



# *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.**

**May 24, 2026  
Pentecost Sunday**

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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 for Young Children** is located in the basement.
- **Large Print bulletins** are available at the back of the sanctuary at the info center.
- **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 Joel 2:28-32

- One:    <sup>28</sup> "And afterward,  
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.  
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,  
your old men will dream dreams,  
your young men will see visions.  
<sup>29</sup> Even on my servants, both men and women,  
I will pour out my Spirit in those days.  
<sup>30</sup> I will show wonders in the heavens  
and on the earth,  
blood and fire and billows of smoke.  
<sup>31</sup> The sun will be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood  
before the coming of the great and dreadful  
day of the Lord.
- All:    <sup>32</sup> **And everyone who calls  
on the name of the Lord will be saved;  
for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem  
there will be deliverance,**

as the Lord has said,  
even among the survivors  
whom the Lord calls.

Holy Spirit Come

I'm coming with a heart of worship  
I'm bringing in a brand new song  
I'm ready to see the unthinkable  
I'm ready for a miracle  
Hearts praying for a fresh encounter  
Souls looking to the living god  
I'm ready for a real revival  
O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood  
Like a fire  
Holy spirit  
Fall in this place  
Fill our hearts  
Holy Spirit  
Come like a flood  
Like a fire  
Holy spirit  
Come  
O Holy Spirit come

We're on the edge of a new beginning  
God, we know You have so much more  
We're looking to a new horizon  
We're praying for Your rain to pour  
An overflowing of true redemption  
An overflowing of Your kingdom  
We're ready for a real revival  
O Holy Spirit

Come like a flood  
Like a fire  
Holy spirit  
Fall in this place

**Fill our hearts  
Holy Spirit  
Come like a flood  
Like a fire  
Holy spirit  
Come  
O Holy Spirit come**

**Oh, can you feel it?  
Heaven is reaching  
Oh, can you hear it?  
Our God is speaking  
Oh, can you see it?  
He's got your healing  
Oh, just receive it  
Receive the freedom  
(repeat)**

**Come like a flood  
Like a fire  
Holy spirit  
Fall in this place  
Fill our hearts  
Holy Spirit  
Come like a flood  
Like a fire  
Holy spirit  
Come  
O Holy Spirit come**

CCLI #7165620

Same God

**I'm calling on the God of Jacob  
Whose love endures through generations  
I know that You will keep Your covenant  
I'm calling on the God of Moses  
The one who opened up the ocean  
I need you now to do the same thing for me**

**Oh God my God I need You  
Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness  
On Your faithfulness**

**I'm calling on the God of Mary  
Whose favor rests upon the lowly  
I know with You all things are possible  
I'm calling on the God of David  
Who made a shepherd boy courageous  
I may not face Goliath  
But I've got my own giants**

**Oh God my God I need You  
Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness  
On Your faithfulness  
(repeat)**

**You heard Your children then  
You hear Your children now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God**

**You answered prayers back then  
And You will answer now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God**

**You were providing then  
You are providing now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God**

**You moved in power then  
God move in power now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God**

**You were a healer then  
You are a healer now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God**

**You were a Savior then  
You are a Savior now  
You are the same God  
You are the same God**

**Oh God my God I need You  
Oh God my God I need You now  
How I need You now  
Oh Rock oh Rock of ages  
I'm standing on Your faithfulness  
on Your faithfulness  
(repeat)**

**I'm calling on the Holy Spirit  
Almighty river come and fill me again**

**Come and fill me again  
(repeat)**

CCLI Song # 7183537

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

**Graduation Recognition**

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

## **Children's Chat**

### **Worship / Giving Back to God**

Offering: Radio Ministry Fund

Offertory: Hymn Medley - May Jesus Christ Be Praised, Fairest

Lord Jesus, Our Great Savior

Offering Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

**\*Scripture Reading** – Romans 8:1-17

(Page 1132 in the pew Bible)

**Message** – Pentecost: The Spirit's Role in Salvation

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories  
Of what they think You're like,  
But I've heard the tender whisper  
Of love in the dead of night.  
You tell me that You're pleased,  
And that I'm never alone.

You're a good, good Father;  
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You;  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide,  
But I know we're all searching for answers  
Only You provide.  
Because You know just what we need  
Before we say a word.

You're a good, good Father;  
It's who You are, It's who You are, It's who You are.  
And I'm loved by You;  
It's who I am, It's who I am, It's who I am.

(repeat)

CCLI Song #7036612

**\*Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

**Today is Pentecost** It is the day we remember the sending of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Christian church. Before Jesus ascended into heaven, he promised to send his Holy Spirit to equip and empower believers to share the Gospel “to the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8). The promises is fulfilled in Acts 2 when the Holy Spirit filled the believers as they prayed together. They began to boldly proclaim the Gospel and three thousand people were saved that day. The Christian church was born. The Holy Spirit dwells in all believers and continues to equip and empower his people – the church – to proclaim the gospel.

**Graduation Sunday!** Congratulations to all high school and college graduates! We pray you follow the Holy Spirit in all you do and that God blesses you richly in this next season of your life.

**Monday, May 25 is Memorial Day in the United States.** This is the day that we honor all those who died while serving in the armed forces. We pay respect to the men and women who gave their lives guarantee and safeguard the freedoms we enjoy today. John 15:13 says, "13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends." Their love for country, their family, and their fellow citizens motivated many to make the ultimate sacrifice. Memorial Day is also an opportunity to pray for peace. Scripture repeatedly reminds us that a day will come when all wars will cease, when the striving of nations will come to an end, and Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, will reign over his kingdom forever. Let us pray today and every day, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven."

**The Rose on the Altar** is in honor of Lee & Gloria Schroer are celebrate 68 years of marriage today, May 24<sup>th</sup>. *Happy Anniversary!*

**Prayer List** – Serra Pax, Joann Feldwisch, Larry Longworth, Kevin Kruse, Jane Novean, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Ted Lammers, Noah Hoelscher, Ken Cline, Bob Snyder, Robert Engel, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Holly Brown, Sandy Hoelscher, Linda Kuck, Betty Kiefer, and Crystal Miller.

**Nursery Help** – We are looking for helpers in the nursery during May and June. If you are able to cover one of these open Sunday, please let Shelby know in the church office. Your service is invaluable, and it allows parents to freely participate in our worship services, be spiritually fed, all while knowing their little ones are being loved and well cared for. The Nursery Ministry plays such a crucial role in our Sunday worship, and it would not be possible without the help of compassionate and committed volunteers like you. We hope you consider helping. **Open Sundays: May 31. June 7, 14 and 28.**

**Vocal and Bell Choir Thank you** – Today marks the end of the handbell and vocal choir seasons. Thank you to each and every one of you who participated and supported this ministry. Special thanks to Barb Howe

and Connie O'Neill, without whom none of this would be possible.

*Yours in Song, Clinton Hirschfeld*

### **VBS Needs – Just Days Away!**

We are only 8 days away from VBS, and we are so excited to spend the week sharing the love of Jesus with the children in our community! As we get closer, there is an urgent need for help to make this week possible. **We are currently looking for teachers and several helpers to assist throughout the week.** If you are willing to serve in any capacity, your help would be greatly appreciated.

Please reach out to Tory Breitigan as soon as possible if you can step in.

We are also collecting gently used school supplies for the Mid-West Mission Project. As the school year wraps up, we encourage you to consider donating items instead of discarding them. New supplies are welcome as well. A list of items needed is available—thank you for helping us support this meaningful outreach!



**VBS REGISTRATION IS OPEN!**

Scan the QR Code to register your kids online!



**NK COMMUNITY VBS**  
**JUNE 1-5 FROM 9-11:45AM.**



**NK COMMUNITY VBS**

# SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

We will be collecting gently used school supplies for Mid-West Mission Project at Vacation Bible School this summer.

- BINDERS
- BACKPACKS
- NOTEBOOKS
- PENS AND PENCILS
- MARKERS
- PENCIL CASES
- FOLDERS
- ETC.



INSTEAD OF GETTING RID OF YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES AT THE END OF THE YEAR, PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING THEM TO OUR MISSION PROJECT! YOU MAY ALSO PURCHASE NEW SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO DONATE TOO! THANK YOU!!

If you have any questions contact:  
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It's that  
time of  
year!

Cookie drop off  
begins Saturday  
(30<sup>th</sup>) to the  
Ministry Center.

**Parents and students** - We will have Lakeside camp meeting on Wednesday, June 3rd at 7:00pm in the Ministry Center. We will be handing out the packing list for camp and other important information. Please plan on attending this meeting if you are going to camp with us this year!

**Volunteer Day** - We're hosting a Volunteer workday on Tuesday, May 26th at 5:30 PM, and we would love your help! We'll be pulling weeds and spreading mulch at the church and the parsonage. Whether you have a green thumb or just a willing heart, your time and energy will make a BIG difference. Thank you in advance for helping us keep our grounds beautiful and welcoming!

**Our Daily Bread Booklets** – NEW June through August booklets are now available at all entrances, the info center and in the Ministry Center lobby. Please take one for yourself and one or more to give to someone you know.

**Offering on May 17<sup>th</sup>** - \$2,010.00

**Attendance: 194**

Mark Burd, Revive Ohio Offering – \$1,900.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges – \$110.00

**Sunday School Offering** - \$82.28

