



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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Vocal Choir & Praise Team

Maria Lammers, Children's Chat

Tracy Luck, Scripture Reader

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

*** Call to Worship – Ephesians 1:3-14**

³ Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. ⁴ For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will— ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace ⁸ that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding, ⁹ he made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, ¹⁰ to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.

¹¹ In him we were also chosen having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, ¹² in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. ¹³ And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

***Hymn No. 25** – Immortal, Invisible

Children's Chat

Giving Back to God

Offering: Katie (Miller) Loehr with Piqua Young Life

Vocal Choir – The Bible Tells Me So

Offertory Hymn No. 623 – Gloria Patri

***Praise Song** – Raise a Hallelujah

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies.

I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief.

I raise a hallelujah; my weapon is a melody.

I raise a hallelujah; Heaven comes to fight for me.

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.

Up from the ashes hope will arise.

Death is defeated the King is alive.

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me.

I raise a hallelujah; I will watch the darkness flee

I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery.

I raise a hallelujah; fear, you lost your hold on me.

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.

Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.

**Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated the King is alive.**

**Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies.
Sing a little louder, louder than the unbelief.
Sing a little louder, my weapon is a melody.
Sing a little louder; Heaven comes to fight for me.
(Repeat)**

**I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm.
Louder and louder, you're gonna hear my praises roar.
Up from the ashes hope will arise.
Death is defeated the King is alive.
(Repeat)**

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

Scripture Readings

Psalm 90:1-4

¹ *Lord, you have been our dwelling place
throughout all generations.*

² *Before the mountains were born
or you brought forth the whole world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

³ *You turn people back to dust,
saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."*

⁴ *A thousand years in your sight
are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.*

Revelation 1:8

⁸ *"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is,
and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty."*

Message – Attributes of God: He is Eternal

***Praise Song – I Can Only Imagine**

I can only imagine
What it will be like
When I walk by Your side.
I can only imagine
What my eyes will see
When Your face is before me.
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory,
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus,
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

I can only imagine
When that day comes
And I find myself standing in the Son.
I can only imagine
When all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.

Surrounded by Your glory,
What will my heart feel?
Will I dance for You Jesus,
Or in awe of You be still?
Will I stand in Your presence
Or to my knees will I fall?
Will I sing hallelujah?
Will I be able to speak at all?

**I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.**
(repeat chorus)

**I can only imagine, yeah,
I can only imagine.
I can only imagine,
I can only imagine.**

**I can only imagine when all I will do
Is forever, forever worship You.
I can only imagine.**

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Benediction, Dismissal & Postlude

Announcements

There is a Congregational Meeting this morning following worship for discussion and a vote on the proposed Constitution & Bylaws

The Consistory approved a new version of the Constitution and Bylaws at their meeting on April 18, 2022. This updated version has two changes from the version presented to the congregation in January. The minimum age for members is now 13, and the term limits for officers of Consistory has been reinstated. You can review all the proposed changes by picking up a copy of the proposed updated Constitution and Bylaws at the Info Center in the sanctuary of the church office.

Today's Offering is for Katie (Miller) Loehr with Piqua Young Life. Katie is a New Knoxville graduate and has been serving with Young Life since 2019.

Meeting Reminders – Spiritual Council will meet on Monday, May 16 at 6 pm. Trustees will meet at 7 pm and Consistory meets at 7:30 pm

Students! In celebration of the last day of school, we're having a night games night! Come to the church on May 26th at 8 pm for Night Games! Bring friends!



Sermon Series: During the month of May, the sermons will focus on some of the attributes of God. I say “some” because God is too great, too glorious, too wonderful to cover in a few sermons. The goal, however, is to grow in our knowledge of God. We need to know who God is so that we can love him and worship him as he deserves. Author and Bible teacher Jen Wilken says, “Your heart cannot love what your mind does not know.” Let’s study God’s attributes so that we can proclaim together “How great is our God!”

Vacation bible school is June 6-10! This summer our kids will learn that God’s creativity didn’t stop in Genesis. The Master Artist is working to redeem, reclaim, and transform us—His creation—to the design He planned for us. Kids will see the beautiful truth that they are God’s workmanship as they learn to use their talents to bring glory to Him.



VBS is not possible without a lot of help! We need teachers, station leaders, and lots of prayer.

VBS Registration is open! You can register online at www.firstchurchnk.org

VBS Craft Needs – The VBS craft leaders are looking for cardboard egg cartons (no foam ones please, they are being painted and paint won’t stick to the foam cartons) You may leave them in the heritage room or bring them to the church office. Thank you!

VBS Cookies! We have nearly 100 kiddos registered for VBS already! You know that means we need cookies. 😊 If you are able to bake a few dozen cookies they can be dropped off at the Ministry Center the weekend before VBS or anytime during the week.

Prayer List for the Week of May 15 – Serra Pax, Linda Allen, Mack Elshoff, Tyson Roby, Jeff Donnerberg, Penny Pfenning, Randy Wright, Dave Welch, Danny Taylor, Lisa Thobe, Don Maurer, Betty Kiefer, Gene Kuck, Isaac Randall, Larry Henschen, and Crystal Miller.

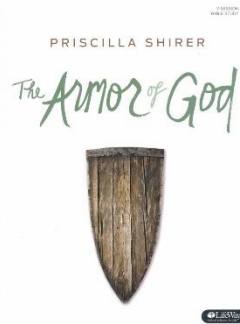
The Our Daily Bread Booklets for June – August are available at the entrances and at the info center in the sanctuary.

Armor of God Bible Study by Pricilla Shirer

Ladies! Maria Lammers and Tory Breitigan will be leading Pricilla Schrier's Armor of God bible study on Wednesday evenings starting on June 15th at 7 pm.

"All day, every day, an invisible war rages around you — unseen, unheard, yet felt throughout every aspect of your life. A devoted, devilish enemy seeks to wreak havoc on everything that matters to you: your heart, your mind, your marriage, your children, your relationships, your resilience, your dreams, your destiny. But his battle plan depends on catching you unaware and unarmed. If you're tired of being pushed around and caught with your guard down, this study is for you. The enemy always fails miserably when he meets a woman dressed for the occasion. The Armor of God, more than merely a biblical description of the believer's inventory, is an action plan for putting it on and developing a personalized strategy to secure victory."

You're invited to join us every Wednesday night in the Ministry Center for this study! Workbooks are available for purchase for \$17. Please sign up at the Info Center by June 1st. Contact Maria Lammers or Tory Breitigan with any questions.



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GOD IS ETERNAL

PSALM 90
ISAIAH 40:18-31
1 TIMOTHY 1:15-17
PSALM 145
REVELATION 1:1-8

SCRIPTURE READING PLAN
MAY 16-20



The Next Bloodmobile Date is Friday, June 24 from Noon to 6 pm. For an appointment, visit redcross.org or call 1-800-733-2767.

The New Knoxville Historical Society will be open on May 22, 1 to 4. The Heritage Center consists of 5 buildings which are overflowing with New Knoxville history. Plan for an interesting afternoon visiting New Knoxville's past.

New Knoxville United Methodist Church will be hosting the Gospel Trio Soul'd Out on Saturday, June 4th at 7 pm at the New Knoxville UMC, 119 S. Main St in New Knoxville, Ohio. Soul'd Out has been part of the Auglaize County Fair's Gospel tent entertainment lineup for many years and has a large following. Their vocal style continues their heritage of Southern Gospel music. They travel the country with a mission of evangelism and discipleship to further strengthen and encourage God's people to be the salt and light to the world and ambassadors for Christ. *The concert is free and open to the public. Baskets for free will offering / donations will be placed around the sanctuary.*

This Week at First Church – May 15 - 22

TODAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship
10:00 am	Congregational Meeting
10:15 am	Sunday School
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School Class – Min. Ctr. Big Room
2:30 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home.

MONDAY

6:00 pm	Spiritual Council
7:00 pm	Trustees Meeting
8:00 pm	Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY

6:30 pm	Tuesday Night Bible Study - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
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WEDNESDAY

7:30 pm	Vocal Choir Practice
8:30 pm	Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY

10:00 am	Thursday Morning Bible Study – Min. Ctr. Youth Room
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NEXT SUN.

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Total Offering on May 8 - \$2,751.00 Attendance: 183

Offering for the Those in Need Fund. - \$1,251.00

General Fund Pledges - \$1,500.00

Online Giving for the week of May 8 - \$995.00

