



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 84

**All; ¹How lovely is your dwelling place,
 Lord Almighty!**

**²My soul yearns, even faints,
 for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out
 for the living God.**

**One: ³Even the sparrow has found a home,
 and the swallow a nest for herself,
 where she may have her young—
a place near your altar,
 Lord Almighty, my King and my God.**

**⁴Blessed are those who dwell in your house;
 they are ever praising you.**

**⁵Blessed are those whose strength is in you,
 whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.**

**⁶As they pass through the Valley of Baka,
 they make it a place of springs;**

the autumn rains also cover it with pools.

⁷ They go from strength to strength,
till each appears before God in Zion.

**All: ⁸ Hear my prayer, Lord God Almighty;
listen to me, God of Jacob.**

⁹ Look on our shield, O God;
look with favor on your anointed one.

¹⁰ Better is one day in your courts
than a thousand elsewhere;

**I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.**

**One: ¹¹ For the Lord God is a sun and shield;
the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold
from those whose walk is blameless.**

¹² Lord Almighty,
blessed is the one who trusts in you.

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

Hymn Of Heaven

**How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the one who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity**

**There will be a day
When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord**

**And ev'ry prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith
We sang through doubt and fear
In the end we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears**

There will be a day

**When all will bow before Him
There will be a day
When death will be no more
Standing face to face
With He who died and rose again
Holy holy is the Lord**

**And on that day we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice a thousand generations
Sing worthy is the Lamb who was slain
(Repeat)**

Forever He shall reign

**So let it be today
We shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the Saints
We raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God
Who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord
Holy holy is the Lord**

CCLI Song #7168994

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Sacrament of Holy Baptism

*Ry Jacob Vordermark
Son of Kris & Sara Vordermark*

*Words of Institution
Scriptural Promises
Profession of Faith*

The Apostles Creed

*I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven,
is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy universal Christian church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

*Response of Faith
Congregational Promise*

Pastor: Having heard their desire to baptize Ry
and raise him to know Christ, do you promise your
love, support and care to them as they seek to be
Christ's faithful disciples?

**All: We promise to love, support, and care for you as you
seek to know and follow Christ.**

*Prayer of Thanksgiving
Vow of the Parents
Baptism
Prayer*

Children's Chat

Offering / Giving Back to God

Offering: Keith & Amy Melugin, Heart of Hispaniola
Offertory: Just As I Am
Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading – John 15:1-17**
(Page 928 in the pew Bible)

Message – Stay Connected to Christ

Hymn No 382 – Be Thou My Vision

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

Today's Offering: Goes to support Keith & Amy Melugin with Heart of Hispaniola. Their vision is to Rescue, Restore & Renew. They are missionaries committed to walking alongside women seeking freedom from prostitution and exploitation. Through **Rescue**, women are offered a choice, and a helping hand out of difficult and harmful circumstances. **Restore** provides compassionate, trauma-informed care through Biblical counseling, Bible study, prayer, medical care, life-skills training, education, and practical support. Through **Renew**, they continue to walk alongside survivors through ongoing Christian discipleship, encouraging each woman as she embraces a renewed life and future in Christ. If you would like more information, please visit their website:
<https://www.heartofhispaniola.org/our-team>

Prayer List – The family of Bob Snyder, The family of Rachel Meyer, Paul Maurer, Ted Lammers, Mary Schroer, Larry Longworth, Joyce Alexander, Patty Anspach, Tom Fledderjohann, Mary Metzger, Cameron Wilkerson, Kevin Kruse, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Noah Hoelscher, Robert Engel, Holly Brown, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Sandy Hoelscher, and Betty Kiefer.

The White Rose on the Altar is in honor of Ry Jacob Vordermark who is being baptized this morning. Ry is the son of Kris & Sara Vordermark. He is the grandson of Ned & Rebecca Vordermark, Tammy Eldridge and David Clark.

Our Daily Bread Booklets – NEW booklets are available at all entrances, at the info center and the church office. Please take one for yourself and one or more to give to someone you know. Large print booklets are also available at the info center and church office only.

A Quick Word About Phone Numbers & Staying Connected

We know it can sometimes be frustrating when you need to get in touch with someone in our church family and realize that their cell phone

number isn't listed anywhere. Because of privacy concerns, the church office cannot give out personal cell phone numbers without permission from the individual.

There is an easy solution! The Realm Connect app includes a church directory where members can choose to have their contact information—including their cell phone number—listed. If you have Realm and have given permission for your cell phone number to be displayed, you can be found in the directory.

If you haven't downloaded Realm Connect yet, call the church office at 419-753-2446 or email us at firstchurchnk@nktelco.net. We will need to send you an invitation to create your Realm account. It's a convenient way to stay connected with our church family, receive announcements, prayer requests and access the directory.

Thank you for understanding and for helping us respect everyone's preferences.

New Wednesday Night Small Group - begins September 9 at 6 pm
This new study will use the Essentials of Faith Bible study from RightNow Media. The first series is taught by Franci Chan and answers the question "What is a Christian?"

Here is the description from RightNow Media: "Ask any group what it means to be a Christian, and we will hear different answers. But what unifies us? What are the basic characteristics of our faith that every Christian affirms? In this six-session series, Francis Chan will lead us in an exploration of key concepts common to all Christians through the centuries. No matter what divides us, we are united by these truths about the God we worship and our relationship with him."

Awana Update - Awana is now scheduled to begin **Wednesday October 7th**. We will meet most Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm in the Social Room. Scan the QR code to register.

Awana is a midweek children's ministry for Pre-K through 6th Grade students. We challenge students of all ages to grow in their faith through bible memorization,



large group lessons, and fun games. This is the fifth year we have run the Awana program. It has had a tremendous impact on our children and our community. We look forward to what God will do in year 5!

We need your help! Awana requires an amazing team of adult volunteers. We are looking for a few more people to help. Please contact the church office or Pastor Joel if you are interested in learning more about how you can volunteer and make a kingdom impact in our community!

This Week at First Church – August 30 to September 6

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group – MC Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer – MC Conference Room
9:00 am	Morning Worship
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School – Social Room
7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

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
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School – Social Room

Offering on August 23rd - \$2,111.00

Attendance: 221

Radio Ministry Fund - \$1,881.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges – \$120.00

Misc. Mission Gifts - \$20.00

Those in Need Fund Gifts - \$20.00

Children's Ministry Fund Gifts - \$20.00

Elevator Modernization Gifts - \$50.00

FIRST DAY OF SUNDAY SCHOOL

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
10:15-11:15AM

WE'RE KICKING OFF THE NEW
SUNDAY SCHOOL YEAR WITH
A DONUT PARTY. BRING
YOUR KIDS TO THEIR NEW
SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM IF
THEY ARE MOVING UP TO A
NEW CLASS!



JOIN US FOR

90's WORSHIP NIGHT

OCTOBER 25TH

6:00 PM

**BRING
A FRIEND!**



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