**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**New Sunday School Class (August 13):** Today was our first Sunday school class for students in the scout hall. If you missed it this morning please join us next Sunday at 10:00 a.m.!

**Congregational Care Meeting (August 20):** The congregation is invited to our August fellowship luncheon on Sunday, 8/20 immediately after church in the fellowship hall. This will be a Pizza potluck meal. The church will provide pizza. If you would like to bring an item for the salad bar, a dessert or drinks, there is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, or you can text Ellen Sewell, (423) 220-9169. Please feel free to bring your family and friends!

**Food Collection:** Item for August – Peanut butter & jelly.

**Prayer Group:** Wednesdays, 10:00 a.m. All Welcome!

**Elder of the Month – Sarah Shults**

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Erwin Presbyterian Church

105 N. Elm Ave., Erwin, TN 37650

August 13, 2023, 11:00AM

**Prelude**   *Prelude on “Maitland”* arr. Edward Broughton

Ethan Thomas, organist

**Welcome and Announcements** The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**\*Passing of the Peace**

Leader: Jesus said, “My peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

**Introit**  *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* Green Hymnbook, #210

**Call to Worship: (Based on Psalm 2**) **Mary Beth Longcrier** Leader: The LORD has installed his King,  
**All: Let’s rejoice, Jesus is the King,**Leader: The nations are his inheritance and the ends of earth are his possession;  
**All: Let’s serve him with wisdom and fear.**Leader: Jesus is sitting on his throne and his sovereignty rules;  
**All: Let’s celebrate his rule. Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Red Hymnbook #84

**Call to Confession Mary Beth Longcrier**

Leader: In the presence of almighty God and before one another, let us confess our sins and the things that prevent us to surrender to God’s wisdom for our life.

**Prayer of Confession Mary Beth Longcrier**

**All: Heavenly Father, you call us to come and enjoy the rule of your Son, Jesus Christ. But we have rejected your call and rebelled against you and your son. We tried to control our life, manage our goals, and build our future by ourselves. We thought we could do things away from you and can depend on our selfish ways. We failed and are broken! We surrender to you and give you our whole life. O Lord, forgive our transgression and accept us in your kingdom. Guide us by your Holy Spirit. Amen.** (*Please take a moment of silent confession)*

**Assurance of Pardon Mary Beth Longcrier**

Leader: In Jesus, we are forgiven and blessed. Amen

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen**

**\*Gloria Patri**  Red Hymnbook, #546

**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**.

**Invitation to the Offering Mary Beth Longcrier**

Leader: God has provided for all we need and more. Let us return these gifts to God, so that we might provide for one another and all who are in need. Let us receive the morning offering.

**Offertory Music**

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*Red Hymnbook, #544

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Leader: Gracious God, this offering is what we have to give you this day. Be it time, talent or treasure, we lift these gifts to you. It is through you that all things are made new, and we ask that you renew our spirit to continue sharing our gifts with the least of us.

**All: Amen.**

**First Scripture Reading:** Proverbs 2: 1-9 (p.560)

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Anthem**  *The Church’s One Foundation*

**Prayer for Illumination** The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**Second Scripture Reading** Matthew 13:47-50 (p. 14) The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

**All: Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon** Series: Exploring the Kingdom

The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos 5 The Net: Last Judgment and Hope

**Declaration of Faith Mary Beth Longcrier**

Leader: Let’s confess our faith.

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Prayer of the People and the Lord’s Prayer** The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**Hymn** *Rejoice, the Lord is King* Red Hymnbook #140

**\*Benediction** The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

**Benediction Response God be with you ‘til we meet again.**

**By His counsels guide uphold you.**

**With His sheep securely fold you.**

**God be with you ‘til we meet again.**

**Postlude** *Festival Piece on “Ripley”* arr. Lani Smith

*\*Please stand, as you are able.*

*Offering plates are located at the entrance to the sanctuary*

**WELCOME VISITORS**- Welcome! If you are visiting please fill out one of the green visitor’s cards from the pew and place it in offering plate at the entrance of the church. We are glad you are here! Hope to see you again soon!