

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

On Wednesday, November 30th, we will be celebrating the **Hanging of the Greens**. We will begin the evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by decorating the church for Advent, including the Chrismon Tree, in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This is an intergenerational event that will include music, stories, and fun!

The Knoxville Christmas Parade is Friday, December 2nd. The Small and Mighty Youth Group will be meeting in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. to have dinner and watch the parade. Please contact Diana Curtis at diana.curtis11@gmail.com for more details.

First Presbyterian has reserved a block of seats to see **"Behold the Lamb of God"** at Tennessee Theater for \$25 / ticket on Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:00pm. There are only 40 seats available, so please reserve today by calling the church office and either paying online in the "Activities/Fellowship Payments" category or by leaving a memo in your check that says "Behold the Lamb of God." There will be some financial assistance available for those who have a need. Please let the church office know if this is the case.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE

Steve Skinner, United States Navy
Sandra Robinson, United States Navy
Joe Googe, United States Navy
Charles Payne, United States Navy
Gordon Googe, United States Navy
Bill Myers, United States Navy
Gaines S. Pittenger, United States Marine Corps
Lanny Payne, United States Marine Corps Reserve
William Wilson, III, United States Marine Corps
Victor Lenoir, United States Air Force
Bill Morrow, United States Air Force
Baxter Ragsdale, United States Air Force
Gary Chambers, United States Air Force
Bob Samples, United States Air Force
Bret Buchanan, United States Air National Guard
Paul Trentham, United States Air National Guard
Steve Fox, United States Army National Guard
Pat Armstrong, United States Army
Earl Hagler, United States Army
Craig Wrisberg, United States Army
Leonard Dwarshuis, United States Army
Wallace McClure, United States Army

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, via the QR code to the right, or through social media.



Hearing enhancement devices 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 give securely online at 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>	Lauren Nunn <i>Director of Parent's Day Out / Childcare Coordinator</i>
The Rev. Meredith Loftis <i>Associate Pastor</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>	Charlie Smith <i>Crucifer</i>
Jane Holland <i>Director of Finance/Facilities</i>	Laura Smith <i>Bible Bearer</i>
Laura Harmon <i>Church Administrator</i>	

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-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 13, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

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620 State Street
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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Aria* Johann S. Bach

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to worship God in many ways.

We come singing, dancing, and shouting for joy.

We come grieving, mourning, and crying for loss.

We come asking, praying, and seeking peace.

We come to worship as we are,
knowing that God will meet us here.

Come, Holy Spirit, and fill this space.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *When Morning Guilds the Skies* 667

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we know that Jesus came to seek the least, the lonely, the last, and the lost. But too often we resent your mercy; we grumble about Jesus' invitation to those who are not like us. Help us, O God, to remember that even we are lost sinners to whom you have extended your grace as well. Forgive us when we fail to recognize how your love changes lives and your gospel message turns the world upside down. Enable us to know your truth and live in the light of your surprising presence and your amazing grace...
(a moment for silent confession)

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* 581

**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 OF THE PEACE

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalms 119:137-144* Bill Morrow

You are righteous, O Lord, and your judgments are right. ¹³⁸You have appointed your decrees in righteousness and in all faithfulness. ¹³⁹My zeal consumes me because my foes forget your words. ¹⁴⁰Your

promise is well tried, and your servant loves it. ¹⁴¹I am small and despised, yet I do not forget your precepts. ¹⁴²Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, and your law is the truth. ¹⁴³Trouble and anguish have come upon me, but your commandments are my delight. ¹⁴⁴Your decrees are righteous forever; give me understanding that I may live.

ANTHEM *Borning Cry* Ylvisaker/Larson

"I was there to hear your borning cry, I'll be there when you are old. I rejoiced the day you were baptized, to see your life unfold. I was there when you were but a child, with a faith to suit you well; In a blaze of light you wandered off to find where demons dwell."

"When you heard the wonder of the Word, I was there to cheer you on; You were raised to praise the living Lord, to whom you now belong. If you find someone to share your time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to make your verses rhyme from dusk 'till rising sun."

"In the middle ages of your life, not too old, no longer young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, complete what I've begun. When the evening gently closes in, and you shut your weary eyes, I'll be there as I have always been with just one more surprise."

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Madeleine Sue Pitt

Daughter of Sandra and Matt Pitt
and

Miller Grace Wilson
Daughter of John and Anna Wilson
Granddaughters of Mary Wilson

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 19:1-10*

He entered Jericho and was passing through it. ²A man was there named Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was rich. ³He was trying to see who Jesus was, but on account of the crowd he could not, because he was short in stature. ⁴So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see him, because he was going to pass that way. ⁵When Jesus came to the place, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, hurry and come down; for I must stay at your house today." ⁶So he hurried down and was happy to welcome him. ⁷All who saw it began to grumble and said, "He has gone to be the guest of one who is a sinner." ⁸Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, "Look, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor; and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will pay back four times as much." ⁹Then Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because he too is a son of Abraham. ¹⁰For the Son of Man came to seek out and to save the lost."

SERMON "A Little Short" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Will You Come and Follow Me* 726
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *In Paradisum* Fauré/Dupré
One License #113682

***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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* 547
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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Little Fugue in G Minor* Johann S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

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Next Sunday is the last of **Pastor Meredith's 3-part series on lament**. Join us during the 8:45 a.m. service in the chapel.

There will be no **Worshipful Wednesday** on November 23rd.

The office will be closed November 24 and 25th in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have an emergency during this time, please reach out to one of the pastors directly.

The Advent Devotional comes out on November 27th. Be sure to check your email daily to read the devotionals that your fellow parishioners have written.