



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 89:1-18**

- All:** ¹ I will sing of the Lord's great love forever;
 with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known
 through all generations.
- ² I will declare that your love stands firm forever,
 that you have established your faithfulness in heaven itself.
- ³ You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one,
 I have sworn to David my servant,
- ⁴ 'I will establish your line forever
 and make your throne firm through all generations.'"
- One:** ⁵ The heavens praise your wonders, Lord,
 your faithfulness too, in the assembly of the holy ones.
- ⁶ For who in the skies above can compare with the Lord?
 Who is like the Lord among the heavenly beings?
- ⁷ In the council of the holy ones God is greatly feared;
 he is more awesome than all who surround him.

⁸ Who is like you, Lord God Almighty?

You, Lord, are mighty, and your faithfulness surrounds you.

⁹ You rule over the surging sea;

when its waves mount up, you still them.

¹⁰ You crushed Rahab like one of the slain;

with your strong arm you scattered your enemies.

**All: ¹¹ The heavens are yours, and yours also the earth;
you founded the world and all that is in it.**

One: ¹² You created the north and the south;

Tabor and Hermon sing for joy at your name.

¹³ Your arm is endowed with power;

your hand is strong, your right hand exalted.

¹⁴ Righteousness and justice are the foundation of your throne;

love and faithfulness go before you.

¹⁵ Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you,

who walk in the light of your presence, Lord.

¹⁶ They rejoice in your name all day long;

they celebrate your righteousness.

**All: ¹⁷ For you are their glory and strength,
and by your favor you exalt our horn.**

**¹⁸ Indeed, our shield belongs to the Lord,
our king to the Holy One of Israel.**

Forever

Give thanks to the Lord

Our God and King

His love endures forever

For He is good He is above all things

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand

And an outstretched arm

His love endures forever

For the life that's been reborn

His love endures forever

Sing praise sing praise

Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

(repeat)

CCLI Song # 3148428

Promises

God of Abraham,
You're the God of covenant,
of faithful promises.
Time and time again
You have proven
You'll do just what You say.

Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow,
I'll remain steadfast.

And let my heart learn, when You speak a word,
It will come to pass.

Great is Your faithfulness to me.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same, I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.

God, from age to age,
Though the earth may pass away,
Your word remains the same

**Your history can prove
There's nothing You can't do.
You're faithful and true.**

**Though the storms may come, and the winds may blow,
I'll remain steadfast.
And let my heart learn, when You speak a word,
It will come to pass.**

**Great is Your faithfulness to me.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same, I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.**

**Oh Your faithfulness, It never runs out,
It never runs out.
Oh Your faithfulness, it never runs out,
It never runs out.**

**I put my faith in Jesus,
My anchor to the ground.
My hope and firm foundation,
He'll never let me down.
(repeat 2x)**

**Great is Your faithfulness to me.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same, I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.
(repeat)**

CCLI Song # 7149439

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Offering / Giving Back to God

Offering: Jr & Sr High Youth Group Fund

Offertory: Hymn Medley

Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Galatians 5:22-23 and Hebrews 10:23
(Page 1004 and 1039 in the pew Bible)

Message – Fruit of the Spirit: Faithfulness

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Great is thy faithfulness
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

CCLI Song # 18723

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

The Roses on the Altar are in honor of three couples celebrating 50 or more years of marriage. *Happy Anniversary!*

- ♥ Ned & Rebecca Vordermark, 52 years on July 26
- ♥ Ed & Rebecca Rohrbaugh, 56 years on August 1
- ♥ Ted & Carolyn Lammers, 55 years on August 1

Prayer List – Sharon Leffel, Tom Fledderjohann, Jeff Donnerberg, Richard Maurer, 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, Holly Brown, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, 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!

Youth Group Event:
Roast It Night

Not your average bonfire night. Bring the most obscure food that you think would be delicious roasted over a fire! Think pizza rolls, candy, cheese sticks, etc. Bring enough of that food to share with the group! Event will be held at The Kaiser's House: 5230 Wuebker Rd, Minster, OH.



This Week at First Church – July 26 to August 2

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group - Min. Ctr. Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – Min. Ctr. Conf. Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School – Social Room

TUESDAY

9:00 am	Adult Bible Study (The Bible Recap)– Youth Room
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study – Ministry Center

NEXT SUN.

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group – MC Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – MC Conference Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship

Offering on July 19th - \$2,423.00

Attendance: 183

Radio Ministry Fund - \$2,173.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges – \$250.00