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 14

One: [1] The fool says in his heart,
"There is no God."
They are corrupt, their deeds are vile;
there is no one who does good.
[2] The Lord looks down from heaven
on all mankind
to see if there are any who understand,
any who seek God.
[3] All have turned away, all have become corrupt;
there is no one who does good,
not even one.
[4] Do all these evildoers know nothing?
They devour my people as though eating bread;
they never call on the Lord.
[5] But there they are, overwhelmed with dread,
for God is present in the company of the righteous.

[6] You evildoers frustrate the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is their refuge.
[7] Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores his people,
let Jacob rejoice and Israel be glad!

Holy Spirit

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.
No thing can compare; You're our living hope.
Your Presence Lord.

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves,
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone,
In Your Presence, Lord.

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
(repeat from beginning)

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.

Let us become more aware of Your Presence;
Let us experience the glory of Your goodness.
(repeat 2x)

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here;
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere;
Your glory, God, is what our hearts long for,
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord.
(repeat)
CCLI Song # 6087919

Testimony Moment - Steve Wierwille

What He's Done

See on the hill of Calvary
My Savior bled for me
My Jesus set me free
Look at the wounds that give me life
Grace flowing from His side
No greater sacrifice

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Sing for the freedom He has won
Even death is dead and done
His life has overcome
Speak say the Name above all names
Over every broken place
He is risen from the grave

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done

Now on a throne of majesty
The Father's will complete
He reigns in victory
Sing hallelujah to the King
He is worthy to receive
All the worship we can bring

What He's done
What He's done
All the glory and the honor to the Son
My sins are forgiven
My future is Heaven
I praise God for what He's done
(repeat)

I praise God for what He's done
(repeat)
CCLI Song # 7189257

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Dedication of Operation Christmas Child Gifts

Offering / Giving Back to God
Offering: Outreach & Evangelism
Offering: Hymn No. 529 How I Love Jesus
Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 3:9-20
(Page 968 in the pew Bible)

Message – Guilty as Charged

He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

CCLI Song #7016161

***Benediction** & **Dismissal**

Announcements

Prayer List – Addy Meyer, Diana Kessen, Harrison Meyer, Paul Maurer, Gene Kuck, Cameron Wilkerson, Mary Schroer, Larry Longworth, Joyce Alexander, Tom Fledderjohann, Kevin Kruse, Dick Elsass, Noah Hoelscher, Robert Engel, Holly Brown, Diane Fledderjohann, Greg Metzger, Sandy Hoelscher, and Betty Kiefer.

Meeting Reminders – On Monday, November 16th, 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 packets are on the front pew.

Operation Christmas Child – Today is Celebration Sunday. After church today, please take a moment to help carry shoeboxes out to the waiting trailer in the driveway. Many hands make light work. If you did not pack a shoebox, but would still like to participate, please contact OCC Project Leader, Sharon Colson. Thank you for your support!

Vocal Choir – Our choir members will be joining the NK Methodist choir members for our Community Thanksgiving Service on Wednesday, November 18th. To those members, please arrive to the Social Room at 6:00pm.

Poinsettias - The church will purchase poinsettias to be delivered to some of our members and those in retirement communities to enjoy for the holidays. If you know of someone who may enjoy a poinsettia, please call the office at 419-753-2446.

Decorating for Christmas – If you are available and love to decorate, please join us after the 9am worship service on Sunday, November 22nd to decorate the church for the beginning of the Christmas season. The first Sunday in Advent will be November 29th. Communion will be served that day.

A Heart of Thanksgiving – This Thanksgiving, we invite you to take a moment to reflect on God's goodness and faithfulness in your life. Stop by our **Thanksgiving Gratitude Board in the Heritage Room** and write down one thing you would like to thank God for.

Whether big or small, every blessing is worth celebrating! Let's fill the board with reminders of God's goodness and give Him the praise and gratitude He deserves.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." Psalm 107:1

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 Wednesday at 6:30pm



Winter Giving Opportunities

Agape Food Drive | November 8–22
Join us in supporting Agape Ministries by collecting much-needed food items during our food drive, November 8–22. These items will be reserved to help families during the Christmas season. Whether you are able to donate one item or several, every contribution makes a difference. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Giving Tree | Beginning Next Sunday
We are excited to introduce a second giving opportunity this winter! FCNK will be partnering with the Family Life Center of Auglaize County for this year's Christmas Giving Tree. More details and opportunities to participate will be shared next Sunday. Stay tuned!

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35

In the next couple weeks, please stop by the Heritage Room, beside the Sanctuary, to see the giving trees.

This Week at First Church – November 15 to November 22

SUNDAY	**OCC Celebration 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 6th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation – Ministry Center
7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House
MONDAY	
6:00 pm	Spiritual Council
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
WEDNESDAY	
6:00 pm	Choir Warm-Up Practice – Social Room
6:30 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service Dessert Banquet to follow
NEXT SUN.	**Carl Whitlatch is preaching**
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 6th Grade
10:15 am	Confirmation – Ministry Center
10:15 am	Decorate the church for Christmas
7:00 pm	Jr. & Sr. High Bible Study – Bambauer's House

Offering on October November 8th - $2,451.00 **Attendance**:230

Offering for Clint Mahan, AIA - $2,051.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges - $285.00

Building Maintenance Fund - $60.00

OCC Shoebox Gifts - $55.00

Sunday School Offering - $12.85





Sermon Notes - "Guilty as Charged" - Romans 3:9-20

Big Idea: The Law cannot fix our sin problem – it reveals it.

The Verdict: Sin is _____ (vv. 9-12)

- Everyone is under the _____ of sin
- No one is righteous in God's sight

The Evidence: Sin _____, _____, and _____ (vv. 13-17)

- Sin distorts our _____
    - Our words expose the condition of our heart (Matthew 15:18-20)
    - Sinful speech tears people down
- Sin destroys _____
    - Sinful actions and attitudes hurt others
- Sin disrupts _____
    - As an individual and as a society

The Motivation: Sin _____ God (v. 18)

- The root of all sin is the rejection of God and his _____
- Sin is selfish and self-serving
    - Reversal of the _____ _____ (Matthew 22:37-40)

The Closing Argument: The Law _____ the problem, but cannot _____ the problem

- Everyone is _____ to God
- The Law is a _____ that reveals our sinful state
    - It reveals the diagnosis. It does not offer the cure.
- Righteousness cannot come from the law
    - Therefore, it must come from somewhere – or someone – else (See Romans 3:21-26)

Conclusion:

- _____ your sin and your need for God
- _____ the damage your sin causes – and do something about it
- Let God's Word _____ your sin and lead you to _____

“Just an Empty Shoebox”

Written and shared by Allen Heindel

It was just an empty shoebox
In my attic all alone.
Its shoes had been delivered,
And its purpose now was done.

Then one day I retrieved it
From its dark and dusty place.
It was needed once again
To bring smiles to someone’s face.

I filled it with some toys,
A comb and washcloth too,
Pencils, paper, crayons. . .
And a note from me to you:

“Jesus loves you this I know
For the Bible tells me so.
Jesus died so we might live
He will all our sins forgive.”

“Accept this gift and Jesus too,
And he will give new life to you.
He will heal the broken heart,
And give to you a brand new start.”

I labeled it with care
And sent it on its way,
Knowing it would brighten
A special someone’s day.

My box held so much more
Than the things I put inside.
It now held Jesus’ love
And the prayer I had applied.

Again my box’s job is done,
Its blessings multiplied.
The child was given joy and fun,
God’s Son was glorified.