



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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Tory Breitigan, Children's Chat

Maria Lammers, 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.
- **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.
- **Music** used with permission. CCLI License# 2403283
- **The * invites those who are able, to rise.**

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Announcements & Greeting Time

***Call to Worship** from Psalm 150

All: ¹ **Praise the Lord.**
 Praise God in his sanctuary;
 praise him in his mighty heavens.
 ² **Praise him for his acts of power;**
 praise him for his surpassing greatness.
 ³ **Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,**
 praise him with the harp and lyre,
 ⁴ **praise him with timbrel and dancing,**
 praise him with the strings and pipe,
 ⁵ **praise him with the clash of cymbals,**
 praise him with resounding cymbals.
 ⁶ **Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.**
 Praise the Lord.

***Hymn No. 262** – Holy, Holy, Holy

Doug & Kathy McClain, ABWE Ministries

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

***Hymn No. 202** – Amazing Grace

(The congregation will sing verses 1, 3 & 4. Kathy McClain will sing verse 2 in German)

**Amazing grace! how sweet the sound -
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**

**Die Gnade hat mich Furcht gelehrt
Und auch von Furcht befreit,
Seitdem ich mich zu Gott bekehrt
Bis hin zur Herrlichkeit.**

**Thru many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

Children's Chat

Giving Back to God

Offering: ABWE Ministries / Doug & Kathy McClain

Hymn No. 233 – Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

*Presenting Our Gifts No. 625 – Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Mark 14:1-11

Message – The Heart of Worship

***Hymn No. 2 - Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Benediction, Dismissal & Postlude

Announcements

We welcome Doug & Kathy McClain to First Church this morning. They serve with ABWE Ministries in Pirmasens, Germany and will share during our morning worship. Following worship, there will be a more in depth time of fellowship in the Ministry Center where they will share more about their mission work in Pirmasens, Germany.



German Luncheon Today - First

Church will host a lunch to show our appreciation to the McClains for their missionary work in Germany; to assist with their funding shortage, and because we all want to eat lunch anyway. 😊 The meal will follow the McClain's presentation and will be served at approx. 11:15 am. On the buffet menu are bratwursts, sauerkraut and sausage, German potato salad, breads, German chocolate cake and other typical German foods. But no worries, typical American fare will be offered also. Mark your calendar to have lunch with Doug and Kathy and friends next Sunday. All donations for the meal will go to the McClains.

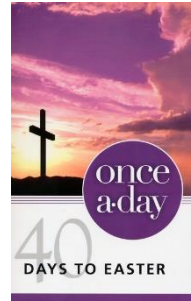
We Extend our Love and Sympathy to the family of Lillian Wierwille who entered into Christ's care on Tuesday, March 14. She was 90.

Prayer List for the Week of March 19 – The Family of Lillian Wierwille, Brett Fledderjohann, Melba Henschen, Marilee Eversman, Donald Henschen, John Wellman, Thomas Pax, Joyce Alexander, Randy Wright, Roberta Tanzini, Sheila Gudorf, Irma Hoelscher, Beth (Dammeyer) Olberding, Betty Kiefer, Gene Kuck, Isaac Randall, Larry Henschen, and Crystal Miller.

Meeting Reminders – On Monday, March 20 Spiritual Council will meet in the Ministry Center conference room at 6 pm. The trustees meet at 7 pm and all of Consistory (Elders, Trustees, Deacons, Treasurer & Pastors) meet at 7:30 pm. *Consistory members, your meeting packets are on the front pew, please pick it up before you leave today.*

The Tuesday Morning Bible Study group will not meet this week (March 21st).

Lenten Devotionals - Once A-Day 40 Days to Easter features 40 daily readings with NIV Scripture passages, meditations, and prayer prompts examining the Passion narratives in the Gospels. This is a great way to supplement your Bible in a Year reading plan to focus on the Easter story. You can also take copies to give away to family and friends. Look for them at the church entrances, info center, and in the Ministry Center.



Thursday Small Group Study at 9 am: Pastor Joel is hosting a Bible study based on the Bible in a Year challenge. The Bible Study meets in the Ministry Center youth room. Discussion topics and questions are based on passages covered in the reading for the week. Feel free to come with questions or observations from your own reading. Also, you are welcome even if you fall behind on the challenge.

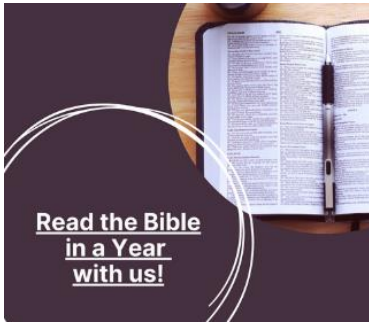
8th Grade Confirmation Parents – Here are a few reminders for upcoming events.

- Elder Interviews for the 8th grade Confirmation students will be on March 26 during the Sunday school hour in the youth room.
- The Confirmation Banquet is on March 26 at 6 pm in the Social Room.
- April 2 is Confirmation Sunday. 8th Confirmation Students need to be at church at 8 am for pictures.

Jr. / Sr. High Youth Sunday Night Bible Study Schedule Update

- March 19- Bible Study, 7 pm at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home
- March 26- NO Bible Study due to confirmation banquet
- April 2- Bible Study, 7 pm at Dave & Judy Bambauer's home
- April 9- No Bible Study- Easter Sunday

Online Giving with “My First Church” provides our members with 24/7 access to their membership information & giving records. All members who create a secure log in have access to their own personal information and only connected members may access their data. Our system is called Access ACS and is available through our website. How do I sign up? Go to www.firstchurchnk.org & click on “Online Giving”.



2023 Bible Reading Challenge - We are reading through the Bible in 2023 together as a church. The Sunday sermon will focus on a scripture from the previous week. The goal is to discover God’s plan of salvation from Genesis to Revelation, and to understand how all scripture points to Jesus. The full plan is available to download from our website at

www.firstchurchnk.org. There are printed copies at the info center in the sanctuary and in the church office.

Mark Your Calendars for VBS, the dates are June 5 – 9. The theme this year is Keepers of the Kingdom – Standing Strong in Today’s Battle for Truth. Registration will open in May.

We are engaged in an epic battle for the hearts and minds of our youth. Every day, they’re bombarded with lies about who they are, who their Creator is, and where their salvation comes from. Thankfully, God has given his children armor to wear in this battle between truth and lies, light and darkness, good and evil.

At VBS, your kids will learn how they can be part of God’s kingdom through salvation in his Son and will be equipped with the armor of God to become Keepers of the Kingdom—Standing strong in today’s battle for truth.

Total Offering on March 12 - \$1,289.00 Attendance: 149

Offering for the Barnabas Ministry – \$1,119.00

General Fund Pledges - \$150.00

Mission Project Gifts - \$20.00

Kids Sunday School Offering - \$12.57

Online Giving for the week of March 12 - \$1,305.00

This Week at First Church March 19 - 26

TODAY

Doug & Kathy McClain

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
- 9:00 am Morning Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School & 8th grade Confirmation Class
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School Class
- 11:15 am German Luncheon – Ministry Center
- 7:00 pm Jr. & Sr. High Youth Bible Study

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

- 6:30 pm Couple's Bible Study
- 7:00 pm He Chose the Nails Bible Study – Ministry Center

WEDNESDAY

- 6:00 pm Awana
- 7:00 pm Jr. / Sr. High Youth Group
- 7:30 pm Vocal Choir Practice
- 8:30 pm Praise Team Practice

THURSDAY

- 9:00 am Small Group Bible Study – Min. Ctr. Youth Room

NEXT SUN.

- 8:00 am Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
- 9:00 am Morning Worship
- 10:15 am Sunday School
- 10:15 am Elder Interviews for 8th Grade Confirmation Students
- 10:15 am Adult Sunday School Class
- 6:00 pm Confirmation Banquet

