

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (responsive)

Look at your hands, see the touch and the tenderness,
God's own for the world.

Look at your feet, see the path and the direction,
God's own for the world.

Look at your heart, see the fire and the love,
God's own for the world.

Look at the cross, see God's Son and our Savior,
God's own for the world.

This is God's world,
We will serve God in it.

May God bless you, may God keep you always,
And lead your lives with love.
Amen.

***POSTLUDE** *The Heavens Declare the Glory of God* Benedetto Marcello

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 to 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

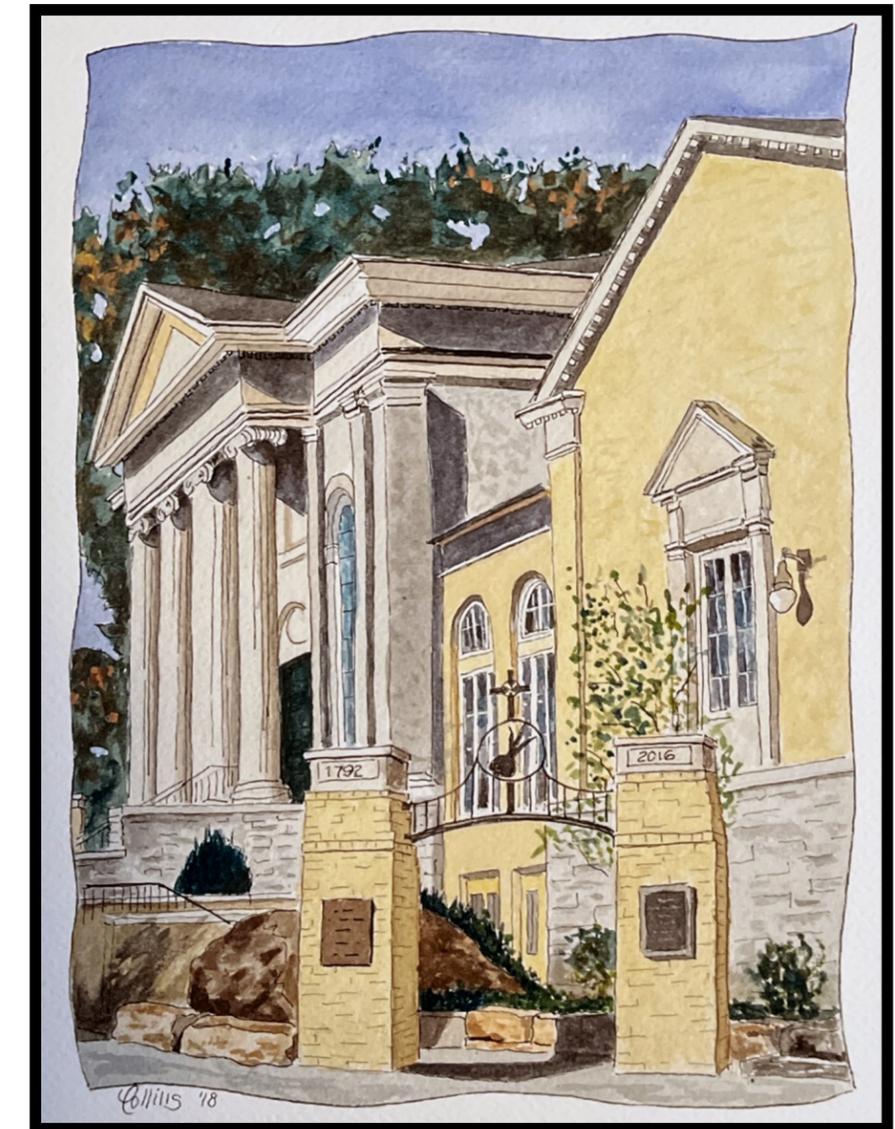
The Rev. Mark R. Curtis <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Laura Harmon <i>Church Administrator</i>
The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Lauren Nunn <i>Director of Parent's Day Out / Childcare Coordinator</i>
Dr. Andy Morgan <i>Director of Family Faith Formation</i>	Sandra Robinson <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
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Katie Norrell <i>Director of Communications</i>	
Jane Holland <i>Director of Finance/Facilities</i>	

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light One License # 123319
I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say One License # 98231

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).



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Join us on Wednesdays this summer for some fellowship and mission opportunities! Contact Pastor Meredith Loftis for more details at meredith@fpcknox.org.

- **July 5 - none** - Happy Independence Day/Week!
- **July 12 at 5:00 pm** - Ijams Trails, Playscape, and Mead's Quarry: Bring a picnic supper, camp chairs, and swim suits or hiking boots!
- **July 19 at 4:00 pm** - Mission Project at FPC: Learn about the FISH pantry and help pack bags. Popsicles afterwards.
- **July 26 at 5:00 pm** - World's Fair Park - bring a picnic supper and swim suits for the splash pad. Bring balls to play on the field and bikes, skates, etc.!

New events with the Youth program:

- **July 15-16** - Camp-out at the lake, please contact Kallee to RSVP (see contact below)
- **July 16-23** - John Knox Adventure Camp ([see website](#))
- **August 13** - Rally Day / Church-wide pool party
- **August 13** - Barnabas Season begins

For more information, please contact Kallee Pittenger at 865-387-4748 or kallee@purvisbuilders.com

First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Variations on "My Country Tis of Thee"* Charles Wesley

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*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.

We come to worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand* 331

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, on Mount Moriah you put your servant Abraham to the test. We confess that far too often we fail much lesser tests of our faith. We allow our needs to run our lives, to shape how we act toward others, and to overshadow our relationship with you. In your great mercy, forgive us. Change our hearts and our minds that we might hear your voice and repent. Call us again to turn around, to come, to follow, to join in the work of your coming Kingdom of peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever...

(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* 377

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *I Rejoiced When I Heard Them Say* 400

For the peace of all nations, pray: for God's peace within your homes. May God's lasting peace surround us; may it dwell in Jerusalem. Shalom, shalom, the peace of God be here. Shalom, Shalom, God's justice be ever near.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 4:18-22 Tracy Pace

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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Hayden Walker Slain
Daughter of Sarah McGinnis & Patrick Slain
Baptized by aunt Rev. Katheryn McGinnis

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 22:1-14

¹ After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ² He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." ³ So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. ⁴ On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. ⁵ Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." ⁶ Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. ⁷ Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" ⁸ Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. ⁹ When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. ¹⁰ Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. ¹¹ But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." ¹² He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." ¹³ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. ¹⁴ So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

SERMON "Just Show Up" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* 475

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. 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 *Just As a Father* Cherubini/Kirkby
Just as a father, full of compassion, offers loving kindness unto all his children, so the Lord is gracious to those who love him.

***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

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

Music During Communion *We Sing Your Praise* Haydn/Proulx
We Sing your praise, O manna from on high, O bread of life, redeemer of the world. Holy, holy, holy, beyond measure holy. Love's redeeming work is done in this wondrous sacrament. O fount of life and spring of water clear, O word of God, we give you thanks and praise. Holy, holy, holy beyond all measure holy. Love's redeeming work is done in this wondrous sacrament.

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, you have fed us with the bread of life, and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ's body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.