

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

The flowers in the narthex are given to the glory of God and in memory of Lynette Hale, and the flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of Phyllis Driver by Becky and Len Dwarshuis.

### Angel Tree Requested Items

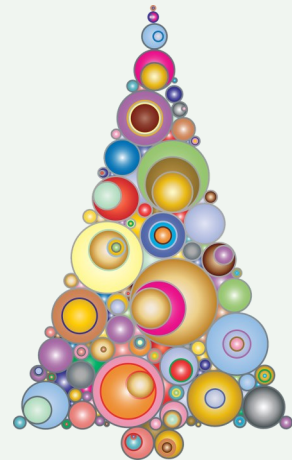
Look for specific items to buy on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall. Items should be unwrapped and placed in the boxes next to the Angel Tree. For more information, please contact the church office.

### Dogwood School—donations due December 3

We are accepting donations in amounts of \$10, \$25 and \$50, either online or by check with the designation “Dogwood School Angel Tree.” Please place donations in the offering plate or deliver them to the church office. Donations will be used to purchase gifts that will be assembled into goodie bags for the third grade students during the Advent Affair.

### Bridge Refugee Services—donations due December 6

- Sports balls - basketball, soccer; tennis sets, kickball, jump ropes, hula hoops
- Art sets
- Makeup/hair accessory products/perfume sets for older girls
- Bead and jewelry making sets
- Music toys
- Science/engineering sets - experiments or magnets, etc
- Toy cars
- Sidewalk chalk
- Legos
- Letter/shape matching toys/play mats
- Doll houses
- Lockable journals
- Puzzles
- Electronic books/games that help teach English vocabulary - shows the picture and teaches the word



### VMC—donations due December 6

(All clothing sizes are needed.)

- Sweatpants and shirts
- Pullovers with hoods
- Socks
- Underwear
- Sports bras
- Hats
- Gloves
- Assorted hygiene products
- Shampoo for various hair types
- Bodywash
- Body lotion
- Adult coloring books
- Coloring pencils

### WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. We have been part of the downtown Knoxville community since 1792. We embrace people from all walks of life and seek to share our spiritual journey with our community. We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today.

To learn more about us, please make a note on the Friendship Pad, sign up for our Thursday newsletter, or connect with us at [fpcknox.org](http://fpcknox.org), via the QR code to the right, or through social media.



Hearing enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available for use during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### OFFERING

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed, or you are invited to give securely online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate) or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone.



### STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Laura Harmon <i>Church Administrator</i>
The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Lauren Nunn <i>Director of Parent's Day Out / Childcare Coordinator</i>
Dr. Andy Morgan <i>Director of Family Faith Formation</i>	Sandra Robinson <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Mark Pace <i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>	Victor Lenoir <i>Custodian</i>
Mary Wilson <i>Adult Ministry Coordinator</i>	Paul Seguna <i>Sound Engineer</i>
Katie Norrell <i>Director of Communications</i>	Max Pittenger <i>Crucifer</i>
Jane Holland <i>Director of Finance/Facilities</i>	Sam Buchanan <i>Bible Bearer</i>

### WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
Tune: Italian Hymn  
*Sing Glory to the Name of God*  
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
*Keep Your Lamps*  
*Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers*  
Tune: Llangloffan

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*  
Tune: Toulon

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### FOR OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPPERS

All children are welcome in worship at FPC. Children, Kindergarten through 2nd Grade, are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Children's Area (2nd floor) after Special Time with Young Disciples. Worship Bags are available at each entrance to the sanctuary. A nursery is available for children, in preschool and younger, in the Nursery rooms (2nd floor).



*First Presbyterian Church*  
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**NOVEMBER 12, 2023**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Cantabile on* John Behnke  
*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Answer me when I call, O God of my life!  
**Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer.**  
As a deer longs for flowing streams,  
**so my soul longs for you, O God.**  
My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.  
**Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,**  
**be gracious to me and answer me!**  
“Come,” my heart says, “seek God’s face!”  
**Your face, O Lord, do we seek.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Come, Thou Almighty King* 2

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and merciful God,**  
**in your presence we confess**  
**our sinfulness, our shortcomings,**  
**and our offenses against you.**  
**You alone know how often we have sinned**  
**in wandering from your ways,**  
**in wasting your gifts,**  
**in forgetting your love.**  
**Have mercy on us, O Lord,**  
**for we are ashamed and sorry**  
**for all we have done to displease you.**  
**Forgive our sins,**  
**and help us to live in your light,**  
**and walk in your ways,**  
**for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior...**  
*(a moment for silent confession)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Sing Glory to the Name of God (vs 1)* 10  
*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia,*  
*alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory*  
*saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Sing Glory to the Name of God (vs 4)* 10  
*May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia,*  
*alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One:*  
*Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 78:1-7 Phyllis Driver  
<sup>1</sup> Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words  
of my mouth. <sup>2</sup> I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark  
sayings from of old, <sup>3</sup> things that we have heard and known, that our  
ancestors have told us. <sup>4</sup> We will not hide them from their children; we  
will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his  
might, and the wonders that he has done. <sup>5</sup> He established a decree in  
Jacob, and appointed a law in Israel, which he commanded our ancestors  
to teach to their children; <sup>6</sup> that the next generation might know them,  
the children yet unborn, and rise up and tell them to their children, <sup>7</sup> so  
that they should set their hope in God, and not forget the works of  
God, but keep his commandments.

**ANTHEM** *Keep Your Lamps* Andre Thomas  
*Keep your lamps trimmed and burning, the time is drawing nigh.*  
*Children don't get weary till your work is done.*  
*Christian, journey soon be over, the time is nigh.*

**SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Dr. Andy Morgan

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 25:1-13  
<sup>1</sup> “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took  
their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup> Five of them were  
foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup> When the foolish took their lamps, they  
took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup> but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps.  
<sup>5</sup> As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept.  
<sup>6</sup> But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom!  
Come out to meet him.’ <sup>7</sup> Then all those bridesmaids got up and  
trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup> The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of  
your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ <sup>9</sup> But the wise replied, ‘No! there  
will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers  
and buy some for yourselves.’ <sup>10</sup> And while they went to buy it, the  
bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the  
wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup> Later the other bridesmaids  
came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ <sup>12</sup> But he replied, ‘Truly I tell  
you, I do not know you.’ <sup>13</sup> Keep awake therefore, for you know neither  
the day nor the hour.

**SERMON** “All-Nighter” Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Rejoice! Rejoice, Believers* 362

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis  
**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.**

### RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *My Lord What a Morning* Thom Pavlechko  
*My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.*  
*You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,*  
*Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*  
*You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,*  
*Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*  
*You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,*  
*Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Old Hundredth*  
**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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* 624

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**POSTLUDE** *Every Morning is Completely Fresh and New* Jürg Brunner  
*\*Please stand if you are able.*