



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 103:1-12**

- All:** ¹ Praise the Lord, my soul;
 all my inmost being, praise his holy name.
- ² Praise the Lord, my soul,
 and forget not all his benefits—
- ³ who forgives all your sins
 and heals all your diseases,
- ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit
 and crowns you with love and compassion,
- ⁵ who satisfies your desires with good things
 so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- One:** ⁶ The Lord works righteousness
 and justice for all the oppressed.
- ⁷ He made known his ways to Moses,
 his deeds to the people of Israel:
- ⁸ The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
 slow to anger, abounding in love.

⁹ He will not always accuse,
nor will he harbor his anger forever;
¹⁰ he does not treat us as our sins deserve
or repay us according to our iniquities.

All: ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his love for those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

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

Reckless Love

**Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me.
You have been so, so good to me.
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me.
You have been so, so kind to me.**

**Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
love of God.**

**When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me.
You have been so, so good to me.
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me.
You have been so, so kind to me.**

**Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
love of God.**

**There's no shadow You won't light up,
mountain You won't climb up,
coming after me.
There's no wall You won't kick down,
lie You won't tear down,
coming after me.
(repeat)**

**Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
love of God.
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found,
leaves the ninety-nine.
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away.
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless
love of God.**

CCLI Song # 7089641

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Offering / Giving Back to God

Offering: Jim & Carol Sheffield, Ethnos 360

Offertory: Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus

Offering Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 1:16-17

(Page 966 in the pew Bible)

Message – God's Righteousness Revealed in the Gospel

Jesus Paid It All

**And I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all**

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow**

**Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone**

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow**

**And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat**

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow
He washed me white as snow
He washed me white as snow**

**Oh praise the One Who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead
(4x)**

**Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed me white as snow**

CCLI Song #4689508

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, October 18th following worship.

At the September regular meeting, consistory scheduled a special meeting to review the proposed cost, carpeting samples and seek congregational approval to move forward with the project.

The Trustees received multiple proposals and are recommending Fultz Flooring from Sidney. Samples of the proposed carpeting for the sanctuary, heritage room, hallways and stairs will be set up in the heritage room for everyone to look at. The initial estimate for this project was \$102,408 and does not include any additions or changes we may choose to make. It does not include any work that may be necessary on the subfloor. The cost of this project will be paid from the Building Maintenance fund.

In addition to providing and installing the new carpeting, Fultz Flooring will:

- Remove and dispose of existing carpet and padding.
- Remove and reset piano.
- Remove and reset all pews and chairs.

Recovering of the church pews is not included in this portion of the project but is still planned in the next phase of our renovations. If you are a member of the congregation, please plan to attend the congregational meeting on October 18. Sunday school, confirmation, and bible study will be delayed till after the meeting. Childcare for all students will be in the ministry center and kids will be released to their Sunday school teachers for Sunday school from there. Sunday school will still end at 11:15 am.

Feel free to see Pastor Joel, Craig Fledderjohann, John Katterheinrich, or Doug Bambauer if you have any additional questions.

Today's Offering is for Jim & Carol Sheffield. The Sheffield's serve with Ethnos 360 as the administrators of an assisted living facility in Florida. They serve retired missionaries who have ministered all around the world.

Prayer List – Ted Howe, Sharon Leffel, Kendra Paul, Linda Neimeyer, Adam Miller, Paul Maurer, Mary Schroer, Larry Longworth, Joyce

Alexander, Tom Fledderjohann, Cameron Wilkerson, Kevin Kruse, Joann Kuck, Dick Elsass, Noah Hoelscher, Robert Engel, Holly Brown, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Sandy Hoelscher, and Betty Kiefer.

New Adult Sunday School Class begins today - 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!

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

Awana Update - Awana is 10 days away!

Are you signed up? The first night is scheduled for **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!

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!



Flowers on the altar – are in memory of John and JoAnn Hoge, and with gratitude for their lifelong stability, spiritual guidance and nurturing, flowers are shared this morning by Jill Hoge McClure and family.

St. Mary's Street Repaving Project – Parking on St. Mary's Street 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. Please contact the office if you have any questions.



This Week at First Church – September 27 to October 4

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	Adult Sunday School (Grounded in Truth)– Youth Room
10:15 am	Sunday School for Pre-k through 6 th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation – Ministry Center
7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

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

6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
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NEXT SUN.

8:00 am	Men's Prayer Group – MC Youth Room
8:00 am	Sunday Morning Prayer
9:00 am	Morning Worship – with The Lord's Supper
10:15 am	Adult Sunday School (Bible Recap) – Social Room
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Offering on September 20th - \$1,742.00

Attendance: 199

Offering for Do Good, Osgood - \$1,592.00

General Operating Fund Pledges & Gifts – \$150.00

Sunday School Offering - \$13.75

Sermon Notes - Romans 1:16-17

God's Righteousness Revealed in the Gospel

Big Idea: The Gospel reveals God's righteousness and saves everyone who believes.

The _____ of the Gospel: God Saves Everyone Who Believes

- Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved
 - o Joel 2:32
- All people are saved through the _____ gospel
 - o There is one gospel and one Savior for all people
 - o Jew and Gentile are both saved through faith
 - o Acts 1:8 – God's mission _____ outward from Israel to all nations

The _____ of the Gospel: God Reveals his Righteousness to Us

- Jesus _____ God's righteousness
 - o His perfect obedience (Romans 5:19)
 - o His vicarious death (Romans 3:21-26)
- God _____ the believer to be righteous
 - o Righteousness is credited to our account (Romans 4:3)
 - o Righteousness is received by faith (Phil 3:7-11)

The _____ to the Gospel: The Gospel Must be Received by Faith

- Faith is:
 - o _____: Believe that the Gospel is true
 - o _____: Trust Christ and rely on his work for your salvation
 - o _____: Genuine faith always leads to a life of obedience
 - Good works cannot save anyone, but saving faith will always lead to good works.
- Faith from first to last
 - o Cannot please God without faith (Hebrews 11:6)
 - o He's done all the work. Faith _____ what Christ _____.
- The Righteous will live by faith (Habakkuk 2:4)
 - o The same faith that _____ us to stand before God also _____ us to live for him.

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