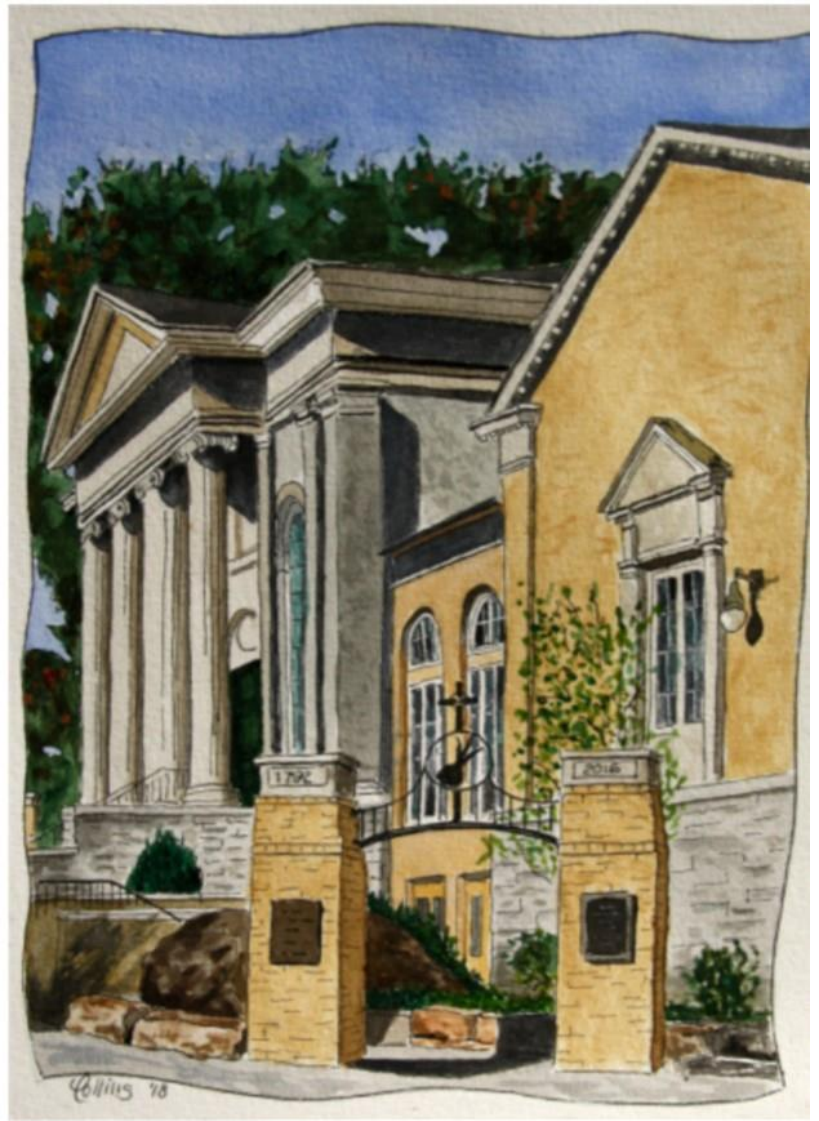




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- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*



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FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE 

**LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

Mr. Alex McGavic, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

J.P. Pennoyer, Crucifer

Parson Campen, Bible Bearer

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY**  
**FEBRUARY 20, 2022**  
✧ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✧

**PRELUDE**

*On Wings of Song*  
Mark Pace, harp, and Julie Belanger-Roy, viola

Felix Mendelssohn

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus says, "If any want to become my followers,  
let them deny themselves,  
take up the cross and follow me."

**People: "Lord, to whom else can we go?  
You alone have the words of eternal life."**

Leader: "If any have ears, let them hear."

**All: Speak, Lord, for your servants are listening.**

**† OPENING HYMN 4**

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

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| 1. Holy God, we praise your name;<br>Lord of all, we bow before you.<br>All on earth your scepter claim;<br>All in heaven above adore you.<br>Infinite your vast domain,<br>Everlasting is your reign. | 3. All apostles join the strain<br>As your sacred name they hallow;<br>Prophets swell the glad refrain,<br>And the blessed martyrs follow,<br>And from morn to set of sun,<br>Through the church the song goes on. |
| 2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn<br>Angel choirs above are raising;<br>Cherubim and seraphim,<br>In unceasing chorus praising,<br>Fill the heavens with sweet accord:<br>"Holy, holy, holy Lord!"      | 4. Holy Father, Holy Son,<br>Holy Spirit: three we name you,<br>While in essence only one;<br>Undivided God we claim you,<br>And adoring, bend the knee<br>While we own the mystery.                               |

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God, you have called us to be your people  
and claimed us for the service of Jesus Christ.**

**But we have not lived up to our calling.**

**We have been timid and frightened disciples;  
we forget the power of your presence  
and the strength of your Spirit among us.**

**O God, forgive us.**

**As you have chosen and claimed us in our baptism,  
strengthen us again**

**to choose Christ's way in this world.**

**Give us your Holy Spirit that each of us  
may have all the gifts of grace  
to fulfill our common calling;**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior... (a moment for silent confession)**

**† ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 583

*Glory to God*

Gloria

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

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 587

*Alleluia!*

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## ✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:23-24

Jean Mayer

Whatever your task, put yourselves into it, as done for the Lord and not for your masters, <sup>24</sup> since you know that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward; you serve the Lord Christ.

ANTHEM

*Creator of Beauty and Giver of Light*

Mark Schweizer

*Creator of beauty and giver of light, Who set the stars shining in dark sacred night; We offer our music with hearts full of praise, With joyful thanksgiving for all of our days. In pastures of heaven, where green valley's sing, And high mountains echo, each prayer to our King; May this song, a gift forever be found, Now offered with grace, and eternity bound. The journey of each soul remains in your care, Your guidance and faithfulness, always you share; Your spirit, within us, each strength that you send, Returned to your glory, a world without end.*

WELCOMING OF CONFIRMANDS

QUESTIONS TO CONFIRMANDS AND CONGREGATION

PRAYER FOR CONFIRMANDS

**O God, you have taught us that the journey of faith is a journey through life, and that we are all pilgrims making our way. Today we welcome these newest travelers and ask your blessing on them and on us as we walk together. We follow the same path, but in each generation and for each seeker the road seems different. We celebrate their faith and their questions, and ask that together, we might seek your calling and do the work of your kingdom in this time and place. Guide us on our way, O God, for we pray all this in the name of Jesus Christ, Amen.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10 (see insert)

SERMON

“Get a Life”

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## ✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 691

*Lord, When I Came into This Life*

*Land of Rest*

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| 1. Lord, when I came into this life<br>You called me by my name;<br>Today I come, commit myself,<br>Responding to your claim.     | 3. In all the tensions of my life,<br>Between my faith and doubt,<br>Let your great Spirit give me hope,<br>Sustain me, lead me out. |
| 2. Within the circle of the faith,<br>As member of your cast,<br>I take my place with all the saints<br>Of future, present, past. | 4. So help me in my unbelief<br>And let my life be true:<br>Feet firmly planted on the earth,<br>My sights set high on you.          |

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

You may place your offering in the offering plates on the side aisles or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*The Swan*

Camille Saint-Saëns

Mark Pace, harp, and Julie Belanger-Roy, viola

## † DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *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.

## † SENDING HYMN 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

*The Servant Song*

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| 1. Will you let me be your servant,<br>Let me be as Christ to you?<br>Pray that I may have the grace<br>To let you be my servant too.             | 4. I will weep when you are weeping;<br>When you laugh I'll laugh with you.<br>I will share your joy and sorrow<br>Till we've seen this journey through. |
| 2. We are pilgrims on a journey;<br>We're together on the road.<br>We are here to help each other<br>Walk the mile and bear the load.             | 5. When we sing to God in heaven,<br>We shall find such harmony,<br>Born of all we've known together<br>Of Christ's love and agony.                      |
| 3. I will hold the Christ-light for you<br>In the nighttime of your fear.<br>I will hold my hand out to you,<br>Speak the peace you long to hear. | 6. Will you let me be your servant,<br>Let me be as Christ to you?<br>Pray that I may have the grace<br>To let you be my servant too.                    |

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Prelude in C Major, BWV 547*

Johann S. Bach

† - Please stand if you are able.

## WORSHIP FOR FEBRUARY 20, 2022

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

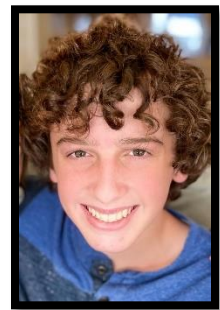
Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, <sup>5</sup>“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.” <sup>6</sup>Then I said, “Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.” <sup>7</sup>But the LORD said to me, “Do not say, ‘I am only a boy’; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. <sup>8</sup>Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.” <sup>9</sup>Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, “Now I have put my words in your mouth. <sup>10</sup>See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.”

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## 2022 CONFIRMATION CLASS

**Henry Barton**, 17, is in 11th grade at the Webb School. He enjoys traveling, reading, rock climbing and playing video games. Henry is currently working on his Eagle project for Scouts, and he plays the trombone in the school band.



**Mary Virginia Bohner** is a 14-year-old 8<sup>th</sup> Grader at Bearden Middle School. She was born in Florida and baptized as an infant at Community Presbyterian Church in Celebration, Florida. In her spare time, she loves to dance. She is a senior member of GO! Contemporary Arts Dance Company and Captain of the Bearden Middle School Dance Team. Some of her favorite memories at First Presbyterian Church have been made at Worshipful Wednesdays.



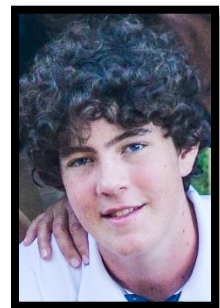
**Jack Bryan** is a 14-year-old freshman at L&N STEM Academy. He plays baritone in the concert band. In his free time, Jack enjoys reading and playing video games.



**Christian Candino** is a 15-year-old sophomore at South Doyle High School. He has been attending First Presbyterian Church since he was 4 months old! What he likes about going to First Presbyterian is the accepting atmosphere and strong feelings of family and community.



**Harris Eddins** is a soon to be 16-year-old freshman at West High School. His passion is baseball. Duke, a rescue mutt, is one of his cherished family members. Church is a big part of Harris' life, and his goal is to have read through the Bible before he goes to college.





**Bikyeombe “BK” Kisubi** was born in Tanzania, Africa. BK has been a part of our congregation for over 7 years. He is a freshman at West High School and spends most of his free time training and playing soccer.

**Jerry Philip “JP” Pennoyer** is a life-long member of FPC. He is a sophomore at Concord Christian School and has recently joined the wrestling team. He loves tinkering with all things mechanical, especially old cars.



**Max Pittenger** is a fun-loving, compassionate 8th grader at Berean Christian School where he plays basketball and participates in the STEAM club. Some of his favorite things are: UT basketball, animals, Minecraft, baking, and creating art. He loves attending FPC and appreciates the teachers and mentors he has had over the last 14 years.

**Jack Riordan** is a junior at Knoxville Central High School and has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since birth. He is an outfielder and a pitcher on the Central Baseball team and is also very active in the Central High School chapter of Young Life. Jack has attended Young Life camp in Sharptop Cove, GA and Carolina Point, NC and has even volunteered on Young Life work crew serving other students in attendance. He works at Ham’n Goodys downtown on Gay Street on Saturdays in his spare time.



**Nick Riordan** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Gresham Middle School. He’s a member of the Gresham Varsity Basketball team, the Gresham Varsity Baseball team, and is on the Tennessee Nationals 14U Travel Baseball team. Nick has been a member of First Presbyterian Church since birth and was baptized here in 2008.

**Charles Henry Smith** is a 15-year-old freshman at Bearden High School. He is currently training for the football team at Bearden High School and plays baseball with Farragut Baseball Inc League. Charlie enjoys hanging out with friends, anything involving youth at church, and being active.



**Alex Wilcox** is a 19-year-old graduate of Hardin Valley Academy. He is in the process of enlisting with the Tennessee Air National Guard. He enjoys hanging out with friends and going on vacations with his family.



**Ethan Paul Wilcox** is a 19-year-old graduate of Hardin Valley Academy. He currently is enrolled in Pellissippi State Community College. When he isn’t working or in class, he enjoys video games, watching movies, and reading Japanese Manga.

