



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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Carolyn 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.
- **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.
- **The * invites those who are able, to rise.**

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Prelude & Welcome to Worship

*** Call to Worship – Psalm 23**

¹The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

⁴Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

⁵You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

***Praise Song – The Goodness of God**

**I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days
I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night,
You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.**

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
With my life laid down,
I'm surrendered now;
I give You everything.**

**Your goodness is running after,
It's running after me.
(repeat)**

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

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Ben Fielding | Brian Johnson | Ed Cash | Jason Ingram | Jenn Johnson

***Praise Song – Good Good Father**

**I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like,
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night.
You tell me that You're pleased,
And that I'm never alone.**

**You're a good, good Father;
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.**

**I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide.
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word.**

**You're a good, good Father;
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.
(Repeat)**

**You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways.
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us.
(Repeat)**

**Love so undeniable, I can hardly speak.
Peace so unexplainable, I can hardly think.
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
As You call me deeper still,
Into love, love, love.**

**You're a good, good Father;
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are.
And I'm loved by You;
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.
And I'm loved by You.**

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Children's Chat

Giving Back to God

Offering: Agape Ministries in St. Marys
Choir – Holy Spirit, Rain Down
Offertory Hymn No. 625 – Doxology

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

Scripture Reading – 1 Peter 2:11-25

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not

use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

¹⁸Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. ²⁰But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. ²¹To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²²"He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."

²³When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Message – Do Good for God's Sake!

***Hymn No. 382 – Be Thou My Vision**

Benediction, Dismissal & Postlude

Announcements

The Red Rose on the Altar is in honor of John & Jo Ann Hoge who are celebrating 69 years of marriage today. *Happy Anniversary!*

Congratulations to Andrew & Lauren Hawkey on the birth of their son Henry David who arrived on Monday, January 10 weighing 10 lb. 8 oz. and was 21 ½" long. He is the grandson of Bill & Diane Piehl and Ann Hawkey and the late David Hawkey.

We Extend our Love & Sympathy to the family of Jeffrey Huston who entered into Christ's care on Thursday, January 6, 2022. He was 54. Jeff was given a Christian burial in Kentucky on Wednesday, January 12, 2022. The flowers on the altar are from Jeff's celebration of life service.

Christmas Décor – We will be taking down the decorations following worship today. It goes fast with many hands so please plan to stay and help if you are able.

Meeting Reminder – On Monday, January 17 Spiritual Council will meet at 6 pm, the trustees meet at 7 pm and Consistory meets at 7:30 pm.

Funeral Meal Help List – At the info center is a copy of the funeral meal helper list. Many of the numbers on the list are outdated or out of service. Would you please take a look at the list and update your phone number. If you would like to be taken off the list, please cross off your name or call the church office. If you are willing to make a dish and you are not on the list, please add your name and contact number.

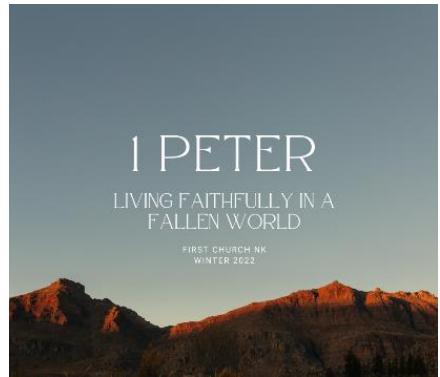
The Annual Report for 2021 is complete and copies are on the front pew, at the doors and at the info center. The booklet contains the Pastor & Youth Pastor's summaries, the Trustees report, the Treasurer's report, the 2022 proposed budget, the designated offerings list for 2022 etc... You are invited 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.

First Church Constitution - Consistory voted to recommend changes to the First Church Constitution and Bylaws at their regular December meeting. The Congregation will have the opportunity to approve these changes at the Annual Meeting on January 23, 2022. The Elders began meeting in July to review the Constitution and Bylaws. The changes were then discussed at Spiritual Council and presented to Consistory during several meetings in November and December. Copies of the proposed updates to the Constitution and Bylaws are available at the Information Center in the Sanctuary and the church office. These copies also include a Summary of Changes to help you understand what was revised. Please take a copy and review it before the Annual Meeting in January. If you have any questions, you can contact one of the Elders or Pastor Joel.

The Annual Meeting to elect officers, hear reports from the trustees, the treasurer, the committees and to approve the proposed 2022 budget will be held next Sunday, January 23 in the sanctuary after the 9:00 am service. At this meeting we will also discuss and vote on the proposed updates and revisions to the First Church Constitution and By-Laws.

- 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.

Sermon Series. Peter wrote his first letter to Christians who were scattered throughout the Roman Empire. He encouraged them to live faithfully in the face of persecution, hardship, and suffering. In many ways, the lessons that Peter shared with those believers apply to us today. Our commitment to follow Christ may put us at odds with the prevailing direction of our culture. Join us on Sunday mornings as we study 1 Peter and discover how to live faithfully in a fallen world.



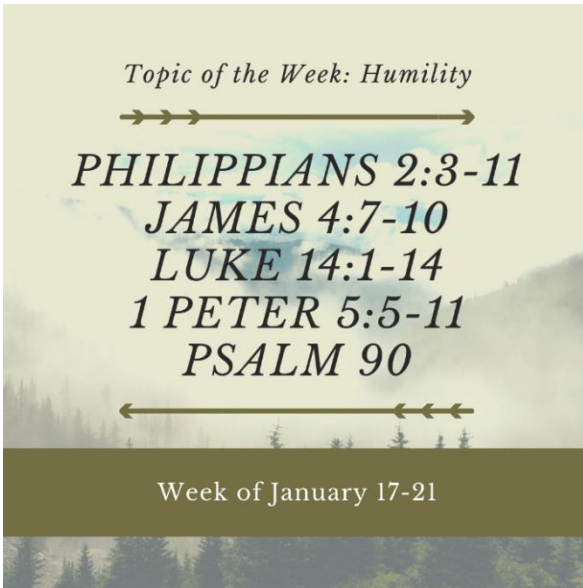
Online Giving through “My First Church” – My First Church provides you with 24/7 access to online giving and your giving history. Create a secure log in through the link on our website. Creating an account allows you to submit changes to your personal information, view your giving history, set up online 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.

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Hospital Notification - If you are in the hospital, please have a family member notify the church office so that appropriate pastoral care may be provided. The hospitals are no longer able to provide that information due to the HIPPA Laws that restrict patient information from being released.

The Ministry Center Is Open to Walkers – The Ministry Center will be open during the day Monday through Thursday beginning at 8:00 a.m. to anyone who would like to walk laps around the big room. Availability is subject to reserved events or other room usage but as long as the room is available, feel free to come and walk indoor!

Prayer List for the Week of January 16 – The Family of Jeff Huston, Randy Wright, Don Maurer, Karl Brandeberry, Betty Kiefer, Matt Settlage, Gene Kuck, Fred Piehl, Isaac Randall, Larry Henschen, and Crystal Miller.



This Week at First Church - January 16 - 23

TODAY

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Adult Bible Study Class – Min. Ctr. Big Room
10:15 am Sunday School & Confirmation Classes
11:30 am Jr. / Sr. High Youth Bible Study – Dave & Judy Bambauer's

MONDAY

- 6:00 pm Spiritual Council Meeting
7:00 pm Trustees Meeting
7:30 pm Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY

- 9:00 am Women's Bible Study Group - Min. Ctr. Big Room
6:30 pm Small Group Bible Study – Min. Ctr. Youth Room

WEDNESDAY

- 7:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group
7:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice
8:30 pm Praise Team Practice

NEXT SUN.

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am Morning Worship
10:15 am Annual Meeting

Total Offering on January 9 - \$1,239.00 Attendance: 130

- Offering for Agape Ministries - \$1,059.00
Other Mission Gifts - \$50.00
General Fund Sunday Offering - \$30.00
General Fund Pledges - \$100.00

Sunday School Children's Offering for January 9 - \$20.14

Online Giving for the week of January 9 - \$1,111.00

