



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** 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 Psalm 24**

All: ¹ **The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it,
 the world, and all who live in it;**

² **for he founded it on the seas
 and established it on the waters.**

³ **Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord?
 Who may stand in his holy place?**

One: ⁴ **The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,
 who does not trust in an idol
 or swear by a false god.**

⁵ **They will receive blessing from the Lord
 and vindication from God their Savior.**

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek him,
 who seek your face, God of Jacob.**

⁷ **Lift up your heads, you gates;
 be lifted up, you ancient doors,
 that the King of glory may come in.**

All: ⁸ **Who is this King of glory?
 The Lord strong and mighty,**

the Lord mighty in battle.
⁹ Lift up your heads, you gates;
lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.
¹⁰ Who is he, this King of glory?
The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.

Shout to the Lord

My Jesus, my Savior.
Lord there is none like You.
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter.
Tower of refuge and strength.
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

Shout to the Lord
All the earth let us sing
Power and majesty
Praise to the King
Mountains bow down
And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy
At the work of Your hands
Forever I'll love You
Forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise
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In You**

CCLI Song # 1406918

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

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Offering / Giving Back to God

Offering: Carl Lanham, Nations of Coaches

Offertory: What He's Done

***Scripture Reading** – Daniel 9:20-27

(Page 768 in the pew Bible)

Message– The 70 Weeks Prophecy

In Christ Alone

**In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light my strength, my song.
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.**

**What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.**

**My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe.
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save,
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For every sin on Him was laid,
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,
Up from the grave He rose again.
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand,
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

CCLI Song # 3350395

***Benediction & Dismissal**

Announcements

Today's Offering is for Carl Lanham with Nations of Coaches – Carl is a familiar face to our congregation from his time serving with Athletes in Action. He has shared the Word of the Lord with our youth and congregation on several occasions. Carl and his wife continue to serve in ministry and have recently relocated back to South Carolina to be closer to family. Today's offering will support Carl's work as a Character Coach with Nations of Coaches.

Next Sunday is All Saints Sunday, we will remember those who have entered into Christ's care in the last year. We will also come to the Lord's table together for communion.

Winter Coat Drive – This is the final week to help bring in coats, hats, gloves that are both new or gently used. Agape will pick up on Oct. 30th.

Prayer List – 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.

Daylight Savings – It is time to set our clocks back – November 1st clocks will fall back one hour.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! We are blessed to have great pastors here at First Church! Please take a moment to thank both Pastor Joel, Pastor Tory and the loved ones in their lives who also serve in ministry through their support, love and sacrifice. *Thank you Pastor Joel & Alie and Pastor Tory & Jake.*

Third Quarter Giving Summaries were mailed this week. The summary includes your 2026 gifts and pledges to First Church as of September 30. Please review and call Connie Schroer at 419-753-2446 if you have any questions. If you do not receive your summary by October 30th, please call the office.

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 this year need to be at this meeting with a parent.

FALL HAUL NIGHT

Our youth group will be going door-to-door in town collecting canned goods for Agape! If you'd like to participate, have your canned goods ready.

**We will be collecting
from 6:30-8pm on
Wednesday, October 28th.**



New Knoxville Athletic Boosters – Today is pick up day | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM at the American Legion. Thank you for supporting our New Knoxville athletes!

Operation Christmas Child Time is flying by and there are still plenty of Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes at the entrances yet for packing. First Church averages between 400 and 500, exact numbers are known by the Thanksgiving evening service.

There are several ways to support OCC even if you don't want pack a shoebox.

1. Samaritans Purse offers the Operation Christmas Child BASBO program. Build-A-Shoe-Box-Online is simply that. Go to Operation Christmas Child'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. This \$25 pays for not only the shipping, but also 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).
2. Monetary gifts are always accepted. Simply write Operation Christmas Child on your offering envelope. Also, on Celebration Sunday, November 15th, the offering goes into the Evangelism

and Outreach fund, from which the shipping is paid for our boxes.

SO, you've packed an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and you'd like to know where it goes? By personalizing your shoebox gift? (FUN-FULL-PERSONALIZED), you may receive word from the recipient if you've included your address or your email. Samaritans 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.

A Celebration for Tory & Jake!

Please join us as we celebrate Tory and Jake and this special season in their lives! We will be having an Open House Reception & Diaper Shower on Sunday, November 1st, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. 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. We hope you'll stop by and show Tory and Jake how much they are loved and appreciated!



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

Thanksgiving Service – Please join us November 18th at 6:30pm



Thanksgiving
SERVICE & DESSERT

A JOINT SERVICE WITH
NK METHODIST CHURCH

Wednesday, November 18
6:30 PM

Please join us in the
Ministry Center for coffee
and desserts immediately
following the service.

*Please bring a dessert
to share.*

This Week at First Church – October 25 to November 1

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 (Grounded in Truth)– Youth Room
10:15 am	Sunday School for Pre-k through 6 th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation – Ministry Center
6:00 pm	Worship Night: 90's Worship

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
6-7:15 pm	Awana
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 – All Saints Service/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

Offering on October 18th - \$2,730.00

Attendance: 191

Offering for Radio Ministry Fund - \$2,405.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges - \$200.00

OCC Shoebox Gifts - \$125.00

Sunday School Offering for October 18, 2026 - \$24.49

