



First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE 

YOUTH SUNDAY

“For Christ in the Heart of Knoxville,” the First Presbyterian Church seeks

- *to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*

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

Christian Candino, Crucifer

Eleanor Efurd, Bible Bearer

Turnip Greens: Chris McAdoo, Don Cassell, Diana Curtis, Daniel Curtis, Anne Eddins, and Max Pittenger

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT/YOUTH SUNDAY
MARCH 27, 2022
✧ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✧

- CALL TO SILENCE** Laura Smith
- PRELUDE** *Jehovah Jireh* Turnip Greens
- WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION** Harris Eddins
- † CALL TO WORSHIP** Harper McAdoo and Max Pittenger
- One: My soul finds rest in God;
Many: **My hope comes from Him,**
One: Truly God is my rock and my salvation;
Many: **He is my fortress, I will not be shaken,**
One: My salvation and my honor depend on God;
Many: **He is my mighty rock, my refuge.**
One: Trust in Him at all times, you people;
ALL: **Pour out your hearts to Him, for God is our refuge**
- † OPENING HYMN** 100 *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* (see insert) Star of the County Down
- CALL TO CONFESSION** Charlie Smith
- † PRAYER OF CONFESSION** Parson Campen
- Loving and merciful God, we confess and acknowledge to you that you have always loved us and never wavered in doing so, but we have not loved you. You who are eternal, infinite, immeasurable. You, O God are one and yet distinct in three persons: the Father, the Son, and Holy Ghost. We fall short because we seek to rule ourselves and deny you are our Lord. We turn to you and ask for Your forgiveness and acknowledge that we have been created to be ruled and guided by Your inscrutable providence. We are thankful for Your eternal wisdom and goodness. Through Christ our Lord... *(a moment for silent confession)*
- † ASSURANCE OF PARDON** Maddie Pitt
- † MUSICAL RESPONSE** 581 *Glory Be to the Father* Gloria Patri
- 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** Daniel Curtis
- † MUSICAL RESPONSE** 840 *When Peace Like a River* (verse 1) Vile Du Havre
- When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

✠ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✠

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 41:1-10 (*see insert*)

MacKenna Cook

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Christian Candino and Bikyeombe Kisubi

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Proverbs 3:5-8

Harry Pennoyer

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight. ⁶ In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. ⁷ Do not be wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. ⁸ It will be a healing for your flesh and a refreshment for your body.

SERMONS

Harry Pennoyer, Ethan Payne, Abby Bible, Anne Eddins, Harrison Candino

✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

Eleanor Efurd

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.

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 625

O Lord My God

How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]
3. And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]
4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

JP Pennoyer

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

Katherine Buchanan

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at www.fpcknox.org/donate.

OFFERTORY

Roll that Rock Anne Eddins, Chris McAdoo, and Don Cassell

† DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *Old Hundredth*

Katherine Buchanan

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.

† SENDING HYMN 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

1. Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love!
2. Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart; O take and seal it;
Seal it for thy courts above.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Abby Bible

POSTLUDE

Jehonah Jireh

Turnip Greens

† - Please stand if you are able.



The Officer Nominating Committee requests prayers as they select nominees for the 2025 Class of elders and deacons. If you have a willingness to be considered or would like to recommend someone for either office, please contact any committee member or email Melanie Payne at mpayne@kcc.com. Committee Members include Melanie Payne, Brandon Spurlock, Jim Brown, John Whaley, Joanna Pennoyer, Sue Wrisberg and Virginia Stormer.

WORSHIP FOR MARCH 27, 2022

† OPENING HYMN 100

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

Star of the County Down

1. My soul cries out with a joyful shout
That the God of my heart is great,
And my spirit sings of the wondrous things,
That you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
And my weakness you did not spurn,
So from east to west shall my name be blest.
Could the world be about to turn?

3. From the halls of power to the fortress tower,
Not a stone will be left on stone.
Let the king beware for your justice tears
Every tyrant from his throne.
The hungry poor shall weep no more,
For the food they can never earn;
There are tables spread; every mouth be fed,
For the world is about to turn. [Refrain]

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
And the world is about to turn.

2. Though I am small, my God, my all,
You work great things in me,
And your mercy will last from the depths of the past
To the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
And to those who would for you yearn,
You will show your might, put the strong to flight,
For the world is about to turn. [Refrain]

4. Though the nations rage from age to age,
We remember who holds us fast:
God's mercy must deliver us
From the conqueror's crushing grasp.
This saving word that our forebears heard
Is the promise which holds us bound,
Till the spear and rod can be crushed by God,
Who is turning the world around. [Refrain]

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 41:1-10

MacKenna Cook

Listen to me in silence, O coastlands; let the peoples renew their strength; let them approach, then let them speak; let us together draw near for judgment. ²Who has roused a victor from the east, summoned him to his service? He delivers up nations to him, and tramples kings under foot; he makes them like dust with his sword, like driven stubble with his bow. ³He pursues them and passes on safely, scarcely touching the path with his feet. ⁴Who has performed and done this, calling the generations from the beginning? I, the LORD, am first, and will be with the last. ⁵The coastlands have seen and are afraid, the ends of the earth tremble; they have drawn near and come. ⁶Each one helps the other, saying to one another, "Take courage!" ⁷The artisan encourages the goldsmith, and the one who smooths with the hammer encourages the one who strikes the anvil, saying of the soldering, "It is good"; and they fasten it with nails so that it cannot be moved. ⁸But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the offspring of Abraham, my friend; ⁹you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, "You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off"; ¹⁰do not fear, for I am with you, do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my victorious right hand.



EMERGENCY REPOSE TO UKRAINE WAR

As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people being displaced internally and fleeing to neighboring countries increases by the day. Our first priority is to provide funding to these partners on the ground. While the scale of this crisis is new, receiving refugees from Ukraine and other countries in Central and Eastern Europe is not, which means we have trusted, established partners with the knowledge and expertise to carry out this important work. Our response will include both financial and technical assistance as the network of faith communities providing humanitarian assistance grows in the months ahead.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, choose one of the following giving options:

- Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, designate gifts for “PDA-Ukraine” in the memo line, and place in the offering plate.
- Give online at <https://www.fpcknox.org/giving> (designate PDA-Ukraine).
- To give directly to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund, use the code DR000156.
- Text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate.
- Call Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at (800) 872-3283.



ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY:

May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly. May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy. May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace. -Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance



Much as Spring bursts forth with the beauty of nature's renewal, we celebrate Christ's resurrection this Easter. If you would like to make a floral donation in memory or honor of a loved one, a dedication gift of \$20.00 per name is suggested. Please indicate if your gift request is a memorial or an honorarium gift, the name of the recipient, and how you would like the "given by" to be printed. **The deadline for your gift(s) inclusion in the insert is April 11th by NOON.**

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