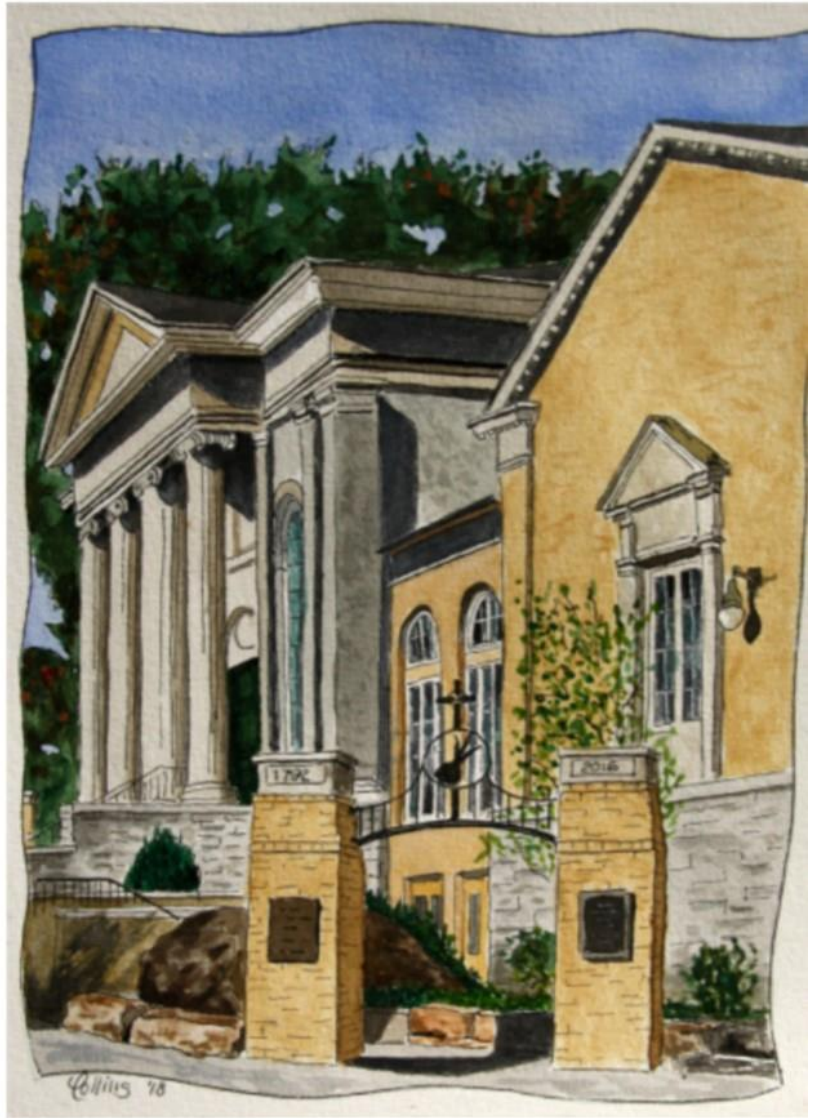


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First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE 

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor
The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor
Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

We welcome Beverly Landguth as our guest organist this morning. Beverly has been playing the organ since age 12 and has degrees in music education. She has held jobs as organist and choir director at various churches where she lived. She is retired and now fills in as a substitute organist at various churches.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JULY 3, 2022
✦ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

PRELUDE

Variations on "America"

Charles Ives

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

The kingdom of God has come near!

The Lord says, "I will make peace flow like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flood."

As a mother comforts her child,

so the Lord comforts us.

The Lord's power will be revealed to all servants.

Alleluia - the kingdom of God has come near!

† OPENING HYMN 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord of the harvest,

you have called us to work for the good of all, to not grow weary in doing what is right,
and to pray for laborers to be sent into your harvest.

We confess, however, that we have allowed self-concern

to encumber our service, and sin to cloud our vision of your new creation.

Forgive us, O God, and grant us grace to bear the cross of Christ with courage,
to sow seeds for the Spirit, and reap a harvest for eternal life...

(a moment for silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1)

Houston

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 288

Spirit of the Living God

Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

✦ **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD** ✦

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Psalms 66:1-9

Bill Morrow

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; ² sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise. ³ Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! Because of your great power, your enemies cringe before you. ⁴ All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name." ⁵ Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds among mortals. ⁶ He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There we rejoiced in him, ⁷ who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations— let the rebellious not exalt themselves. ⁸ Bless our God, O peoples, let the sound of his praise be heard, ⁹ who has kept us among the living, and has not let our feet slip.

ANTHEM*Abide With Me*

Arr. Malcolm Archer

*Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
 When other helpers fail and comforts flee, Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; Earth's joys grow dim; its glories pass away;
 Change and decay in all around I see; O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
 Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes; Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
 Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee; In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON***Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ² He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³ Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴ Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵ Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶ And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷ Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸ Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹ cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰ But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹ 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.'... ¹⁶ Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷ The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸ He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹ See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰ Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

SERMON

"Eat What's Set Before You"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✠ **THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✠**† HYMN OF RESPONSE 643***Now Thank We All Our God*

Nun Danket Alle Gott

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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*Chorale no. 3, Adagio movement*

Cesar Franck

† DOXOLOGY 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.

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.

It is right to give thanks to you, God Almighty.

In the morning you rose...

...As we come to your house, invited by you;

as we take our places at the table you have set, we sing in awe and wonder:

**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.

You are holy, God who spreads a feast for us,

and blessed is Jesus Christ, our Savior, our host.

As we gather at his table, and celebrate that we are crucified with Christ,

we speak of the mystery we know as faith:

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ will come again.

Through the abundance of your Holy Spirit, which you pour out upon us,

we come to the feast you have prepared.

Enter our lives, that as we eat of the bread which makes us whole,

**we might feel your grace, and take it out into all the world, never to stop in sharing it with
everyone we meet until the whole creation is at peace.**

Enter our hearts, that as we drink deeply of the cup,

we might be filled with living waters of hope, taking them to all who live in despair and loss.

And when we take our seats at your table, next to our sisters and brothers from every time and every place,

we will sing our glad songs to you, God in Community, Holy Three in One, forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

Send us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

† SENDING HYMN 8

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Melita

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Grand Choeur

Cesar Franck

† - *Please stand if you are able.*

HYMNS FOR JULY 3

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

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,
our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
2. Thy love divine hath led us in the past.
In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
Be thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay:
thy word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
3. From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
be thy strong arm our ever sure defense.
Thy true religion in our hearts increase.
Thy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
4. Refresh thy people on their toilsome way.
Lead us from night to never-ending day.
Fill all our lives with love and grace divine,
and glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE** 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* Nun Danket Alle Gott

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom this world rejoices;
who, from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in God's grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God,
who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son
and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God,
whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is,
and shall be evermore.

† **SENDING HYMN** 8 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Melita

1. Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm has bound the restless wave,
who bade the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
2. O Savior, whose almighty word
the winds and waves submissive heard,
who walked upon the foaming deep,
and calm amid its rage did sleep:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
3. O Holy Spirit, who did brood
upon the chaos wild and rude,
and bade its angry tumult cease,
and gave, for fierce confusion, peace:
O hear us when we cry to thee
for those in peril on the sea.
4. O Trinity of love and power,
all travelers guard in danger's hour;
from rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them wheresoe'er they go;
thus evermore shall rise to thee
glad praise from air and land and sea.