

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

**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**      *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*      418

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**\*POSTLUDE**      *Fanfare and Processional*      Douglas Wagner

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**The rose on the chancel** is in honor of the birth of John Vincent (Johnny) Stormer on July 1st. Virginia and Mark are the proud parents, and Evelyn is his big sister.

**Join us on Wednesdays this summer for some fellowship and mission opportunities!** Contact Pastor Meredith Loftis for more details at [meredith@fpcknox.org](mailto:meredith@fpcknox.org).

- **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](#))

For more information, please contact Kallee Pittenger at 865-387-4748 or [kallee@purvisbuilders.com](mailto:kallee@purvisbuilders.com)

## 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 to 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

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>
Mark Pace <i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>	Victor Lenoir <i>Custodian</i>
Mary Wilson <i>Adult Ministry Coordinator</i>	Paul Seguna <i>Sound Engineer</i>
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  
*Gracious Spirit Dwell with Me*      One License # 95801

## 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

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**JULY 9, 2023**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *When Thou Art Near* Johann S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Come all who are weary

**of wealth, of poverty, of power, of struggle, of division**

Come all who are heavy-laden

**with too much, with too little, with anxiety,**

**with fear, with anger**

Come all who have hope

**for liberation, for peace, for freedom, for the kingdom**

Hear these words

**“See, I am making all things new.”**

Let us seek God's newness together.

**Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!* 41

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you.

You are beyond our busy imaginings,  
far above any thoughts that burden us.

**Yet you meet us in the dust.**

**Your footprints cross ours.**

**Behind us and before us you tread the path,**

**you lead the way, you exult,**

**you bow low, you lift us up.**

Forgive us the wrongs we have done

to others, to ourselves, to you.

When our hearts are burdened by

the brokenness of this world,

set us free so we might come home to you.

**Lift us from our fear that we may see your vision**

**know your wisdom**

**and find our rest in you,**

**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(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** Psalm 145:8-14 Jennifer Jones

<sup>8</sup> The LORD is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD is good to all,

and his compassion is over all that he has made.

<sup>10</sup> All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

<sup>11</sup> They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,

and tell of your power,

<sup>12</sup> to make known to all people your mighty deeds,

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

<sup>13</sup> Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The LORD is faithful in all his words,

and gracious in all his deeds.

<sup>14</sup> The LORD upholds all who are falling,

and raises up all who are bowed down.

**ANTHEM** *Consecration* Frederick Chatfield

*Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee. Take my moments and*

*my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands, and let them*

*move at the impulse of Thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and*

*beautiful for Thee. Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.*

*Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee. Take my silver*

*and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect, and use every*

*power as Thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no*

*longer mine. Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.*

*Take my love, my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and*

*I will be ever, only, all for Thee.*

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

<sup>16</sup> “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, <sup>17</sup> ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ <sup>18</sup> For

John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’;

<sup>19</sup> the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a

glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” <sup>25</sup> At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; <sup>26</sup> yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. <sup>27</sup> All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. <sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

**SERMON** Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* 182

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Mark R. Curtis

**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** *Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me* K. Lee Scott

*Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be; and with words*

*that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal; and with actions bold and*

*meeek would for Christ my Savior speak. Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I*

*myself would truthful be; and with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in*

*mine appear; and with actions brotherly speak my Lord's sincerity. Mighty*

*Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be; mighty so as to prevail*

*where unaided man must fail; ever by a mighty hope pressing on and*

*bearing up. Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be; separate*

*from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good, and whatever I can be,*

*give to him who gave me thee!*

**\*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.**