



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 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: ¹The 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: ²When the wicked advance against me
 to devour me,
 it is my enemies and my foes
 who will stumble and fall.**

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

**⁴One 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: ⁵For 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: ⁶Then 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.**

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

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

**⁹Do 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!**

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

**All: ¹¹Teach me how to live, O Lord.
Lead me along the right path,
for my enemies are waiting for me.
¹²Do 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: ¹³Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness
while I am here in the land of the living.**

**¹⁴Wait 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
Oh, sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ, our hope in life and death

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Oh, sing hallelujah
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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.

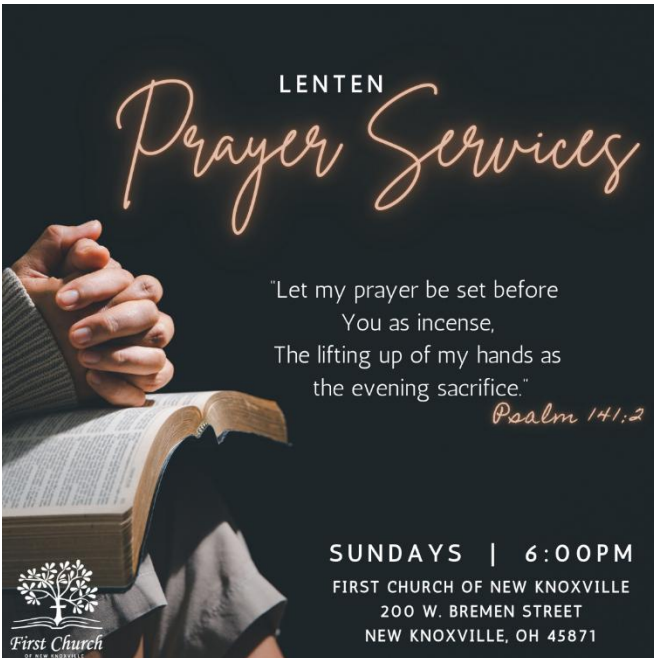
Congratulations to Lucas & Jessica Huston on the birth of their daughters Eloise and Olivia who arrived on February 12th. Eloise weighing 3 lb. 13 oz. and Olivia weighing 3 lb. 1 oz. Grandparents are Chad & Cherie Huston and Bret & DeeDee Jimison. Great Grandparents are Becky Huston and Jim & Nova Schneider. 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 1st.

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!

A poster for Lenten Prayer Services. The background is dark. On the left, a person's hands are clasped in prayer over an open book. The title "LENTEN Prayer Services" is written in a light, glowing script. A quote from Psalm 141:2 is centered. The event details are at the bottom right. The First Church of New Knoxville logo is at the bottom left.

LENTEN
Prayer Services

"Let my prayer be set before
You as incense,
The lifting up of my hands as
the evening sacrifice."
Psalm 141:2

SUNDAYS | 6:00PM
FIRST CHURCH OF NEW KNOXVILLE
200 W. BREMEN STREET
NEW KNOXVILLE, OH 45871


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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 1st 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 th 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 nd & 3 rd grade Sunday school room
8:15-9:00 pm	Choir practice – Social Room

NEXT SUNDAY 2nd 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 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

Offering collected on February 15th - \$1,048.00	Attendance: 188
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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

February 18th, 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

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