



# First Church

OF NEW KNOXVILLE

**Rooted in Christ, Growing in Christ, Serving Christ.**

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**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 27**

All:     <sup>1</sup>**The Lord is my light and my salvation  
whom shall I fear?**

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One:    <sup>2</sup>When the wicked advance against me  
to devour me,  
it is my enemies and my foes  
who will stumble and fall.

<sup>3</sup>Though an army besiege me,  
my heart will not fear;  
though war break out against me,  
even then I will be confident.

<sup>4</sup>One thing I ask from the Lord,  
this only do I seek:  
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord  
all the days of my life,

to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.

All: **5 For in the day of trouble**  
**he will keep me safe in his dwelling;**  
**he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent**  
**and set me high upon a rock.**

One: **6 Then my head will be exalted**  
above the enemies who surround me;  
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make music to the Lord.

**7 Hear my voice when I call, Lord;**  
be merciful to me and answer me.

**8 My heart has heard you say, "Come and talk with me."**  
And my heart responds, "Lord, I am coming."

**9 Do not turn your back on me.**  
Do not reject your servant in anger.  
You have always been my helper.  
Don't leave me now; don't abandon me,  
O God of my salvation!

**10 Even if my father and mother abandon me,**  
the Lord will hold me close.

All: **11 Teach me how to live, O Lord.**  
**Lead me along the right path,**  
**for my enemies are waiting for me.**

**12 Do not let me fall into their hands.**  
**For they accuse me of things I've never done;**  
**with every breath they threaten me with violence.**

One: **13 Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness**  
while I am here in the land of the living.

**14 Wait patiently for the Lord.**  
Be brave and courageous.  
Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.

### Raise a Hallelujah

**I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my enemies**  
**I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief**  
**I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody**  
**I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me**

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me  
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee  
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery  
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies  
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief  
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody  
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me  
(repeat)

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm  
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises roar  
Up from the ashes hope will arise  
Death is defeated the King is alive  
(repeat)

CCLI Song #7119315

### Battle Belongs

When all I see is the battle,  
You see my victory.  
When all I see is a mountain,  
You see a mountain moved.  
And as I walk through the shadow,  
Your love surrounds me.  
There's nothing to fear now  
For I am safe with You.

So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high,  
O God, the battle belongs to You.

**And every fear I lay at Your feet,  
I'll sing through the night,  
O God, the battle belongs to You.**

**And if You are for me  
Who can be against me?  
For, Jesus, there's nothing  
Impossible for You.  
When all I see are the ashes,  
You see the beauty.  
When all I see is a cross,  
God, You see the empty tomb.**

**So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high,  
O God, the battle belongs to You.  
And every fear I lay at Your feet,  
I'll sing through the night,  
O God, the battle belongs to You.**

**Almighty Fortress, You go before us.  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God.  
You shine in the shadows,  
You win every battle.  
Nothing can stand against  
The power of our God.  
(repeat x2)**

**So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees  
With my hands lifted high,  
O God, the battle belongs to You.  
And every fear I lay at Your feet,  
I'll sing through the night,  
O God, the battle belongs to You.  
O God, the battle belongs to You.**

CCLI Song # 7148126

**The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)**

**Worship / Giving Back to God**

Offering: Vacation Bible School

Offertory: Blessed Are They Who Trust  
Doxology: Hymn No. 625

### Children's Chat

**\*Scripture Reading – Mark 14:1-11**  
(Page 1019 in the pew Bible)

**Message – Worship is Worth It**

#### Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

**What is our hope in life and death?**  
Christ alone, Christ alone  
**What is our only confidence?**  
That our souls to Him belong

**Who holds our days within His hand?**  
**What comes, apart from His command**  
And what will keep us to the end?  
**The love of Christ in which we stand**

Oh, sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
Oh, sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death

**What truth can calm the troubled soul?**  
God is good, God is good  
**Where is His grace and goodness known?**  
In our great Redeemer's blood

**Who holds our faith when fears arise?**  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
**Who sends the waves that bring us nigh**  
Unto the shore? The rock of Christ

Oh, sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
Oh, sing hallelujah  
Now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death

Unto the grave, what will we sing?  
"Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will Heaven bring?  
Everlasting life with Him

There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

Oh, sing hallelujah  
Our hope springs eternal  
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### Worthy Of It All

All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing

You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory

All the saints and angels  
They bow before Your throne  
All the elders cast their crowns  
Before the Lamb of God and sing

**You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory  
(repeat)**

**Day and night night and day let incense arise  
Day and night night and day let incense arise  
Day and night night and day let incense arise  
Day and night night and day let incense arise  
(repeat)**

**You are worthy of it all  
You are worthy of it all  
For from You are all things  
And to You are all things  
You deserve the glory  
(repeat 2x)**

CCLI Song # 6280644

**\*Benediction & Dismissal**

**Announcements**

**Prayer List** – 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, Sandy Hoelscher, Linda Kuck, Joann Feldwisch, Betty Kiefer, and Crystal Miller.

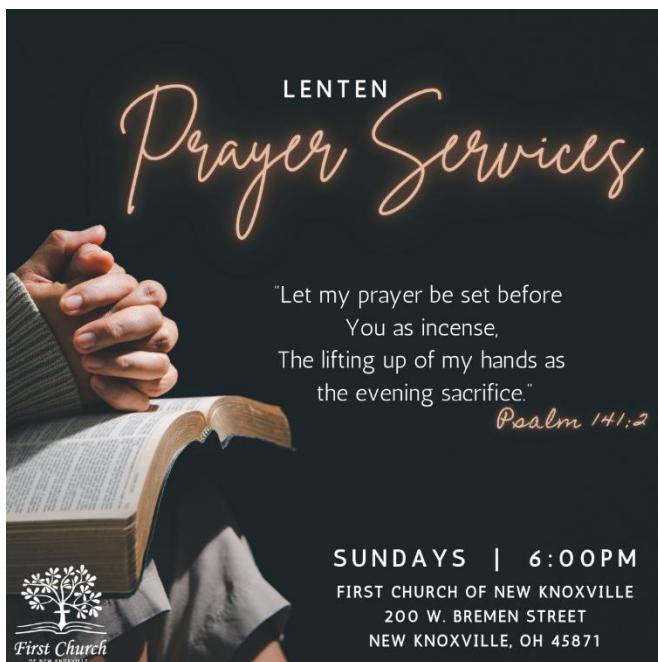
**Congratulations to Lucas & Jessica Huston** on the birth of their daughters Eloise and Olivia who arrived on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Eloise weighing 3 lb. 13 oz. and Olivia weighing 3 lb. 1 oz. Grandparents are Chad & Cherie Huston and Bret & DeeDee Jimison. Great Grandparents are Becky Huston and Jim & Nova Schneider. Please join us in celebrating this sweet family and praying for continued strength, healthy growth, and nourishment for these baby girls.

**Adult Sunday School with Stan Reineke** will not be meeting today. They will resume next Sunday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

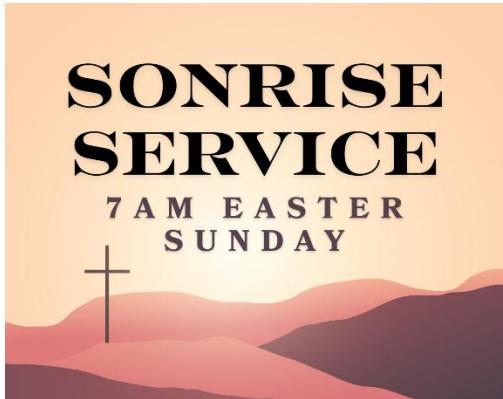
**Dick Elsass is a new resident at the Gardens of Wapakoneta** and would enjoy receiving cards or visits from his church family. His new address is The Gardens of Wapakoneta Assisted Living, 505 Walnut St., Room 205, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

**Lenten Prayer Services:** Beginning today, and each Sunday during lent, join us at 6:00pm as Pastor Joel leads us in a prayer service. Each service will include a scripture lesson, guided scripture-based prayer, and 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 would love two or three additional volunteers to help with Easter Breakfast. Opportunities to serve include preparation on Saturday, cooking on Sunday morning, serving the meal, and assisting with cleanup. If you would like to help, please contact Shelby in the church office: 419-753-2446. We would greatly appreciate your support! 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.



## **This Week at First Church - February 22 to March 1**

### **THIS SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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<sup>th</sup> Grade  
10:15 am Confirmation Class  
10:15 am Adult Sunday School – in Social Room with Pastor Joel  
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) – Ministry Center

### **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<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> grade Sunday school room  
8:15-9:00 pm Choir practice – Social Room

### **NEXT SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent**

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<sup>th</sup> 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

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**Offering collected on February 15th - \$1,048.00**

**Attendance: 188**

Building Maintenance Fund Offering- \$973.00

General Operating Fund Gifts - \$25.00

VBS Fund Gifts - \$25.00

Camp Fund Gifts - \$25.00

**Sunday School Offering - \$20.80**

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**February 18<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday Service**

**Attendance: 136**

**Ash Wednesday Offering collected on February 18th - \$1,182.00**

Radio Fund Offering - \$682.00

Camp Fund Gifts - \$500.00

## Sermon Notes

### “Worship is Worth It”