



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 infants to age 4** is located in the basement.
- **Large Print Bulletins & Bibles** are available at all entrances and 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 111

All: ¹ Praise the Lord.

**I will extol the Lord with all my heart
in the council of the upright and in the assembly.**

**One: ² Great are the works of the Lord;
they are pondered by all who delight in them.**

**All: ³ Glorious and majestic are his deeds,
and his righteousness endures forever.**

**One: ⁴ He has caused his wonders to be remembered;
the Lord is gracious and compassionate.
⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he remembers his covenant forever.
⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
giving them the lands of other nations.**

**All: ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.**

**One: ⁸ They are established for ever and ever,
enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.**

⁹ He provided redemption for his people;
he ordained his covenant forever—
holy and awesome is his name.

**All: ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all who follow his precepts have good
understanding. To him belongs eternal praise.**

How Great is Our God

**The splendor of the King,
clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice,
all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light,
and darkness tries to hide,
And trembles at His voice,
and trembles at His voice.**

**How great is our God!
Sing with me:
How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God!**

**And age to age He stands,
and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End,
Beginning and the End.
The God-head, three in one,
Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb,
the Lion and the Lamb.**

**How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.**

**He's the name above all names,
He is worthy of all praise.
And my heart will sing:
How great is our God!
(repeat)**

**How great is our God!
Sing with me: How great is our God!
And all will see how great,
how great is our God.**

(repeat)

CCLI Song # 4348399

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: Do Good Ministries

Offertory: In the Garden

Offering Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 1:8-15

(Page 966 in the pew Bible)

Message – Eager to Evangelize

The Blessing

**The Lord bless you
And keep you
Make his face shine upon you
And be gracious to you
The Lord turn his
Face toward you**

And give you peace
(repeat)

Amen, Amen, Amen
(repeat)

**May his favor
Be upon you
And a thousand generations
And your family
And your children
And their children
And their children**

**May his presence
Go before you
And behind you
And beside you
All around you
And within you
He is with you
He is with you**

**In the morning
In the evening
In your coming
And your going
In your weeping
And rejoicing
He is for you
He is for you
(repeat)**

Amen, Amen, Amen
(sing 4x)
CCLI Song #7147007

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

Congratulations to Morgan (Leffel) and Brennan Tinnerman - who were united in Christian marriage here at First Church on Saturday, September 19th. Morgan is the daughter of Keith and Susan Leffel. Brennan is the son of Ryan & Amberly Tinnerman.

Prayer List – The family of Diana (Steve) Piehl, Sharon Leffel, Kendra Paul, Linda Neimeyer, Adam Miller, Paul Maurer, Mary Schroer, Larry Longworth, Joyce Alexander, Tom Fledderjohann, Kevin Kruse, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Noah Hoelscher, Robert Engel, Holly Brown, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Sandy Hoelscher, and Betty Kiefer.

Meeting Reminders – On Monday, September 21st, Spiritual Council will meet at 6 pm. The trustees will meet at 7 pm and Consistory will meet at 7:30 pm. Consistory members, your information packets are on the front pew.

Tuesday's Women's Bible Study:

Have you been thinking about the Bible Recap and wondering if it's too late to start? Great News! It's not too late. We will begin reading the New Testament on Friday, October 1st.

The women's bible study meets on Tuesdays at 7 PM in the Ministry Center. We would love to have you join us as we talk about what we have read each week.

Below is the reading plan to get you started. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Maria at 419-953-6129.

Oct. 1 Luke 1 and John 1

Oct 2 Matthew 1 and Luke 2

Oct 3 Matthew 2

Oct 4 Matthew 3 Mark 1 and Luke 3

Oct 5 Matthew 4 and Luke 4 & 5

Oct 6 John 2-4

New Adult Sunday School Class begins September 27 - Stan Reineke will lead a class through a nine week study by Dr. Adrain Rogers called *Grounded in Truth*. The study will provide answers to important questions to strengthen your faith. God gave us the truth in his unchanging Word. It can be trusted! The class will meet in the Youth Room on Sunday mornings at 10:15. All are welcome to join!

St. Mary's Street Repaving Project – Parking on St. Mary's Street (east side of church building) may be temporarily unavailable during the repaving project. The elevator & ramp may still be accessed through the alley between our church building and Ministry Center building.

Awana 2026 - Awana is 2 weeks away! The first night is ***Wednesday October 7th***. We will meet most Wednesdays from 6-7:15 pm in the Social Room.

- Scan the QR code to register.
- Blank registration forms are at the Info Center or church office.



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!

The Historical Society Community choir will practice on Wednesday, September 23 at 7pm in the Methodist Church sanctuary. WE NEED VOICES!! Every one of all ages are welcome. This will be a causal singing of familiar Patriotic songs. The Historical Society Open House is Sunday, September 27, with the choir opening the festivities. If you cannot make practice on the 23rd, practice with us at 12:15, the day of the celebration, at the historical buildings. Questions contact Sue Becher 419-733-2480 or Paul Bambauer 614-499-3524

New Knoxville Athletic Boosters - Jr. High and Sr. High fall athletes are selling tickets for the New Knoxville Athletic Boosters Pork Chop Dinner! Tickets can be purchased from any participating student or from Casey Phillips. Saturday, October 25 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM at the American Legion. Thank you for supporting our New Knoxville athletes!



This Week at First Church – September 20 to September 27

SUNDAY

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group – MC Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer
9:00 am	Morning Worship
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Bible Recap) – Social Room
10:15 am	Sunday School for Pre-k through 6 th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation
7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

MONDAY

6:00 pm	Spiritual Council Meeting
7:00 pm	Trustee Meeting
7:30 pm	Consistory Meeting

TUESDAY

9:00 am	Adult Bible Study – MC Youth Room
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study – Ministry Center

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study " <i>Essentials of Faith</i> " – Heritage Room
7-8:30 pm	Youth Group

THURSDAY

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Offering on September 13th - \$3,089.00

Attendance: 260

Offering for Right to Life of Shelby County - \$2,269.00

General Operating Fund Pledges & Gifts – \$625.00

Radio Fund Gifts - \$25.00

Other Mission Gifts – \$170.00

Sunday School Offering - \$18.57



Sermon Notes

Eager to Evangelize – Romans 1:8-15

The Big Idea: Be eager to see people transformed by the Gospel.

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Eager to _____ (vv. 8-10)

- _____ God for the work He's already done
- _____ God to give you opportunities to evangelize
 - Gospel ministry must be _____ by prayer.

Eager to _____ (vv. 11-13)

- To strengthen _____
 - Ephesians 4:15-16
 - Believers are _____ strengthened
 - There are _____ "one another" commands in the New Testament. You cannot obey them on your own!
- To participate in God's Mission
 - Paul wants to see a _____ among them
 - His goal is to _____ the church, not compete with it.
 - Matthew 28:19-20 – The Great _____

Eager to _____ (vv. 14-15)

- The Gospel is for _____
 - Greek and non-Greek: language and cultural barriers
 - Wise and foolish: educational barriers
 - 2 Corinthians 9:19-23
- The Gospel cuts across every dividing line
 - All people are _____, _____, and _____.
- Don't _____ the reach of the Gospel
 - Matthew 13:1-23

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