



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 foyer of the Ministry Center.
- **The Nursery** is located in the basement. Available for infant to 4 yr old.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available with the deacons as soon as you walk in.
- **Children's Activity Items** are available at the info center near the back of the Ministry Center.
- **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.
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- **The *** invites those who are able to please rise.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Announcements & Greeting Time

***Call to Worship from Psalm 95**

All: ¹**Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;**
 let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.

²**Let us come before him with thanksgiving**
 and extol him with music and song.

One: ³**For the Lord is the great God,**
 the great King above all gods.

⁴**In his hand are the depths of the earth,**
 and the mountain peaks belong to him.

⁵**The sea is his, for he made it,**
 and his hands formed the dry land.

All: ⁶**Come, let us bow down in worship,**
 let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
 ⁷**for he is our God**
 and we are the people of his pasture,
 the flock under his care.

One: Today, if only you would hear his voice,
 ⁸**"Do not harden your hearts as you did at Meribah,**
 as you did that day at Massah in the wilderness,

⁹ where your ancestors tested me;
they tried me, though they had seen what I did.
¹⁰ For forty years I was angry with that generation;
I said, 'They are a people whose hearts go astray,
and they have not known my ways.'
¹¹ So I declared on oath in my anger,
'They shall never enter my rest.'"

The Solid Rock

**My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand -
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace;
In ev'ry high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand -
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand -
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found,
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

**On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand -
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

**My faith has found a resting place -
Not in device nor creed;
I trust the Ever-living One -
His wounds for me shall plead.**

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.**

**Enough for me that Jesus saves -
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to Him -
He'll never cast me out.**

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.**

**My heart is leaning on the Word -
The written Word of God;
Salvation by my Savior's name -
Salvation thru His blood.**

**I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.**

**My great Physician heals the sick -
The lost He came to save;
For me His precious blood He shed -
For me His life He gave.**

I need no other argument,
I need no other plea;
It is enough that Jesus died,
And that He died for me.

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Worship / Giving Back to God

Offering: Building Maintenance Fund

Offertory: All To Us

Doxology: Hymn No. 625

Children's Chat

***Scripture Reading – Genesis 32:22-32**

(Page 33 in the pew Bible)

Message – The Struggle is Real

Carl Whitlatch

I Surrender All

All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Savior, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy pow'r divine.

I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Savior,
I surrender all.

All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning, Carl Whitlatch – Carl is the Multi-Area Director for Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Northwest Ohio. He previously served as First Church's Youth Pastor from 1997 to 2001. He served 15 years for Young Life in New York and as a Pastor for two years. Carl is married to Jenny Whitlatch (Fledderjohann). They currently reside in New Bremen with their 6 children.



Please Welcome to First Church

Our Guest Speaker

Carl Whitlatch

Prayer List – Family Bucklin family, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Ned Howe, Ted Lammers, Noah Hoelscher, Ken Cline, Bob Snyder, Serra Pax, Robert Engel, Matthew Anspach, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Holly Brown,1/ Sandy Hoelscher, Linda Kuck, Joann Feldwisch, Betty Kiefer, and Crystal Miller.

Dick Elsass is a new resident at the Gardens of Wapakoneta and would enjoy receiving cards or visits from his church family. His new address is The Gardens of Wapakoneta Assisted Living, 505 Walnut St., Room 205, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

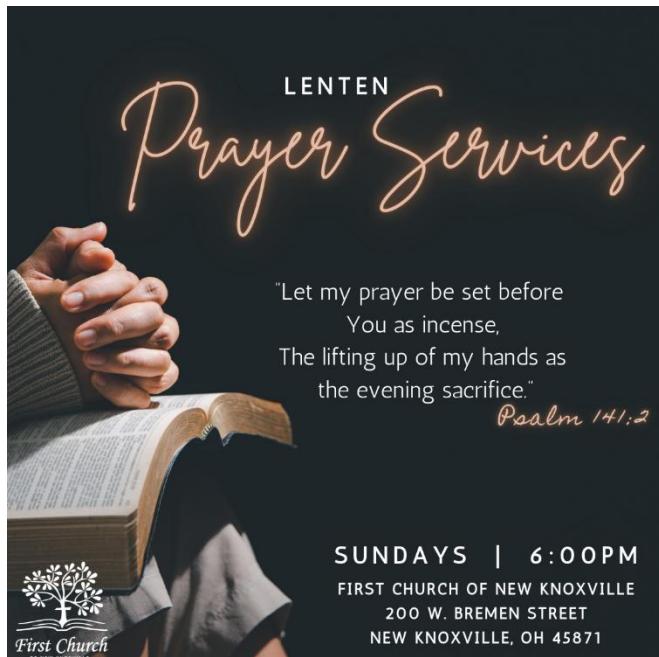
Consistory Meeting Reminder – On Monday, February 16, Spiritual Council will meet at 6 pm. The trustees will meet at 7 pm and Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm. Consistory members, your information packets are on the front pew.



Wednesday Night Activities – Awana, Youth Group, and Choir practice have been cancelled for Wednesday evening. We invite everyone to the Ash Wednesday service. See the above picture for information.

Lenten Prayer Services: Sundays at 6 pm beginning February 22

Join Pastor Joel for an informal prayer service on Sunday nights at 6 pm. Each service will include a scripture lesson, guided scripture-based prayer, and a time to pray for needs within the church and community. The scripture lessons will focus on how the tabernacle points us to Jesus. Each part of the tabernacle represents something important about his life and ministry. This will be a great way to prepare your heart and mind for Easter!



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!

The Ministry Center Is Open to Walkers – The Ministry Center will be open Monday to Thursday 8 am to 3 pm to anyone who would like to walk laps around the big room during the day. Availability is subject to reserved events or other room usage but as-long-as the room is available, feel free to come and walk indoors.

Have you signed up for RightNow Media yet? RightNow Media is an online library of thousands of Bible Study resources for adults, youth, and children. Materials can be accessed on a computer, smart phone, tablet, and smart TV apps like Roku and Apple TV. Create your **FREE** account on our website at www.firstchurchnk.org



This Week at First Church - February 15 to February 22

THIS 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 Youth Room with Stan Reineke
7:00-8:00 pm	Youth Bible Study at Dave & Judy's House

MONDAY

6:00 pm	Spiritual Council
7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
7:30 pm	Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service at First Church – Ministry Center
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FRIDAY

Noon to 6pm	Bloodmobile
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Offering collected on February 8th - \$1,709.00

Youth Camp Fund - \$1,599.00

General Operating Fund Pledges - \$110.00

Sunday School Offering - \$8.36

Attendance: 170

Sermon Notes

“The Struggle is Real”