



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.**

February 1, 2026

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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 63:1-8**

All: ¹ You, God, are my God,
earnestly I seek you;
I thirst for you,
my whole being longs for you,
in a dry and parched land
where there is no water.

One: ² I have seen you in the sanctuary
and beheld your power and your glory.
³ Because your love is better than life,
my lips will glorify you.
⁴ I will praise you as long as I live,
and in your name I will lift up my hands.
⁵ I will be fully satisfied as with the richest of foods;
with singing lips my mouth will praise you.
⁶ On my bed I remember you;
I think of you through the watches of the night.

All: ⁷ Because you are my help,
 I sing in the shadow of your wings.
 ⁸ I cling to you;
 your right hand upholds me.

Lord, I Need You

Lord, I come, I confess.
Bowing here, I find my rest.
And without You, I fall apart.
You're the one that guides my heart.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more.
Where grace is found is where You are.
And where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.
Where You are, Lord, I am free.
Holiness is Christ in me.

Lord I need You, oh, I need You.
Ev'ry hour I need You.
My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.
(repeat)

My one defense, my righteousness;
Oh, God, how I need You.

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Ever Be

Your love is devoted like a ring of solid gold
Like a vow that is tested like a covenant of old
Your love is enduring through the winter rain
And beyond the horizon with mercy for today

Faithful You have been and faithful You will be

You pledge Yourself to me and it's why I sing

**Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
(repeat)**

**You Father the orphan
Your kindness makes us whole
You shoulder our weakness
And Your strength becomes our own
You're making me like You
Clothing me in white
Bringing beauty from ashes
For You will have Your bride**

**Free of all her guilt and rid of all her shame
And known by her true name and it's why I sing**

**Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
Your praise will ever be on my lips
Ever be on my lips
(repeat)**

**You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
You will be praised You will be praised
With angels and saints we sing worthy are You Lord
(3x)**

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The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Worship / Giving Back to God

Offering: General Operating Fund

Offertory: It Took a Miracle

Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Mark 12:28-34
(Page 1017 in the pew Bible)

Message – The Greatest Commandment

The Lord's Supper

***Hymn** – My Jesus, I Love Thee

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
"If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now."

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

January 25 Offering Update: The offering for the Sunday service that was cancelled due to the winter storm was for WBCL. If you normally give in person and would still like to give to that ministry, please be sure to mark your gifts "WBCL". You can also drop your donations off at the church office during the week. Thank you!

Cards and notes of encouragement may be sent to Ken Cline at 5318 E. Starboard Ave., Port Clinton, OH 43452-3441. Ken and Rose are enduring long days of appointments and treatments and well-wished and words of encouragement from home would be welcome.

Pledge Cards for 2026 were mailed this week. If you do not receive yours in the mail please call the church office. If you already submitted an online pledge, please also return the blue card for our records.

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

The Annual Meeting to elect officers, to hear reports from the Pastors, the Trustees, the Treasurer, the committees and to approve the proposed 2026 budget has been **rescheduled for Sunday, February 1st, TODAY**, in the Ministry Center after the 9:00 am service. Childcare will be provided in the nursery and social room.

The Annual Report for 2025 is available at the table in the Ministry Center entryway. If you have any questions, you may also call the office this week and ask for Pastor Joel, Pastor Tory or the Treasurer, Connie Schroer depending on the nature of your questions.

Rescheduled Dates:

February 8 – Installation & Ordination of Deacons, Trustees & Elders

Online Giving with Realm – Did you know that you can give financial through our Realm App? Follow this link for easy access or call the church office to speak with Connie or Shelby. 419-753-2446

Online Giving Link: <https://firstchurchnk.org/online-giving-with-realm/>

The Sunday School Class led by Stan Reineke – Join us next Sunday, 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.

Doug & Kathy McClain will be here at First Church next Sunday, February 8th. At the end of 2025 they completed 10 years of serving with ABWE Ministries and have returned to the United States. They will be sharing with us about their experiences serving the Lord in Germany.



Easter Breakfast – We are looking for a small group of individuals who would be willing to coordinate and lead our Easter morning breakfast between the SonRise Service and Easter worship in the Sanctuary. If you feel led to serve in this way, please contact Shelby in the church office at 419-753-2446. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Sermon Notes

"The Greatest Commandment"

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This Week at First Church February 1 to February 8

THIS SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group - Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – Conference Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship
10:00 am	Annual Meeting in Ministry Center
10:15 am	No Sunday School or Confirmation
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy's House

TUESDAY

9:00 am	Bible Study (The Bible Recap)– Youth Room
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (The Bible Recap) – Min. Ctr.

WEDNESDAY

6:00-7:15 pm	Awana
7:00-8:00 pm	Jr/Sr High Youth Group
7:30-8:15 pm	Bells practice – 2 nd & 3 rd grade Sunday school room
8:15-9:00 pm	Choir practice – Social Room

NEXT SUNDAY

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