

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Presbytery-wide Bible study "Studies in Genesis" started January 8th. The Bible study is both in-person at area churches and on Zoom and takes place at the following dates below on Sundays from 3 - 4:30 pm. Led by Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff.

Live in-person teaching schedule:

January 22 - Northminster Presbyterian (Chattanooga)

January 29 - First Presbyterian (Lenoir City)

February 5 - Mars Hill Presbyterian (Athens)

February 12 - Farragut Presbyterian (Knoxville)

The Genesis Bible Study is also available on the Presbytery's Zoom site in Meeting Room "A" and can be entered by going to www.presbyteryeasttn.org/Zoom. The page password is: prepass. Once you're in the Presbytery meeting room area, click to enter Meeting Room A. Please join us for this wonderful study!

"What's Your Story" series begins February 1st. This is a great way to get to know other FPC members and hear stories about their lives and their faith. This series will meet for three weeks starting February 1st.

The **Discipleship Sunday school class** will continue to study the book of Mark using the commentary by N.T. Wright. Newcomers are welcome. This class is for adults of all ages and meets in the Courtyard A on the same level as the Fellowship Hall on the second floor. You can contact Judy Cagle for more info at barlach4227@yahoo.com.

Foundation Builders will be studying *The History of Christianity: From the Disciples to the Dawn of the Reformation*. This should be a very interesting study, and it is not like any study we have undertaken in the past. Each lesson is 30 minutes in length, and we will follow the DVD with discussion. Please join us in Heritage Classroom B on Sunday at 10:00 am and bring a friend. This class meets in Heritage Classroom B on the third floor and is led by Ginny and Bill Morrow. You can contact the Morrrows for more info at twomorrow@bellsouth.net.

The Carrick class will be studying Ecclesiastes in February and meets in the Carrick Class Room on the third floor and is led by Debbie Christiansen and Debbie Jones. You can contact Debbie Jones for more info at fff1954@comcast.net.

The Embarked Sunday school class will spend the next few months exploring spiritual practices. We are continuing using the Sparkhouse Ignite video series to facilitate our discussion. Join us for good fellowship and conversation! Class begins at 10:00 am in the James Park room on the second floor. Email Preston Smith at prestonsmith07@gmail.com or Diana Curtis at diana.curtis11@gmail.com for more info.

PET Youth Summit at Camp Holston is Feb. 17-20th. Registration Fees are tiered: \$200, \$250, \$300. Scholarships are available upon request. Email youthcommittee@presbyteryeasttn.org for more information.

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.



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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

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANAY
JANUARY 22, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini* Rachmaninoff/Burton
Mark Pace, Harp Julie Belanger Roy, Violin

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says, "I am the Way for you."

And so we come to follow Christ.

Jesus says, "I am the Truth for you."

And so we come to dwell in the light.

Jesus says, "I am the Life for you."

And so we come,

leaving behind all else to which we cling.

***OPENING HYMN** *Here In This Place*

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*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Forgive us, O God of all the earth, that we too often content ourselves with words and do little to flesh out those words with deeds. We call Christ "Lord," but do not let his love rule our lives. We call him "Light," but abide in darkness. We say he is the "Way," but do not follow him. Do not hold our doubts against us and be patient with our failures, O Lord. Have mercy upon us and forgive us as we turn to you for pardon and healing, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory to God* 583

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Alleluia!* 587

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE *Psalm 27:1, 4-9* Bill Myers

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? ⁴ One thing I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the

LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in his temple. ⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. ⁶ Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. ⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! ⁸ "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. ⁹ Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

ANTHEM *Go Into the World* Hal H. Hopson
Julie Belanger Roy, Violin

Go into the world, go with eyes wide open to the light of Christ. Go into the world, go with hands wide open to serve those you meet. Go with ears wide open to the Spirit. Go into the world, go with hearts wide open to the love of Christ. Go into the world, go with Christlike mercy, be led to the cross of Christ. Go into the world, and live each day rejoicing: sing praise for evermore. God be praised. Amen

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Matthew 4:12-23*

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³ He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: ¹⁵ "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— ¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." ¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." ¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. ²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

SERMON "Time To Go" 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 LORD'S PRAYER Rev. 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 *How Lovely are the Messengers* Felix Mendelssohn
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace. To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

***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** *Adapted from the Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Take My Life* (vv. 1, 2, 3 & 6) 697

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Fugue in C Major, BWV 547* Johann S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*