

**COMMUNION MUSIC** *Come Down, O Love Divine* William H. Harris  
*Come down, O Love divine, seek thou this soul of mine, and visit it with thine own ardor glowing; O Comforter, draw near, within my heart appear, and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing. O let it freely burn, till earthly passions turn to dust and ashes in its heat consuming; and let thy glorious light shine ever on my sight, and clothe me round, the while my path illuming. Let holy charity Mine outward vesture be, And lowliness becomes mine inner clothing: True lowliness of heart, Which takes the humbler part, And o'er its own shortcomings weeps and loathing. And so the yearning strong, with which the soul will long, shall far out pass the power of human telling; for none can guess its grace, till Love create a place wherein the Holy Spirit makes a dwelling.*

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** (unison)

**THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Let Us Build a House* 301

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Little Prelude and Fugue in Bb Major* Johann S. Bach

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....**

**Join us for Rachel Patton McCord's baby shower immediately following the service in the James Park Room.** Please see Vanessa Smith or Virginia Stormer for more details.

**Check out new youth events at First Presbyterian Church!**

Our community is dedicated to providing engaging opportunities for our young members to grow in their faith and build lasting relationships with their peers. Please contact Kallee at (865) 387-4748 or [kallee@purvisbuilders.com](mailto:kallee@purvisbuilders.com) if you can chaperone events or if you would like your teen to get connected.

- May 29, Virginia Creeper Trail bike ride, weather permitting
- June 9-15, High school students to Montreat
- June 18, Presbytery of East TN Small & Mighty Youth Group to Dollywood Splash Country
- June & July, John Knox Camps

**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](http://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](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate) or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone.



**STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

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| The Rev. Mark R. Curtis<br>Senior Pastor              | Lauren Nunn<br>Director of Parent's Day Out /<br>Childcare Coordinator |
| The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis<br>Associate Pastor      | Sandra Robinson<br>Administrative Assistant                            |
| Dr. Andy Morgan<br>Director of Family Faith Formation | Victor Lenoir<br>Custodian   |
| Mark Pace<br>Organist/Choirmaster                     | Katrin Smith<br>Kitchen Manager  |
| Mary Wilson<br>Adult Ministry Coordinator             | Paul Seguna<br>Sound Engineer  |
| Katie Norrell<br>Director of Communications           | Parson Campen<br>Crucifer  |
| Jane Holland<br>Director of Finance/Facilities        | Campbell Long<br>Bible Bearer  |
| Laura Harmon<br>Church Administrator                  |  |

**WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES**

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| <i>Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us</i><br>Tune: Ebenezer       | One License #04136  | <i>Breathe on Me, Breath of God</i><br>Tune: Trentham | One License #00004 |
| <i>Holy Spirit, Come to Us</i><br>Tune: Tui Amoris Ignem      | One License # 40840 | <i>Let Us Build a House</i><br>Tune: Two Oaks         |                    |
| <i>Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song</i><br>Tune: Bridegroom |                     |   |                    |

**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

**DAY OF PENTECOST**

**MAY 19, 2024**

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## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Mixolydian March* Michael W. Joy  
Joyful Noise Handbell Choir

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, Holy Spirit, come.  
Come as fire and burn in us,  
**come as wind and cleanse us,**  
come as light and lead us in the darkness,  
**come as truth and set us free.**  
**Come, Holy Spirit, come!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us* 280

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,**  
**you poured your Spirit upon gathered disciples**  
**creating bold tongues, open ears,**  
**and a new community of faith.**

**We confess that we hold back the work**  
**of your Spirit among us.**

**We do not listen for your word of grace.**

**We do not speak the good news of your love.**

**We do not live as a people made one in Christ.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, and forgive our sin.**

**Transform our timid lives by the power of your Spirit,**  
**and fill us with a blazing desire to be your faithful people,**  
**doing your will for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord...**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Holy Spirit, Come to Us* 284  
**Holy Spirit, come to us; kindle in us the fire of your love.**  
**Holy Spirit, come to us. Holy Spirit, come to us.**

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song (v. 3)* 285  
**With the healing of division, with the ceaseless voice of prayer,**  
**with the power to love and witness,**  
**with the peace beyond compare: Come, Holy Spirit, come.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**EPISTLE READING** Acts 2:1-13

When the day of Pentecost had come,  
they were all together in one place.

**And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.**

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. The crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard the disciples speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked:

**Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? How is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?**

Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—

**In our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.**

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

**SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES** Dr. Andy Morgan

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Ezekiel 37:1-14 Sharon Frankenberg

<sup>1</sup> The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the LORD and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup> He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup> He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know." <sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. <sup>5</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup> I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the LORD." <sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. <sup>8</sup> I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup> Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." <sup>10</sup> I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. <sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.' <sup>12</sup> Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup> And you shall know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your

graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup> I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the LORD, have spoken and will act," says the LORD.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 8:22-27

<sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. <sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Breathe" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Breathe on Me, Breath of God* 286

### RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**OFFERTORY** *Let All The World In Every Corner Sing* Ralph Vaughn Williams  
*Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"*  
*The heavens are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;*  
*the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.*  
*Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"*  
*Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"*  
*The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.*  
*But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.*  
*Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"*

**\*DOXOLOGY** *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.**

**THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER** *(see insert)*

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE  
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
SANCTUS

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD  
POURING AND SHARING OF THE CUP

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

In the beginning there was only God: the Creator dreamed, giving birth to a vision; the Word spoke, calling the universe into being; the Breath swept through all things, bringing life.

**Breathe on us, Breath of God.**

**Give us the promise of life through Christ Jesus our Lord.**

In the beginning, O God, there was only you. Be our guide, our hope and our joy. As you led your people Israel, as you led Sarah and Abraham, Moses and David, Mary and Joseph, lead us.

**Breathe on us, Breath of God. Send us your light.**

**Send us your Son. Send us Jesus.**

In the beginning, O God, there was only you: Creator, Word and Breath. And from that beginning we see our birth, our salvation, and our life.

**Come, loving God. Come, Lord Jesus. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Trusting in your promises, we join our voices with the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

By the wind of your Spirit, O God, form us into one church,  
many and different people, together in Christ's embrace.

**Keep us faithful in your service  
until Christ comes in final victory  
and we shall feast with all your saints  
in the joy of your eternal kingdom. Amen.**

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come as wind and cleanse us,  
come as light and lead us in the darkness,  
come as truth and set us free.  
Convict, convert, consecrate, until we are wholly Thine.  
Set us free from the service of ourselves,  
that we might be your servants to the world. Amen.**