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 32

One: [1] Blessed is the one
whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.
[2] Blessed is the one
whose sin the Lord does not count against them
and in whose spirit is no deceit.

All: **[3] When I kept silent,**
my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
[4] For day and night
your hand was heavy on me;
my strength was sapped
as in the heat of summer.
[5] Then I acknowledged my sin to you
and did not cover up my iniquity.
I said, "I will confess
my transgressions to the Lord."

And you forgave
the guilt of my sin.

One: [6] Therefore let all the faithful pray to you
while you may be found;
surely the rising of the mighty waters
will not reach them.

All: **[7] You are my hiding place;**
you will protect me from trouble
and surround me with songs of deliverance.

One: [8] I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my loving eye on you.
[9] Do not be like the horse or the mule,
which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle
or they will not come to you.
[10] Many are the woes of the wicked,
but the Lord's unfailing love
surrounds the one who trusts in him.
[11] Rejoice in the Lord and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!

<u>His Mercy Is More</u>

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more
(repeat)

Our sins they are many His mercy is more
CCLI Song #7065053

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy

You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

Your name is the highest
Your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all
All thrones and dominions
All powers and positions
Your name stands above them all
(repeat)

And the angels cry Holy
All creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy
Holy forever

Hear Your people sing Holy
To the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy
Holy forever

You will always be Holy
Holy forever
CCLI Song # 7201044

The Lord's Prayer (using debts and debtors)

Children's Chat

Mission Moment – Family Life Center of Auglaize County
James Lampert – Development Director

Offering / Giving Back to God
Offering: Wayne Lunsford, Wycliffe Bible Translators
Offering: A Prayer of Thanksgiving
Offertory Hymn: No. 625 Doxology

***Scripture Reading** – Romans 3:21-26
(Page 968 in the pew Bible)

Message – Eucatastrophe

Thank You Jesus for The Blood

I was a wretch I remember who I was
I was lost I was blind I was running out of time
Sin separated the breach was far too wide
But from the far side of the chasm
You had me in Your sight

So You made a way across the great divide
Left behind Heaven's throne to build it here inside
There at the cross You paid the debt I owed
Broke my chains freed my soul
For the first time I had hope

Thank You Jesus for the blood applied
Thank You Jesus it has washed me white
Thank You Jesus You have saved my life
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light

You took my place, laid inside my tomb of sin.
You were buried for three days,
But then You walked right out again.
And now death has no sting and life has no end
For I have been transformed by the blood of the Lamb.

Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life.
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

There is nothing stronger
Than the wonder working power
Of the blood, the blood
That calls us sons and daughters.

We are ransomed by our Father
Through the blood, the blood.
(repeat)

Thank You, Jesus, for the blood applied.
Thank You, Jesus, it has washed me white.
Thank You, Jesus, You have saved my life.
Brought me from the darkness into glorious light.

Glory to your name,
Glory to your name!
There to my heart was the blood applied;
Glory to your name!
CCLI Song # 7172456

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

Announcements

Please welcome to the pulpit this morning, Carl Whitlatch – Carl is the Multi-Area Director for Fellowship of Christian Athletes in Northwest Ohio. He previously served as First Church's Youth Pastor from 1997 to 2001. He served 15 years for Young Life in New York and as a Pastor for two years. Carl is married to Jenny Whitlatch (Fledderjohann). They currently reside in New Bremen with their 6 children.

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.

Poinsettias - The church has purchased poinsettias to deliver to shut-ins. The flowers will like the Sanctuary steps on November 29th for the first Sunday of Advent. They will be delivered the week of November 29th to members of First Church who are not able to get out.

Decorating for Christmas – We will decorate the Sanctuary today for the Christmas season. If you are available and love to decorate, please join us after worship. The first Sunday in Advent will be November 29th.



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 | November 15 – December 6
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.

Thanksgiving Week Office Hours – The church office will have irregular hours this week due to the holiday and family schedules. If you need something, please call the office first to make sure someone will be available. Thank you for your understanding.

Our Daily Bread Booklets – NEW December – February booklets are now available at the entrances, the Info Center in the Sanctuary, and at the church office. Please take one for your self and one to share with a family member or friend.

Christmas Devotionals - are now available at the entrances, the Info Center in the Sanctuary, and at the church office. Please take one for your self and one to share with a family member or friend.

Ministry Center Carpet Project & Reservation Update – Sunday Worship services will be in the Ministry Center approximately beginning January 3, 2027. Therefore, we will not be able to accommodate reservations for family functions on the weekends in the Ministry Center until the carpet project is completed in March. This will allow enough time to set up the Big Room for services before Sunday morning. The Ministry Center may still be used Monday-Thursday. The Social Room is also available. Thank you in advance for understanding!



This Week at First Church – November 22 to November 29

SUNDAY	**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	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

TUESDAY	
9:00 am	Adult Bible Study – MC Youth Room
7:00 pm	Women's Bible Study

THURSDAY	
Closed	Happy Thanksgiving

NEXT SUN.	**First Sunday of Advent**
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 (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

Offering on October November 15th - $2,167.00 **Attendance**:236

Offering for Outreach & Evangelism - $1,822.00

General Operating Fund Gifts & Pledges - $270.00

OCC Shoebox Gift - $75.00

Sunday School Offering - $35.51

Sermon Notes
Eucatastrophe