



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 for Young Children** is located in the basement.
- **Large Print Bulletins & Bibles** are available at 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 at 9:00 am on Sundays.
- **Music** used with permission. CCLI License# 2403283
- **The * invites** those who are able, please rise.

Welcome to Worship at First Church

Announcements & Greeting Time

***Call to Worship from Psalm 34**

- One: ¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
 his praise will always be on my lips.
- ² I will glory in the Lord;
 let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
- ³ Glorify the Lord with me;
 let us exalt his name together.
- ⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
 he delivered me from all my fears.
- ⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;
 their faces are never covered with shame.
- ⁶ This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
 he saved him out of all his troubles.
- ⁷ The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear
 him, and he delivers them.
- All: ⁸ **Taste and see that the Lord is good;
 blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.**

⁹ **Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.**
¹⁰ **The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.**
¹¹ **Come, my children, listen to me;
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.**
¹² **Whoever of you loves life
and desires to see many good days,
¹³ keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from telling lies.**
¹⁴ **Turn from evil and do good;
seek peace and pursue it.**

One: ¹⁵ The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous,
and his ears are attentive to their cry;
¹⁶ but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to blot out their name from the earth.
¹⁷ The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears them;
he delivers them from all their troubles.
¹⁸ The Lord is close to the brokenhearted
and saves those who are crushed in spirit.
¹⁹ The righteous person may have many troubles,
but the Lord delivers him from them all;
²⁰ he protects all his bones,
not one of them will be broken.

All: ²¹ **Evil will slay the wicked;
the foes of the righteous will be condemned.**
²² **The Lord will rescue his servants;
no one who takes refuge in him will be condemned.**

Trust in God

**Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough**

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
Praising my risen King and Savior all the day long

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him

(4X)

That's why I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
Oh, I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail

CCLI Song #7206001

Goodness of God

I love You, Lord.
Oh, Your mercy never fails me.
All my days
I've been held in Your hands.
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head,

I will sing of the goodness of God.

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**I love Your voice.
You have led me through the fire.
In darkest night,
You are close like no other.
I've known You as a father,
I've known You as a friend.
I have lived in the goodness of God.**

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

**Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me**

(repeat)

**All my life You have been faithful.
All my life You have been so, so good.
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God,
I will sing of the goodness of God,
I will sing of the goodness of God.**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Offering / Giving Back to God

Offering: Kusel Mission Church, Germany

Offertory: Come As You Are

***Scripture Reading** – Galatians 5:22-23, Matthew 12:33-35

(Page 1004 & 838 in the pew Bible)

Message – Fruit of the Spirit: Goodness

Hymn No. 8 – Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

Prayer List – The family of Linda Kuck, Mary Schroer, Dennis Henschen, Mary Metzger, Larry Longworth, Cameron Wilkerson, Kevin Kruse, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Ted Lammers, Noah Hoelscher, Ken Cline, Bob Snyder, Robert Engel, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Holly Brown, Sandy Hoelscher, and Betty Kiefer.

Happy Anniversary to our Pastors

Pastor Joel will celebrate 10 years of ministry with First Church on July 18th. What a blessing it has been to witness your faithful service and the ways you have shepherded and walked alongside our church family over these past 10 years. Through seasons of joy and challenge, you have encouraged us in our faith, pointed us toward Christ, and shared God's love with compassion and humility. As we celebrate this milestone, we look forward with joy to all that God has in store for you and First Church in the years ahead. May He continue to strengthen and guide you as you serve as our pastor, share His Word, and help grow His Kingdom. Your ministry has made a lasting impact on our church family, and we are grateful for the ways God continues to work through you. May He renew your strength, guide your steps, and bless you and your family (Alie, JoJo, and Myles) as you continue to serve Him faithfully. Happy 10th Anniversary! We are excited to see all that God has planned for your future at First Church.

Tory Breitigan is celebrating 11 years of ministry at First Church on July 22nd! Dear Tory, we are grateful for the many ways you have poured into the lives of our children, youth, and families, faithfully guiding them to know and follow Christ through your love, encouragement, and leadership. Your ministry has touched countless lives and has become a meaningful part of the story God is writing at First Church. We thank God for the gifts, compassion, and dedication you bring to our church family. We pray that He continues to bless you, Jake, and your growing family with wisdom, strength, and joy as you serve. We look forward with excitement to all that God has in store for you and your ministry in the years ahead at First Church. Happy Anniversary!

The Rose on the Altar is in honor of Wayne & Nancy Bambauer celebrating 66 years of marriage on July 16. *Happy Anniversary!*

The Daily Disciple will look a little different starting this fall. The program we currently use to create the newsletter will no longer be available. One of the options we are looking into is to transition the newsletter into a digital format. Instead of arriving in your mailbox at the post office, the Daily Disciple will arrive in your email. You will be able to read it on your phone, tablet, or computer.

Please make sure that we have your current email on file. You can email the church office at firstchurchnk@nktelco.net if you need to doublecheck.

We will also print a limited number of hard copies and make them available in the church office and the info center in the Sanctuary.

Office Hours – The church office will be closed July 13th due to vacations

This Week at First Church – July 12 to July 18

SUNDAY

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| 8:00 am | Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room |
| 8:00 am | Sunday Morning Prayer – Min. Ctr. Conference Room |
| 9:00 am | Morning Worship |
| 10:15 am | Adult Sunday School – in Social Room led by Pastor Joel |
| 7:00 pm | Youth Bible Study |

MONDAY

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| 8:00-3:00 pm | Church Office Closed |
| 7:00 pm | Spiritual Council |

