

***POSTLUDE** Mov. 1 from *Concerto in G Major, BWV 592* J. S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

We welcome Rev. Dr. James McTyre as our guest speaker. Rev. McTyre is currently serving as Transitional General Presbyter and as Stated Clerk of the presbytery. Before this, he served as a pastor, an associate pastor, and a computer software engineer.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in joyful celebration of the eightieth birthday of Gaines S. Pittenger by Kate Pittenger Griffin, Loucinda Pittenger Haselden, and Gaines H. Pittenger.

Worship Note: The prayer of confession comes from churchofscotland.org.uk.

The 2023 Spring Softball Season is here! Wear your purple and support our co-ed softball team, the Fightin' Turnips on Monday evenings. All games are played at Caswell Park; fields are located at 620 Winona St, Knoxville, TN 37917.

- Game 5, May 1st - 7 pm
- Game 6, May 8th - 6 pm
- Game 7, May 15th - 7 pm
- Game 8, May 22nd - 7 pm

If you would like to join the Turnips or have some questions, please get in touch with Preston Smith at prestonsmith07@gmail.com.

We can't wait to celebrate Senior Sunday at First Presbyterian! We will recognize all graduates from high school, college and graduate school on Sunday, May 14th during the 11:00 service. Please submit a brief biography of your graduate (school graduating from, future plans, etc.) and a headshot for a bulletin insert and e-newsletter by May 3rd to laura@fpcknox.org. Please have your graduate attend worship that day if possible and receive a special gift from the church.

Please join us for the annual Presbyterian Women May Dinner on Tuesday, May 9th at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We look forward to celebrating another year of PW by presenting Life Memberships, a necrology honoring members who have passed, and our final Bible study lesson of the year. The dinner is \$15 per attendee. Your payment serves as your RSVP and is due by May 1st. Payments may be made on the Church Website with the memo "PW May Dinner" or by check, given to the church office or Phyllis Driver.

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 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 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
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis
Associate Pastor

Mark Pace
Organist/Choirmaster

Mary Wilson
Adult Ministry Coordinator

Katie Norrell
Director of Communications

Jane Holland
Director of Finance/Facilities

Laura Harmon
Church Administrator

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Childcare Coordinator

Sandra Robinson
Administrative Assistant

Victor Lenoir
Custodian

Paul Seguna
Sound Engineer

J.P. Pennoyer
Crucifer

Parson Campen
Bible Bearer

Craig Wrisberg
Liturgist

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

Festive Trumpet Tune
Alleluia
Come, Ye People

One License #94393
One License #91445
One License #50-2526

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 30, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE	<i>Sheep May Safely Graze</i>	Bach/Burton
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Craig Wrisberg
*CALL TO WORSHIP		
	Christ, who is our Good Shepherd: Guide us away from danger.	
	Christ, who is our Unity: Guide us toward each other.	
	Christ who is our Teacher: Guide us in worship to love. Let us worship God!	
*OPENING HYMN	<i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	321
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION		
	Love Incarnate, Creator of the bluebells and larks Sustainer of the stars and galaxies Redeemer of everything that has life and breath, we confess that we are far from perfect and we lack the subtle word of encouragement, the vision to be the solution to hurt. We speak too much and rarely listen as we ought. We move when we should be still and we come before You today without focus.	
	We lay our lives into the palm of Your hand, You, who holds us, carries us and pushes us when we need it.	
	Forgive us through the hands which reached out for His mother from the manger. Forgive us through the hands once stretched out on the cross. Forgive us through the hands held out for Thomas to touch.	
	Receive the confessions of our hearts In this time of silence... <i>(a moment for silent confession)</i>	
*ASSURANCE OF PARDON		
*MUSICAL RESPONSE	<i>Alleluia</i>	586
	Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (2x)	

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*MUSICAL RESPONSE	<i>Thine Is the Glory (v. 2)</i>	238
	Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom. Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.	

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 23	Gary Anderson
	The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want. ² He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; ³ he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake. ⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me. ⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. ⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.	
ANTHEM	<i>Little Lamb</i>	George Whitefield Chadwick
	<i>Little Lamb who made thee. Dost thou know who made thee. Gave thee life & bid thee feed. By the stream & o'er the mead; Gave thee clothing of delight, softest clothing wooly bright; Gave thee such a tender voice, making all the vales rejoice! Little Lamb who made thee dost thou know who made thee. Little Lamb I'll tell thee, Little Lamb I'll tell thee! He is called by thy name, for he calls himself a Lamb: he is meek & he is mild, he became a little child: I a child & thou a lamb, we are called by his name. Little Lamb God bless thee. Little Lamb God bless thee.</i>	

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES		Mark and Tracy Pace
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON	Acts 2:42-47	
	They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All who believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵ they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.	

SERMON	"First Place In the First Place "	Rev. Dr. James McTyre
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THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE	<i>Great Is Thy Faithfulness</i>	39
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER	Craig Wrisberg	
	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	<i>Come Ye People, Rise and Sing</i>	Kenneth Dake
	<i>Come, ye people, rise and sing praise to God, who made you, and to heaven's eternal King bring the prayers He bade you. Bring your praise for mercies past, all His love confessing, and in life, while life shall last, ask your Father's blessing. Praise we God the only Son who in mercy sought us; born to save a world undone, out of death he brought us; here awhile he showed his love, suffered uncomplaining; now he pleads for us above, risen ascending, reigning! Creator, Son and Holy Ghost, help us to adore you, till with all the angel host low we fall before you, till throughout our earthly days, guided, loved, forgiven, we can blend our songs of praise with the song of heaven!</i>	
*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION	<i>Old Hundredth</i>	
	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	<i>Apostles' Creed</i>	
	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>God Be with You Till We Meet Again</i>	541
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		