



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 115

All: ¹ **Not to us, Lord, not to us
 but to your name be the glory,
 because of your love and faithfulness.**

One: ² Why do the nations say,
 "Where is their God?"
 ³ Our God is in heaven;
 he does whatever pleases him.
 ⁴ But their idols are silver and gold,
 made by human hands.
 ⁵ They have mouths, but cannot speak,
 eyes, but cannot see.
 ⁶ They have ears, but cannot hear,
 noses, but cannot smell.
 ⁷ They have hands, but cannot feel,
 feet, but cannot walk,
 nor can they utter a sound with their throats.
 ⁸ Those who make them will be like them,
 and so will all who trust in them.

- ⁹ All you Israelites, trust in the Lord—
he is their help and shield.
- ¹⁰ House of Aaron, trust in the Lord—
he is their help and shield.
- ¹¹ You who fear him, trust in the Lord—
he is their help and shield.
- ¹² The Lord remembers us and will bless us:
He will bless his people Israel,
he will bless the house of Aaron,
¹³ he will bless those who fear the Lord—
small and great alike.
- ¹⁴ May the Lord cause you to flourish,
both you and your children.
- ¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.
- ¹⁶ The highest heavens belong to the Lord,
but the earth he has given to mankind.
- All: ¹⁷ It is not the dead who praise the Lord,
those who go down to the place of silence;
¹⁸ it is we who extol the Lord,
both now and forevermore.
Praise the Lord.**

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
I have in You

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CCLI Song # 1406918

Trust in God

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is mine
He's been my fourth man in the fire time after time
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood
And what He did for me on Calvary is more than enough

I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail

**He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest
I know the author of tomorrow has ordered my steps
So this is my story and this is my song
Praising my risen King and Savior all the day long**

**I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail**

**I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
I sought the Lord and He heard and He answered
That's why I trust Him, that's why I trust Him
(4X)**

**That's why I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
Oh, I trust in God, my Savior
The one who will never fail
He will never fail
CCLI Song #7206001**

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Mission Moment – Operation Christmas Child

Children's Chat / Giving Back to God

Offering: General Operating Fund

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 1:18-32

(Page 966 in the pew Bible)

Message – Sin Escalates, Grace Abounds

The Lord's Supper

Worthy Of It All

**All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing
(repeat)**

**You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory**

**All the saints and angels
They bow before Your throne
All the elders cast their crowns
Before the Lamb of God and sing**

**You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory
(repeat)**

**Day and night, night and day let incense arise
Day and night, night and day let incense arise
(repeat 3X)**

**You are worthy of it all
You are worthy of it all
For from You are all things
And to You are all things
You deserve the glory
(repeat 2x)**

***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.

Prayer List – Gene Kuck, Cameron Wilkerson, Ted Howe, Sharon Leffel, Linda Neimeyer, 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.

Flowers on Altar - the mum on the Altar is in honor of Dick Elsass's 95th birthday given by his sons.

Card Showers - On September 26th Roberta Tanzini celebrated her 95th birthday and Dick Elsass will also celebrate his 95th birthday on October 3rd. If you would like to send them a card or note their addresses are noted below.

- Roberta Tanzini, 11230 State Rt. 364, Room 402, St. Marys, OH 45885
- Richard Elsass, Gardens of Wapakoneta Assisted Living, 505 Walnut St., Room 205, Wapakoneta, OH 45895

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 begins Wednesday!

Don't miss out—sign up today! Awana will meet Wednesdays from 6:00–7:15 PM in the Social Room. A schedule will be handed out on the first night. We can't wait to see you there!

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. Sunday, October 25 | 10:30 AM–12:30 PM at the American Legion. Thank you for supporting our New Knoxville athletes!



Operation Christmas Child – First Church kicks off Operation Christmas Child today! Look for your special bulletin insert and be encouraged by today's mission moment during today's service.

Anyone can pack a shoebox! Shoeboxes are available in all the Sunday School rooms, all entrances and in the Heritage Room. They may be returned any time within the next 6 weeks and will be prayed over during worship on November 15th. Sharon Colson, Project Leader with First Church 419-733-4566



This Week at First Church – October 4 to October 11

SUNDAY

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
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study – Ministry Center

WEDNESDAY

6:00 pm	Adult Bible Study " <i>Essentials of Faith</i> " – Heritage Room
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study (Bible Recap) – Ministry Center
7-8:30 pm	Youth Group

THURSDAY

6:00 am	Men's Bible Study
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Offering on September 27th - \$2,426.00

Attendance: 200

Offering for Jim & Carol Sheffield, Ethnos 360 - \$1,461.00

General Operating Fund Pledges & Gifts – \$965.00

Sunday School Offering - \$35.74

Sermon Notes - Romans 1:18-32

Sin Escalates, Grace Abounds

Big Idea: Sin escalates when people reject God's truth and exchange it for idolatry.

God's Truth is _____ (vv. 19-20)

- God makes himself known to all people through _____ (Psalm 19:1)
 - _____ Revelation: limited knowledge accessible to all people
 - God's invisible qualities on display: his eternal power and divine nature
- People are without _____
 - Creation doesn't tell us everything about God, but it tells us enough
 - General Revelation gives us enough knowledge to be held _____

God's Truth is _____ (vv. 21-22)

- The Root of Sin: they refuse to glorify and give thanks to the Lord
 - They intentionally reject what God revealed to them
 - They exchange the truth for a lie (v. 25)
- The Effects of Sin:
 - _____ Thinking: They believe their way is wiser than God's way (Genesis 3:4-6)
 - _____ Hearts: Their rejection of God distorts their understanding.
 - _____ Behavior: They rejected God's authority, but they ended up being enslaved to their own desires.

God's Truth is _____ (vv. 23)

- They _____ one God for another
 - We are made to worship someone or something. If we reject the Lord, our hearts will find something else to worship.

- Idol worship is a _____ problem
 - o Our idols aren't golden statues. They are hidden in our _____.
 - o An idol is anything that takes Gods' rightful place in your life.

Sin _____ When People Continually Reject God's Truth (vv. 24-32)

- God gave them over to _____ desires...
 - o Sin takes a good desire and points it in the wrong direction
 - o Note: Paul says "God gave them over" three times. He doesn't force them to sin. He gives them over to the sinful desires they chose.
- ...which leads to _____ desires
 - o Sin takes God's good design and upends it
- ...which leads to _____ actions and attitudes.
 - o Sin corrupts every area of life

Conclusion: God's Judgement Exposes Our Need for _____

- Don't lose sight of the big picture: the righteousness of God revealed in the Gospel
 - o God's righteousness and wrath are connected. They meet at the cross (Romans 3:21-26)
- Sin is a _____ problem. The Gospel is the _____ solution.
 - o Grace abounds in and through Jesus Christ.

My Notes: _____
