

We're glad you are here!
Please let us know that you
worshiped with us today by
using 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.

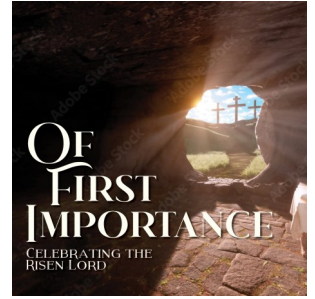
The Peace of Christ: "His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility." **Eph 2:15-16**

SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

May 11, 2025 | 11:00 A.M.

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INTROIT *Surely the Presence* Lanny Wolfe

WELCOME Rev. Ben Garriss

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: He is risen!

People: **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*HYMN #263 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!* CORONATION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Matt Reed

Lord of all creation, you have made for us a marvelous world to live in, and in your great love you generously grant us the privilege of sharing dominion over all the world with you. But we've forgotten to let you be God, we've made life all about us instead, and we fail to live with eternity in mind. Forgive us, and grant us clear minds to view our lives and our creation as gifts to be enjoyed in your presence, humbly walking in your ways, for the sake 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 *Siyahamba* arr. Donald Moore

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

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

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.

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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Matt Reed

OLD TESTAMENT Psalm 8

PEW BIBLE PAGE 492

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

You Are My All in All
Solmon Sharp, baritone

arr. Larry Shackley

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Corinthians 15:20-34

PEW BIBLE PAGE 176

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SERMON

Of First Importance: You Don't Know My God

Rev. Ben Garris

HYMN (seated)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

Spread the good news o'er all the earth: Jesus has died and has risen.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.

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 from *The Heidelberg Catechism* q45
[Because Christ is risen, what do we hold to be true?]

First, by Christ's resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he obtained for us by his death

Second, by his power we too are already raised to a new life.

Third, Christ's resurrection is a sure pledge to us of our blessed resurrection.

SENDING

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.*

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.

*HYMN #687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Hallelujah Chorus from Messiah

G.F. Handel

**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)
 - Bible Discovery (Room 318)
 - Faith Gathering (Room 320)
 - Adult Biblical Imagery (Room 317)
 - Adult Faith Practices (Room 322)
 - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 319)
 - Sojourners (Tree Top Coffee)
- 10:30 A.M. - Coffee Fellowship (Bell Tower)
 - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
- 11:00 A.M. - Worship Service (Sanctuary / Livestream)

Monday

- 12:00 P.M. - LIFE Group-Blackwell (Room 319)

Tuesday

- 9:30 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Loft)

Wednesday

- 9:20 A.M. - LIFE Group-Howell (Room 320)
- 9:30 A.M. - LIFE Group-Zeanah (off-site)
- 10:30 A.M. - Dotterweich Bible Study (Room 322)
- 4:00 P.M. - Knitters & Stitchers (Room 320)
- 4:30 P.M. - KidsPraise (room 118)
- 5:00 P.M. - LIFE Group-Gale (Room 319)
- 6:30 P.M. - KidsPraise Spring Service (Sanctuary)
- 7:00 P.M. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Room 116)

Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)
- 6:00 P.M. - Men's Third Thursday Gathering (off site)

Friday

- 7:00 A.M. - Men's LIFE Group (off-site)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES next Sunday morning are 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! Please use the QR code to learn more about our church. Contact Stephanie Daniel, tefdaniel@gmail.com, with questions.



REACH WEBSITE



CONSTRUCTION UPDATE: Thank you for your patience as we improve connection and accessibility throughout our building. For regular weekly updates use the QR code or reach.sequoyahchurch.org.

FOOTSTEPS OF PAUL PILGRIMAGE: Pastor Jay and Frances Howell are leading a pilgrimage trip to Greece and Turkey in June 2026. Registration is open today! Follow the QR code for more info. (Group Code 26013) Space is limited, so registration is limited at first to SHPC members and immediate family please.



WORSHIP

TODAY'S SANCTUARY FLOWERS are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Ashley Stamper from her sons, Riley (Analisa) and Jones (Julia).

KIDSPRAISE SPRING SERVICE is Wednesday, May 14, at 6:30pm in the Sanctuary.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS surround the family and friends of Genevieve Mack Wynegar, who died on May 2 in Nashville.

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS surround Mary Emily Morris and family on the death of her father, Fletcher Spence, on May 5. *Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted."* Matthew 5:4.

WANT TO BE MORE DISCIPLINED IN YOUR PRAYER LIFE? Our Prayer Committee has oversight of special prayer opportunities such as congregational Prayer Partner arrangements and praying for specific groups and individuals within our congregation and community. For more information, contact chair Jan Corbitt at corbittjan@gmail.com.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

THIRD THURSDAY MEN'S GATHERING is May 15 at 6pm at Aubrey's Restaurant located at 6005 Brookvale Lane. Please RSVP to Pastor Ben, bgarris@sequoyahchurch.org, for headcount.

OUTREACH and MISSIONS

INWARDLY STRONG, OUTWARDLY FOCUSED: Will you pray about where the Holy Spirit is leading you to serve at this stage in your life? Our Lord Jesus came to serve, not to be served (Matt. 20:28), so we encourage you to find one place you can serve well and in whatever capacity best suits you.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE: you could pray with UT students with Campus House of Prayer, rock babies at Olive Tree, or deliver food with FISH. These are just a few examples available.

OUR CURRENT PARTNERSHIP VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY is with the Knox CHOP Prayer Tent on the UT Pedestrian Walkway. Volunteers will complete cards with prayer requests from students, pray over the cards, and pray with students. Use the QR code to sign up for a 30-minute time slot.



CHRISTIAN FORMATION

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

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES, 9:45-10:45: **Bible Discovery** (1 Kings), **Faith Gathering** (Wisdom), **Faith Practices** (guest speakers), **Adult Fellowship** (Worry-free Parenting), **Biblical Imagery**, or **Sojourners** (Sunday Scripture).

JOIN US FOR VBS JUNE 2-5. Register now using the QR code. Email Mary Emily, memorris@sequoyahchurch.org, for more information.



JOIN ONE OF OUR THIRTEEN LIFE GROUPS. Three highlights include: co-ed lecture-based Scripture, verse by verse teaching including fellowship and prayer (Wed. 10:30am, hybrid); women's discussion group on Aging Faithfully: Holy Invitation of Growing Older (Wed. 5:00pm); and co-ed lecture-based teaching including prayer (Wed. 6:00pm, hybrid).

