



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.**

November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday

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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** is for infants to 4 years old & 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 Jeremiah 31:31-34**

One: ³¹ "The days are coming," declares the Lord,
 "when I will make a new covenant
 with the people of Israel
 and with the people of Judah.

³² It will not be like the covenant
 I made with their ancestors
 when I took them by the hand
 to lead them out of Egypt,
 because they broke my covenant,
 though I was a husband to them,"
 declares the Lord.

All: ³³ **"This is the covenant I will make with the people of
 Israel after that time," declares the Lord.
 "I will put my law in their minds
 and write it on their hearts.
 I will be their God,
 and they will be my people.**

One: ³⁴ No longer will they teach their neighbor,
 or say to one another, 'Know the Lord,'
 because they will all know me,
 from the least of them to the greatest,"
 declares the Lord.
 "For I will forgive their wickedness
 and will remember their sins no more."

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

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

Remembering The Saints

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)

Children's Chat / Giving Back to God

Offering: Building Maintenance Fund

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 2:17-29
(Page 967 in the pew Bible)

Message – The Heart of the Matter

The Lord's Supper

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found,
was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear,
the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me,
His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be,
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone. I've been set free,
my God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains,
unending love, amazing grace.
(repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine,
will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

CCU Song # 4768151

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

The White Carnations on the altar are in honor of the saints we remember today. Family members are encouraged to take a carnation after the service.

On All Saints Sunday we remember those who have entered into Christ's care in the last year.

Roger G. Hoelscher	January 10, 1949 – November 20, 2025
Annette C. Schrolucke	December 11, 1936 – January 11, 2026
Delores L. Weadock	August 7, 1947 – January 29, 2026
Joann E. Feldwisch	January 4, 1929 – May 23, 2026
Serra M.R. Pax	October 23, 2026 – May 25, 2026
Gene A. Schrolucke	January 26, 1943 – June 25, 2026
Richard A. Kuck	November 24, 1942 – August 19, 2026
Robert N. Snyder	March 25, 1944 – August 22, 2026
Rachel A. Meyer	January 17, 1955 – August 23, 2026
Ted A. Lammers	August 11, 1934– August 30, 2026
Charles L. Schroeder	November 16, 1936 – October 2, 2026

Prayer List – Diana Kessen, Harrison Meyer, Paul Maurer, Gene Kuck, Cameron Wilkerson, Linda Niemeyer, 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.

Election Day Information – The Ministry Center will be closed to walkers and all other activities from November 2-4th. Election Day hours will be 6:30 am to 7:30pm. Bible Study Info listed below.

- 9 AM Bible Study will meet in the Social Room
- 7 PM Women's Bible Study will be cancelled, resuming November 10th

Domestic Violence Awareness - To bring awareness as well as to honor domestic violence survivors and their children, the Auglaize County Crisis Center's Quilt of Hope is traveling amongst churches throughout Auglaize County. The quilt is here at First Church this morning. Stop by the heritage room and take a look. Each quilt square was designed by a survivor of domestic violence and/or their children to represent what hope means to them. Should any individual feel afraid at home and need to discuss safety options, please call the Auglaize County Crisis Center at (419) 738-5511 or 911 in an emergency.

Operation Christmas Child IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS! That is why we pack shoebox gifts for OCC & the packing season is quickly coming to an end.



You've packed an OCC shoebox and you'd like to know where it goes? By personalizing your shoebox gift, you may receive word from the recipient if you've included your address or your email. Samaritan's Purse began the option several years ago of FOLLOW YOUR BOX and you will receive an email of the journey of your shoebox gift from when it was processed to the country of its destination. To FOLLOW YOUR BOX, go online, scan the QR code on your shoebox label, and pay the \$10 shipping for each of your boxes. You will need to pay for your own shipping cost to follow your specific boxes. First Church pays the shipping cost for all other boxes we collect.

Ways to support OCC even if you don't want pack a shoebox.

1. Samaritan's Purse offers the OCC BASBO program (**Build-A-Shoe-Box-Online**). Go to OCC's website, select BASBO, select gender and age, select from the items that are listed as to what you would like to have included in your shoebox gift, add a note, and pay online. Your \$25 pays for shipping and the gifts inside that you've selected. These orders are fulfilled in January by volunteers after the regular processing is finished at the Midwest Ministry Center in Aurora IL (Chicago).
1. Monetary gifts are always accepted. Simply write Operation Christmas Child on your offering envelope. Also, on Celebration Sunday, Nov. 15th, the offering goes into the Evangelism & Outreach fund, from which the shipping is paid for our boxes.

Please DO NOT include food, candy, liquids, breakables or war related items.

Save the Date – December 13th will be our children's Christmas program. This program will be during the 9:00am worship service.

There will be a Lakeside parent and student meeting on Wednesday, November 4th at 8pm in the Ministry Center. Students interested in going to Lakeside next year need to be at this meeting with a parent.

A Celebration for Tory & Jake! Today from 1:00–3:00 p.m.

Please join us as we celebrate Tory and Jake and this special season in their lives! Stop by anytime during the afternoon to enjoy some refreshments and spend a little time celebrating with Tory and Jake. Diapers and other baby essentials are welcome, but your presence and prayers are the most important gifts. There will also be a Bible especially for Miss Margaret Katharine. If you would like, you may highlight a favorite verse and write a personal note or blessing for her—a meaningful keepsake for her to have as she grows.



This Week at First Church – November 1 to November 8

SUNDAY

All Saints Sunday

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| 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 |
| 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
6:30am-7:30pm Election Day – Ministry Center is Polling Location

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm Adult Bible Study “*Essentials of Faith*” – Heritage Room
6-7:15 pm Awana
7-8:30 pm Youth Group
8:00pm Lakeside Parent Meeting – Ministry Center

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Offering on October 25th - \$1,730.00 Attendance: 178

Offering for Carl Lanham, Nations of Coaches - \$1,435.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges - \$70.00

OCC Shoebox Gifts - \$225.00

Sunday School Offering for October 18, 2026 - \$10.30

Sermon Notes – “The Heart of the Matter”

Big Idea: Genuine faith produces inward transformation and outward obedience.

_____ what you preach (vv. 17-24)

- God’s people possess important _____ privileges and responsibilities
 - o Represent God to the nations
 - o Know God’s will and instruct others in the law
- The problem: they did not practice what they preached
 - o They also broke the commandments

- They failed to live according to the standard that they taught
- Hypocrisy _____ God and _____ our witness
 - Instead of bringing people to God, hypocrisy can drive people away

Don't Rely on _____ (vv. 25-27)

- Sign of the Old Covenant: _____
 - It cannot compensate for disobedience to the law (Jeremiah 9:25-26)
 - Circumcision does not automatically produce obedience
- Obedience is the _____ that someone belongs to God's covenant people
 - Gentiles don't need the Old Covenant Sign to belong to God (1 Cor. 7:19)
 - Their obedience is evidence that they have been justified by God (Ephesians 2:8-10)

Genuine Faith is a matter of the _____ (vv. 28-29)

- _____ religious identity is not sufficient
 - Family background and religious heritage cannot substitute for a transformed heart
 - Outward expressions of faith must be accompanied by inward transformation
- Circumcision of the _____ (Deuteronomy 30:6, Ezekiel 36:26-27)
 - The Holy Spirit's work of _____ transformation
 - Produces _____ and a desire to please the Lord, not people
- The evidence of inward _____
 - Outward obedience is evidence that the Holy Spirit is at work
 - Outward obedience cannot _____ for inward transformation