



First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

Rooted in Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ.

**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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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 Center next door.
- **The Nursery** is located in the basement. Available for infant to 4 yr old.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary near the info center near the back of the sanctuary.
- **Children's Activity Items** are available at the info center near 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 Sundays on T-102 FM at 10:15am
- **YouTube Livestream** - We stream our service live via our YouTube page @firstchurchofnewknoxville1014 at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **Music** used with permission. CCLI License# 2403283
- **The * invites** those who are able to please rise.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Announcements & Greeting Time

***Call to Worship from Psalm 98**

- One: ¹ Sing to the Lord a new song,
 for he has done marvelous things;
 his right hand and his holy arm
 have worked salvation for him.
- ² The Lord has made his salvation known
 and revealed his righteousness to the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his love
 and his faithfulness to Israel;
 all the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.
- All: ⁴ Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,
 burst into jubilant song with music;
 ⁵ make music to the Lord with the harp,
 with the harp and the sound of singing,

**⁶with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

One: **⁷Let the sea resound, and everything in it,
the world, and all who live in it.**

**⁸Let the rivers clap their hands,
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

**⁹let them sing before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world in righteousness
and the peoples with equity.**

O Praise The Name (Anástasis)

**I cast my mind to Calvary
Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds His hands His feet
My Savior on that cursed tree**

**His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

**Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting
The angels roar for Christ the King**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God**

**He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night**

**And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face
(repeat)**

**O praise the Name of the Lord our God
O praise His Name forevermore
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(repeat 2x)**

**Oh Lord oh Lord our God
(repeat 2x)**

CCLI Song #7037787

Holy Forever

**A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb**

**Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all**

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever**

**If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen**

**And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy**

**You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever
Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

**Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
(repeat)**

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You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

**You will always be Holy
Holy forever**

CCLI Song # 7201044

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Worship / Giving Back to God

Offering: General Operating Fund

Offertory: A Communion Carol

Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

Children's Chat

***Scripture Reading** – Mark 11:12-26

(Page 1015 in the pew Bible)

Message – A House of Prayer

The Lord's Supper

Thank You Jesus for The Blood

**You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
But then You walked right out again.
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.**

**Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life.
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.**

**There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working power
Of the blood, the blood
That calls us sons and daughters.
We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood.
(repeat)**

**Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life.
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.**

**Glory to your name,
Glory to your name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to your name!**

CCLI Song # 7172456

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

The Congregational Meeting to accept nominations for officers of the consistory/congregation will be held next Sunday, January 11, 2026, following the 9 am service. Nominations are listed at the back of the bulletin.

The Rose on the Altar is in honor of Tom & Ann Leffel who will celebrate 54 years of marriage on January 8th. *Happy Anniversary!*

Prayer List – Brian Tostrick, Ned Howe, Ted Lammers, Noah Hoelscher, Jay Shinaberry, Deb Halter, Ken Cline, Barb Phipps, Bob Snyder, Serra Pax, Robert Engel, Matthew Anspach, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Holly Brown, Mike Knatz, Susan Snyder, Sandy Hoelscher, Linda Kuck, Joann Feldwisch, Betty Kiefer, and Crystal Miller.

Awana Schedule – Happy New Year! This group will resume on January 7th and the theme that night will be Beach Day.

Ministry Center Reservations Update – Sunday Worship services will be in the Ministry Center beginning January 11, 2026. Therefore, we will not be able to accommodate reservations for family functions on the weekends in the Ministry Center until the painting project is completed in March. This will allow enough time to set up the Big Room for services before Sunday morning. **Reservations that are already on the calendar for January- March will be honored.** The Ministry Center may still be used Monday-Thursday. The Social Room is also still available. Thank you in advance for understanding!

The Tuesday Night Women's Bible Study – This group will be reading The Bible Recap for their next study. All are welcome to come, even if you can only come occasionally. They will meet at 7:00 PM in the Ministry Center beginning Tuesday, January 6, 2026. If you have any questions, please call Maria Lammers: 419-953-6129.

Dates to Remember

January 11 – Congregational Meeting to approve nomination of officers

January 11 – First Sunday in Ministry Center

January 28 – Annual Meeting

February 1 – Installation & Ordination of Deacons, Trustees & Elders

Bible in a Year 2026: The Bible Recap reading plan has officially begun. As a church family, we will be reading through the Bible in a Year in 2026. This time around, we are going to read through the Bible chronologically using a resource called The Bible Recap. In addition to the daily reading plan, there is a daily podcast, devotional, and Bible Study resources available to help us better understand and apply God's Word.

Scan the above QR code with your camera to visit our First Church website to view details and "How to get started" guides. <https://firstchurchnk.org/the-bible-recap/>



We have listed resource links and information for you to purchase books from The Cornerstone Shop in New Bremen or from Amazon.

The church has purchased a few copies of *The Bible Recap A One-Year Guide* and a *The Bible Recap Study Guide*. If you would like to reserve a copy for yourself, please call the church office: 419-753-2446.

A One-Year Guide - \$23.00
Study Guide - \$12.00



The Sunday School Class led by Stan Reineke – Join us on February 8th
Stan Reineke's Sunday School class will begin a study on *The Spirit Filled Life* by Charles Stanley. "Are you trying your best to be a good Christian but still feel something's missing? Do the peace and joy you long for seem to elude you? Does following Christ sometimes feel like a lot of work—or like it's just not working very well? Much has been written and spoken—and argued!— about the Holy Spirit and what it means to be filled with the Spirit. Charles Stanley cuts through the confusion and introduces you to a living Person as real and active as God the Father and Christ the Son. In *The Spirit-Filled Life* Charles Stanley reveals how to recognize and begin to live with the guiding presence of the Holy Spirit.

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Below is a list of those nominated for office (in bold) and outgoing officers who have completed their terms. Nominations from the floor will also be accepted.

Elders: **Maria Lammers**
Michelle Dillon (outgoing)

Dean Haberkamp
Keith Leffel (outgoing)

Trustee: **Doug Bambauer**
Jesse Dillon (outgoing)

Deacons: **Logan Leffel**
Logan Leffel (staying for second term)

Open
Dean Haberkamp (outgoing)

Tracy Luck
Maria Lammers (outgoing)

Lois Harrod
Zach Metzger (outgoing)

The Annual Meeting to elect officers, hear reports from the Pastors, the Trustees, the Treasurer, the committees and to approve the proposed 2025 budget will be held on Sunday, January 25, 2026 in the sanctuary after the 9:00 am service.

This Week at First Church January 4 – January 11

THIS SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group - Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – Conference Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship with The Lord's Supper
10:15 am	Children's Sunday School – Pre-K through 6 th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation Class
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School – Led by Pastor Joel in Social Room
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy's House

TUESDAY

9:00 am	Bible Study – Youth Room
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WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:15 pm	Awana – Social Room
7:00-8:30 pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group

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Total Offering on December 24th - \$2,982.50

Attendance: 306

Offering: Tanner's Romanian Mission – 2,412.50

Other Mission Gifts - \$50.00

General Fund Gifts - \$500.00

Building Maintenance Gifts - \$20.00

Total Offering on December 28th - \$2,263.00

Attendance: 164

Offering: Agape Ministries, St. Marys, OH - \$1,103.00

General Fund Gifts & Pledges - \$1,160.00

Online Giving for the week of December 28th - \$2,585.00

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