

***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** *The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound* **766**
One License #2014-53

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Toccata in D Minor* Gordon Balch Nevin

**Please stand if you are able.*

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 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

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| The Rev. Meredith Loftis
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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

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 21, 2022
11 A.M. SERVICE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Early Worship Service—We are excited to announce that our Early Worship Chapel Service resumed this morning at 8:45 a.m.

Worshipful Wednesday Program tracks begin for the Fall on August 24th. Tracks are: John Pavlovitz's book, *If God is Love Don't be a Jerk: Finding a Faith That Makes Us Better Humans*, and for our women, *Jonah: Navigating a Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer. Contact the church office at 546-2531 for more information.

Cardmaking Class meets Thursday, August 25th, at 5 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Contact Mary Wilson (680-2239) for more details.

Presbyterian Women Sunday will be held on August 28th during our 11 a.m. Worship Service.

Yarn Circle begins in the Parlor at 12:30 p.m. on September 8th. Contact Jane Holland (jane@fpcknox.org) for more details.

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Air for the G String* Bach/Burton
Julie Belanger Roy, Violin Mark Pace, Harp

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** based on Psalm 108:1-4

Our hearts are ready, O Lord,
our hearts are ready!

We will sing and make melody!

We will awaken the dawn!

We will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the peoples,
we will sing praises to you among the nations.

**For your steadfast love is great above the heavens,
and your faithfulness reaches to the clouds.**

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* 100
One License #SSS068 and 90528

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, callous than compassionate, obstinate than obedient, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus' powerful name. Amen. *(a moment for silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;**

**As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL RESPONSE *May the God of Hope Go With Us* 765
One License #65250

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Bless the Lord, My Soul* (Psalm 103)

Tracy Pace, Alto

Refrain: Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name. Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life.

1. It is God who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.
[Refrain]
2. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. God does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.
[Refrain]
3. As a father has compassion on his children, the Lord has pity on those who fear him, for God knows of what we are made, God remembers that we are dust.
[Refrain]

ANTHEM *In Thee, O Lord* F. J. Haydn

*In Thee, O Lord, have I put my trust. Draw me out of the net the wicked have thrown to ensnare me, for Thou art my God.
Into Thine hands I commend my spirit.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 58:9b-14

If you remove the yoke from among you,
the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
¹⁰ if you offer your food to the hungry
and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
then your light shall rise in the darkness
and your gloom be like the noonday.
¹¹ The Lord will guide you continually,
and satisfy your needs in parched places,

and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden,
like a spring of water,
whose waters never fail.

¹² Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
the restorer of streets to live in.

¹³ If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
if you call the sabbath a delight
and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
if you honor it, not going your own ways,
serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
¹⁴ then you shall take delight in the Lord,
and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

SERMON Rev. Meredith Loftis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian* 729

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 *Laudate Dominum* Mozart/Burton
Julie Belanger Roy, Violin Mark Pace, Harp

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *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.