

SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

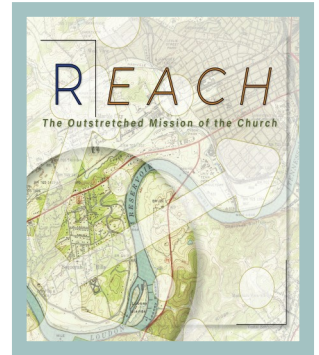
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

April 14, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

3700 Keowee Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37919

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Sunday School 9:45 A.M.



Guests are invited to complete a **Welcome Card** to place in the offering plate or use the QR code.



A **call to worship**, typically drawn from sentences of Scripture, expresses God's invitation to gather as Christ's body in this place.

A **call to confession** expresses God's initiative in calling for repentance and promising forgiveness in Christ. As members of Christ's body, we confess the reality of sin, captivity, and brokenness in personal and common life and ask for God's saving grace.

A **declaration of forgiveness** proclaims the good news of God's mercy and offers the **assurance of pardon in Jesus' name**. We respond to God's mercy with an act of praise.

The Peace of Christ: "His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility." **Eph 2:15-16**

A **prayer for illumination** calls on the Holy Spirit to empower the reading, understanding, proclaiming, and living of God's Word.

INTROIT *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* by Ovid Young

WELCOME Dr. Jay Howell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*HYMN #260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Ben Garriss

God of Restoration, in your Spirit you breathe new life, and you empower the faithful to reach out in witness. Too often, however, we hold back from the newness you bring. We cling to sinful ways. We put obstacles before others. Forgive us, we pray, and restore in us a heart to seek you and to welcome others in the name of Christ, in whose name we now silently confess.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

THE WORD

KIDSPRAISE CHOIR *The Peacemakers* by Mark Burrows

(Children & Worship: Children ages four through first grade will leave with Mary Emily and may be picked up in the lower level of Spitzer building.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Addisyn Bajema

OLD TESTAMENT Amos 9:11-12 PEW BIBLE PAGE 857

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *God So Loved the World* by John Stainer

The Word of God: *The Scriptures bear witness to the Word of God, revealed most fully in Jesus Christ, the Word who “became flesh and lived among us” (John 1:14). Where the Word is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the living Word is present by the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, reading, hearing, preaching, and affirming the Word are central to Christian worship and essential to the Service for the Lord’s Day.*

Responding in Prayer: *In response to the Word, we pray for the world God so loves—joining Christ’s own ministry of intercession and the sighs of the Spirit, too deep for words.*

Response offering: *These actions are signs of our gratitude for the grace of God proclaimed in the gospel. **Online giving** is available via this QR code.*



Responding to the Word proclaimed, we affirm our faith in the holy, triune God. *This affirmation of faith is drawn from sentences of Scripture or the creeds, confessions, and catechisms.*

NEW TESTAMENT Acts 15:12-21

PEW BIBLE PAGE 134

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Reach: Restoring the Tent

Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated)

We Rest on Thee

FINLANDIA

**We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more each day Thy Grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go,
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
We rest on Thee, and in Thy name we go.**

RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Mark Lampley

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING

*DOXOLOGY (Congregation sings.)

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SENDING

*HYMN #269

Lead On, O King Eternal!

LANCASHIRE

We are blessed in order to be a blessing to others. **The charge calls** the church to go forth as agents of God's mission in the world. The Service for the Lord's Day concludes with a blessing in the name of the triune God, such as **the priestly blessing or apostolic benediction**.

Sending: Christian worship and service does not end at the conclusion of the Service for the Lord's Day; we go forth to love and serve the Lord in daily living. In so doing, we seek to fulfill our chief end: to glorify and enjoy God forever.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

All Hail the Power

arr. Lani Smith

**Please stand as you are able.*

CALENDAR

Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
- 8:45 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary)
- 9:45 A.M. - Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main)
 - Elementary Sunday School (Spitzer Lower)
 - Youth Sunday School (Loft)
 - Adult Bible Discovery (Chapel/Zoom)
 - Adult Biblical Imagery (Room 317)
 - Adult Faith Gathering (Reception room)
 - Adult Faith Practices (Room 322)
 - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 320)
- 10:30 A.M. - Coffee Fellowship (Bell Tower)
 - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary) / Livestream
- 5:00 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Room 322)
- 5:30 P.M. - Youth SNF (Loft)

Monday

- 6:00 P.M. - Monday Disciples (Room 302)

Tuesday

- 9:00 A.M. - FISH at Sequoyah Church (Barron Hall)
- 9:30 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler)

Wednesday

- 9:20 A.M. - Women's LIFE Group- Howell (Room 302)
- 9:30 A.M. - Women's LIFE Group- Zeanah (off site)
- 10:30 A.M. - Dotterweich Bible Study (Fowler/Zoom)
- 4:00 P.M. - Knitters/Stitchers (Fowler)
- 4:30 P.M. - KidsPraise (Front Lawn)
- 5:00 P.M. - Women's LIFE Group- Gale (Reception room)
- 5:45 P.M. - First Communion Class (Sanctuary)
- 5:45 P.M. - Couples' LIFE Group- Lampleys (Room 311)
- 6:00 P.M. - LIFE Group- Moseley (Room 302)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir (Choir Room)

Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)

Friday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP next Sunday morning is at 8:45 A.M. (Acoustic) in Barron Hall and 11:00 A.M. (Traditional) in the Sanctuary and by Livestream at sequoyahchurch.org.

WELCOME to our guests today! We invite you to follow the QR code to learn more about our church and following Christ here. Contact Will Harris at hooverharris@hotmail.com with questions.



WORSHIP

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God in honor of the birth of William Jamison Patton, born March 26 to Morgan and Will Patton, by his grandparents Jim and Janet Harrison.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS surround Jill Gilbertson and family on the death of her mother, Doris Walton, on April 6.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS surround Avalyn Sepaniak, whose husband, Mike, died on April 6.

Jesus said, "**Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.**" Mathew 5:4.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

MONDAY MOVIE MATINEE featuring *Boys in the Boat* is April 29 at 2:00pm in Fowler Conference room. Popcorn and drinks provided. Invite a friend to join us!

DEACONS' MEAL MINISTRY provides meals for people in crisis/need and for families with newborns. Email jennifer6178@hotmail.com or helenbruner44@gmail.com to volunteer to prepare or deliver food.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

HIKE WITH OUR CHURCH in two weeks! SoulTrekks will be sponsoring an easy hike at Ijams April 21st at dusk for a spring sunset. All ages welcome! RSVP to Mark at mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org by April 19.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME! Charter bus trip to Braves vs. Cubs, May 13, for all ages, will leave SHPC at 2pm. Ticket and transportation approximately \$75 per person, dependent upon the number of travelers. Contact Brandon, bbajema@sequoyahchurch.org, **by April 17** if interested or for more information.

OUTREACH and MISSIONS

OLIVE TREE EARLY LEARNING ACADEMY has several volunteer opportunities in addition to helping with a student's transportation needs. Use the QR code or sequoyahchurch.org for more information.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Nursery/Childcare (Room 204); Extended Session (Room 220).

TRY ONE OF OUR ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: **Bible Discovery** (Acts), **Faith Gathering** (Acts), **Faith Practices** (guest speakers), **Adult Fellowship** (topical discussions), **Biblical Imagery** (discussions of varying images).

A NEW SHORT-TERM SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS in room 232. Mark Lampley will facilitate the 6-week class April 14 - May 19 for those not already in a class. We will use the new capital campaign Acts 15-16 Bible study.

BIBLE LESSONS from two of our Sunday School classes are recorded weekly. Biblical Images lessons, approximately 30 minutes, available at sequoyahchurch.org under Livestream, and the hour lectures from Bible Discovery emailed upon request to Mark at mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org.

RISING 6TH—12TH GRADE YOUTH: EXTREME VBS includes volunteering with the children at VBS, lunch, and a fun afternoon excursion each day, June 3-6. Email Brandon, Youth Director, bbajema@sequoyahchurch.org.

JOIN US FOR VBS JUNE 3-6. Register now by using the QR code or the church website, sequoyahchurch.org. Email Mary Emily, Children's Director, memorris@sequoyahchurch.org for more information.



REACH
reach. restore. connect.

This is an exciting time for our church with the launch of the REACH Campaign, a vision for updates and use of our building, and a singular missional effort in our city. Be sure to get a campaign book today. Reach!



See more at reach.sequoyahchurch.org or use the QR code.

Commitment Sunday, May 5.

