



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](https://www.youtube.com/@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 103**

All: **¹Praise the Lord, my soul;**
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
²Praise the Lord, my soul,
and forget not all his benefits—
³who forgives all your sins
and heals all your diseases,
⁴who redeems your life from the pit
and crowns you with love and compassion,
⁵who satisfies your desires with good things
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

One: **⁶The Lord works righteousness**
and justice for all the oppressed.
⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his deeds to the people of Israel:
⁸The Lord is compassionate and gracious,

slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

All: ¹¹ **For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;**

¹² **as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

One: ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.

¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;

¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.

¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

All: ¹⁹ **The Lord has established his throne in heaven,
and his kingdom rules over all.**

²⁰ **Praise the Lord, you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his bidding,
who obey his word.**

²¹ **Praise the Lord, all his heavenly hosts,
you his servants who do his will.**

²² **Praise the Lord, all his works
everywhere in his dominion.**

Praise the Lord, my soul.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning,
It's time to sing Your song again.**

**Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**You're rich in love and You're slow to anger.
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**And on that day, when my strength is failing,
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still, my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years, and then forevermore!**

**Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul;
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul;
I'll worship Your holy name.**

**Worship Your holy name.
Lord I'll worship Your holy name.**

CCLI Song # 6016351

Only A Holy God

**Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else could make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a Holy God**

**What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a Holy God**

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God**

**What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a Holy God**

**Come and behold Him
The One and the Only
Cry out sing holy
Forever a Holy God
Come and worship the Holy God
(repeat)**

**Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer His only Son
Who else invites me to call Him Father
Only a Holy God
Only a Holy God
Only my Holy God
CCLI Song #7073332**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat / Giving Back to God

Offering: WBCL Radio

***Scripture Reading – Mark 12:13-17**
(Page 1016 in the pew Bible)

Message – The God of the Living

Hymn Of Heaven

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord

And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations

Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
(Repeat)

Forever He shall reign

So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
CCLI Song #7168994

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

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.

Prayer List – 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, Mike Knatz, 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 will be held TODAY, January 25, 2026, 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. Please take one to review prior to the annual meeting next Sunday. 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.

Giving Statements for 2025 have been mailed. If you do not receive yours by the end of January, please call the church office.

Dates to Remember

February 1 – 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

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

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 this QR code with your phone's camera to visit our First Church website to view details and "How to get started" guides.

Website: <https://firstchurchnk.org/the-bible-recap/>



There are three way you can acquire books: through the church office, through Amazon, or through our local Christian bookstore; The Cornerstone Shop in New Bremen. Links to Amazon can be found on our website. The church has purchased a several 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.

This Week at First Church January 25 – February 1

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

THURSDAY

7:00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study
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NEXT SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group - Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – Conference Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship
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

Offering collected on January 18th - \$1,719.00

Auglaize Co. Crisis Center / Aug. Co. Group Home - \$1,419.00
General Operating Fund - \$300.00

Attendance: 194

Sunday School Offering - \$27.97

Sermon Notes

“The God of the Living”

