

Welcome to



# GENERATIONS



Standing on the Promises

July 5, 2026

# Traditional Worship

8:15 am Sanctuary

*\*Please stand or lift your heart*

## WELCOME

Dr. Dwight Dockery



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## OPENING PRAYER

### PRELUDE

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*  
arr. Rebecca R. Kramer  
Dr. Jenny Anderson, piano

### \*HYMN No. 529

*How Firm a Foundation*  
FOUNDATION

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

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### \*GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*Glory Be to the Father*  
MEINEKE

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.

### SCRIPTURE READING

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**SERMON**

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**ANTHEM**

*The Solid Rock*  
arr. Stan Pethel  
Morning Glory Chorus

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.  
On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When he will come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found!  
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne!  
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all other ground is sinking sand.  
All other ground is just sinking sand. My hope is built on nothing less.

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881**

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 Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he arose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth at 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 Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## **TIME OF PRAYER**

### **OFFERING MOMENT**

### **OFFERTORY**

*Blessed Assurance*  
arr. Terry D. Wilson

### **\*DOXOLOGY No. 94**      *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
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Confession & Pardon  
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The Lord's Prayer (see below)  
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Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
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    trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
    for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
    forever. Amen.

### **\*HYMN No. 374**

*Standing on the Promises*  
PROMISES

### **\*BENEDICTION**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*Suite in B-flat Major, Allemande, HWV 440*  
G.F. Handel

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### BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

Emerson Rose, acolyte  
Elliott Rose, acolyte

### PRELUDE

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arr. Gordon Young  
Dr. Jenny Anderson, organ

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### CENTERING HYMN No. 393

*Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
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## OFFERING MOMENT

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Our Rock and Our Salvation*  
arr. Sheldon Curry  
Chancel Choir

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power  
as we walk with God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
Crown thine ancient church's story; bring her bud to glorious flower  
when we walk with God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the facing of this hour  
if we walk with God, our Rock and our Salvation.

Lo! the hosts of evil 'round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!  
Still we walk with God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to work and praise  
as we walk with God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage for the living of these days,  
All-Sustaining God, our Rock and our Salvation.

Cure thy children's warring madness; bend our pride to thy control  
so we walk with God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul;  
show thy mercy, God, our Rock and our Salvation..

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage lest we miss thy kingdom's goal;  
hold us close, O God, our Rock and our Salvation.

Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
hide us safe in God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
Let the gift of thy salvation be our glory evermore  
as we soar with God, our Rock and our Salvation.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage serving thee whom we adore.  
Praise and glorify the Rock of our Salvation!  
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### **\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**     *Go Forth for God*  
Genevan Psalter, harm. C. Winfred Douglas

Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

**\*POSTLUDE**     *Recessional on "St. Anne"*  
arr. Gordon Young

# Contemporary Worship

10:30 am | Asbury Hall

## WELCOME MUSIC

The Band

*God So Loved*  
We the Kingdom

## WELCOME

Ralph Jeffers



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*Promise Keeper*  
Hope Darst

*Truth I'm Standing On*  
Leanna Crawford

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Rev. Don Jones

## OFFERING

*Firm Foundation (He Won't)*  
The Worship Initiative

## SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:25-38

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## CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

## CLOSING WORSHIP

*The Blessing*  
Elevation Worship

*I Believe*  
Bethel Music

## BENEDICTION

*The Church Offices will be closed July 6th  
in observance of*

# INDEPENDENCE DAY

1776 250



**Family Promise**  
of Blount County

## HOST WEEK

July 6<sup>th</sup> through July 10<sup>th</sup>




Interested in helping?  
Contact the Coordinator at:  
[1stchurch.org/family-promise](http://1stchurch.org/family-promise)




# REV. DON JONES

SHARES HIS RECOVERY JOURNEY  
JULY 8TH

DINNER 5:30 | WORSHIP 6:30 | SHARE GROUPS 7:40 [CRat1st.com](http://CRat1st.com)

THREE MORE TUESDAYS  
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
JULY 7, 14, 21

## SUMMER SERVICE & SURPRISES

- PACK AND DELIVER MEALS
- ENJOY A KID FRIENDLY MEAL
- TAKE PART IN A HANDS-ON ACTIVITY



FOR CHILDREN 2ND GRADE-5TH GRADE  
[1stchurch.org/summer-service](http://1stchurch.org/summer-service)

NEXT SUNDAY AT 8:15 & 10:30

## I'm Really Listening

1 Samuel 3:1-14

God speaks through every generation. When we humbly listen to one another, whether the truth comes as comfort or challenge, we make space to hear God's voice more clearly together.

## GENERATIONS



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