bless Your name.**

*CCLI Song # 3148435 / CCLI License # 2403283
Chris Tomlin | Isaac Watts | J. D. Walt | Jesse Reeves | Lowell Mason*

Children's Chat

Sharing of Joys & Concerns

***Praise Song – King of My Heart**

**Let the King of my heart
Be the mountain where I run,
The fountain I drink from;
Oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart
Be the shadow where I hide,
The ransom for my life;
Oh, He is my song.**

**You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.**

**Let the King of my heart
Be the wind inside my sails,
The anchor in the waves;
Oh, He is my song.
Let the King of my heart
Be the fire inside my veins,
The echo of my days;
Oh, He is my song.**

You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.

You're never gonna let,
Never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let,
Never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let,
Never gonna let me down.
You're never gonna let,
Never gonna let me down.

You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.
You are good, good, oh.

**When the night is holding on to me,
God is holding on.**

*CCLI Song # 7046145 / CCLI License # 2403283
John Mark McMillan | Sarah McMillan*

Giving Back to God

Offering: General Fund

Music: Give Me Jesus

Offertory Hymn No. 625 – Doxology

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

Today's Scripture is John 21

Afterward Jesus appeared again to his disciples, by the Sea of Galilee. It happened this way: ²Simon Peter, Thomas (also known as Didymus), Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two other disciples were together. ³“I’m going out to fish,” Simon Peter told them, and they said, “We’ll go with you.” So they went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Early in the morning, Jesus stood on the shore, but the disciples did not realize that it was Jesus.

⁵ He called out to them, "Friends, haven't you any fish?"
"No," they answered.

⁶ He said, "Throw your net on the right side of the boat and you will find some." When they did, they were unable to haul the net in because of the large number of fish.

⁷ Then the disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" As soon as Simon Peter heard him say, "It is the Lord," he wrapped his outer garment around him (for he had taken it off) and jumped into the water. ⁸ The other disciples followed in the boat, towing the net full of fish, for they were not far from shore, about a hundred yards. ⁹ When they landed, they saw a fire of burning coals there with fish on it, and some bread.

¹⁰ Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." ¹¹ So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished eating, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" "Yes, Lord," he said, "you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Feed my lambs."

¹⁶ Again Jesus said, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He answered, "Yes, Lord, you know that I love you."
Jesus said, "Take care of my sheep."

¹⁷ The third time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?"

Peter was hurt because Jesus asked him the third time, "Do you love me?" He said, "Lord, you know all things; you know that I love you."

Jesus said, "Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go." ¹⁹ Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, "Follow me!"

²⁰ Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) ²¹ When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?”

²² Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.” ²³ Because of this, the rumor spread among the believers that this disciple would not die. But Jesus did not say that he would not die; he only said, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you?”

²⁴ This is the disciple who testifies to these things and who wrote them down. We know that his testimony is true.

²⁵ Jesus did many other things as well. If every one of them were written down, I suppose that even the whole world would not have room for the books that would be written.

Message – Jesus Reinstates Peter

***Hymn No. 308 – Go**

Benediction & Dismissal

Postlude – The Blessing

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.

- Surfaces in the church are disinfected and cleaned weekly.
- Everyone is encouraged to follow social distancing practices.
- Hand sanitizer is available at the entrances.

Announcements

Consistory has called a Congregational Meeting for Sunday, May 16 following morning worship to discuss and approve necessary repairs to and removal of a portion of the church's chimney.

The Red Rose on the Altar is in honor of Bill & Edythe Henschen who will celebrate 58 years of marriage on Tuesday, May 4. *Happy Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Robert & Tiana Fisher on the birth of their son Jackson Marc who arrived on Sunday, April 25th weighing 9 lb. 9.4 oz and was 21.5" long. Jackson is the grandson of Doug Heidt and Krista Storer, and the great grandson of Carol Heidt.

Sunday School Mother's Day program – TODAY Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to the Pre-K and Kindergarten / 1st Grade classrooms for their Mother's Day programs. Next Sunday, May 9 these classes will repeat their programs AND the 2nd /3rd Grade class will hold their Mother's Day Program as well. The Pre-K room is on the main floor directly behind the stage. The K/1 grade room is on the main floor, SW corner. The 2/3 grade room is on the second floor, SW corner.

Youth group and youth ministry activities will be taking a pause in the month of May to allow us time to prep for Vacation Bible School. Students will be receiving summer youth group schedules in the coming weeks. Keep your eyes out for the exciting things we have planned for this summer!

- Our last night of youth group is on May 12th. All students are invited to join us for an end of the year celebration from 7:00-8:30. Dinner will be provided!

Today's Offering is for the General Fund. 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.

NK Community Vacation Bible School is June 7 – 11, 9 am to 11:45 am.

We are only a month away from Vacation Bible School! We are so excited to have VBS this year. There is something so special about having tons of kids gathered in the church for an entire week learning about Jesus. This year is going to be great! All kids ages 4 to 6th grade, are invited to put on their hard hats and join us in the construction zone as we learn to build our lives on the firm foundation of Jesus! Registration forms are available at the doors, in the Sunday School classrooms and on our website at www.firstchurchnk.org.

VBS week would not be possible without all our faithful volunteers! We are currently looking for teachers for the following classes: Pre-K & 1st Grade. If you are interested in being a teacher or a helper in any of those classes this year, please see Tory Breitigan.

Volunteer Opportunity with Operation Christmas Child - Did you know you could build a virtual shoebox online? Many people took advantage of the opportunity and the program had a record year! Before these special gifts can bring hope and joy to children around the world, each one has to be carefully packed according to the online order.

You have the opportunity to serve donors who weren't able to physically pack a box in 2020 by packing their shoeboxes for overseas shipment. Your work in assembling these boxes gives you a direct part in shining Christ's light in some of the world's darkest places.

There are opportunities at the Charlotte Processing Centers for volunteer groups of up to 25. You can volunteer as an individual or with family and friends. All volunteers must be at least 13 years of age, regardless of a student's grade level. You can contact OCC project chair Sharon Colson at 429-733-4566 with questions or talk to her after worship this morning.

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 FREE account on our website at www.firstchurchnk.org

Heating System Fundraising Update – Listed below is a breakdown of revenue and expenses for the heating system as of 4/29/2021

\$847,800 – Project total cost / Paid

\$783,632 – Revenue received: paid pledges, gifts, & bequests.

\$ 74,000 – Loan balance.

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

\$106,199 – 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. 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.

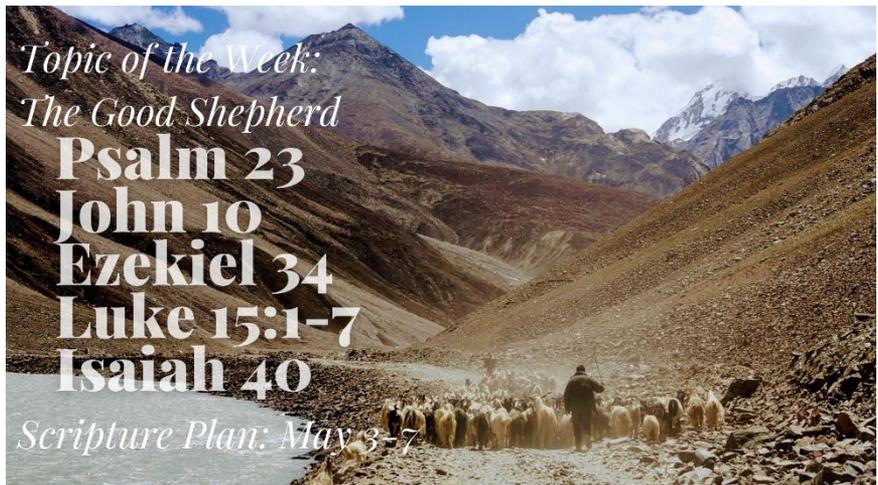
How can you get involved at First Church? We NEED help in a few areas – are you able to share your gifts or even learn something new?

- **Children’s Chat** – do you have a heart for kiddos? (let’s face it we all love the children’s chat messages). We are looking for a few people to add to the group. Maria Lammers coordinates the Children’s Chat schedule and can also give you help with ideas! Talk to Maria, Carolyn Lammers or Tory Breitigan if you think you would like to give it a try.
- **Scripture Reader or Lay Leader** – we love our readers & leaders but over the last few years some of them have taken on other responsibilities leaving a smaller group. It would be great to add some new faces. 😊
- **Facebook Live** – Jake Breitigan and Connie Schroer have done a great job over the last year manning the camera and making sure those not ready to re-join worship in person are able to join us online. Jake’s work schedule is changing, and he won’t be able to help as often. We need several people who can jump into the rotation. The new cameras and laptop have streamlined the process and it is very easy to operate. (This is a volunteer position – 8:30 am to 10 am Sunday mornings. It does need a separate person to monitor the livestream and cannot be handled by the sound technician.)

- **Sound Board Technician** – This is a part time paid position. We are looking for several additional sound techs. If you have thought of giving it a try, the arrival of the new sound board is the perfect time to jump in and learn with the rest of the technicians. Responsibilities include setting up microphones, running the board during church, recording & playing the service on T-102. Time commitment on Sunday mornings is 3 to 3 1/2 hrs. Please see Greg Kremer or Pastor Joel with questions.

Bulletin Prayer List – Our prayer list 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 so names only.

Prayer List for the Week of May 2 – Brooklyn Karch, Isaac Randall, Teresa Bambauer, Robin Martens, Lynda Katterheinrich, Judy Hoelscher, Larry Henschen, Crystal Miller, all those who are affected by Covid-19, our teachers, and healthcare professionals.



Topic of the Week:

The Good Shepherd

Psalm 23

John 10

Ezekiel 34

Luke 15:1-7

Isaiah 40

Scripture Plan: May 3-7

This Week at First Church – May 2 - 9

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 Sun. School Mother's Day Open House in the Pre-K and the Kindergarten / 1st Grade rooms only.
10:15 am Adult Bible Study Class - Min. Ctr.

TUES.

- 9:00 am Tuesday Morning Bible Study – Min. Ctr. Youth Rm.
6:30 – 8 p Couples' Bible Study Group – Min. Ctr.

WED.

- 7:30 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group – Min. Ctr.
7:00 pm Vocal Choir Rehearsal
8:00 pm Praise Team Rehearsal

NEXT SUN.

Happy Mother's Day

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Worship Service
10:15 am Sunday School
10:15 am Sun. School Mother's Day Open House in the Pre-K class, the Kindergarten / 1st Grade class AND the 2nd/3rd Grade class.
10:15 am Adult Bible Study – Min. Ctr. Big Room

Total Offering on April 25 - \$896.55

Attendance: 149

Sunday School Ministry - \$791.55

General Fund Pledges & Gifts - \$105.00

Sunday School Offering - \$22.01

Online Giving for the week of April 25 – \$1,570.00