

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** *For All the Faithful Women* 324

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** Ginny Morrow

Go forth and be blessed, favored ones.

God is indeed with us as we live by faith, stand in hope and share love.

Let us witness to God's abundant grace and mercy from generation to generation.

Amen.

POSTLUDE *Toccata in D Minor* Albert Renaud

**Please stand if you are able.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Bridge Refugee Services is partnering with First Presbyterian Church to teach their refugee clients how to sew. This is a skill that they can use to either start a business or be hired by local tailoring companies. At the end of the six-week class, the refugees will be able to take their sewing machines with them so they can work from home. Incorporated within the classes will be lessons in ESL and entrepreneurship. In order to start the classes, they will need to have supplies! Bridge Refugee Services has purchased the sewing machines, but they are still in need of items listed below:

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| Scissors (small and large) | Interfacing (iron-on or sew-in) |
| Thread | Pins and pin cushions |
| Bobbins | Fabric Pencils/Chalk |
| Needles (hand and machine) | Seam Rippers |
| Bias Tape | Elastic |
| Sewing Rulers | Snaps and Clasps |
| Seam Gauges | Zippers (all sizes) |
| Thimbles | Buttons |
| Rotary cutters | Sewing supply boxes |
| Sewing mats (3) | Floral wire |
| Fabric (solid colors or African prints preferred) | Surge protectors (2) |
| Irons (1) | Extension cords (2) |

Supplies are needed by September 3rd. Supplies can be placed in the box marked "sewing supplies" in the Commons. Contact Laura at laura@fpcknox.org or Peter Green at pgreen@bridgerefugees.org

Ilia Steinschneider will present a violin recital on Saturday, September 2, at 5:00 pm, in the sanctuary. Mr. Steinschneider has performed worldwide and is a core section violinist with the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Steinschneider will be joined by a couple of his students as well as internationally recognized soloist & collaborative pianist, Dr. Emi Kagawa.

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.



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WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

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| Trumpet Tune on "CWM RHONDDA"
<i>My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout</i>
Tune: Star of the County Down | One License # AF2020212
One License # 00762 | Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor
<i>My Soul Gives Glory to My God</i>
Tune: Morning Song | One License # 51318
One License # 91855 |
| Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me
Tune: Glory to God | One License # VT429 | For All the Faithful Women
Tune: Nyland | One License # 01174 |
| Come! Live in the Light!
Tune: We Are Called | One License # 00174 | | |

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).



Adoration by Daniel Bonnell



GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

AUGUST 27, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Trumpet Tune on "CWM RHONDDA" Arr. Michael Helman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN MINUTE FOR MISSION Liz Key

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Based on Ps. 34)

I will bless the Lord at all times;

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me,

and let us exalt God's name together.

I sought the Lord and was answered.

God delivered me from all my fears.

The angel of the Lord encamps

around those who fear God and delivers them.

O taste and see that the Lord is good;

happy are those who take refuge in God.

Depart from evil, and do good;

seek peace and pursue it.

***OPENING HYMN** *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout* 100

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (Based on Lk. 1:46–55) Zee Troutman

Creator God, Mighty One,

Have mercy on us.

Jesus, Christ and Redeemer,

Have mercy on us.

Holy Spirit, Counselor and Sustainer,

Have mercy on us.

Our God and Savior, You have looked upon us with favor, and we have been blessed: Your mercy has found us. Your strength has sustained us.

Your love has redeemed us. Yet we stray from your way.

Have mercy on us.

We confess, we don't always recognize nor show your mercy. We

confess, we believe the strength that sustains us is our own. We

confess, we take your love for granted.

Have mercy on us.

We are misled by our prejudices, fear and pride. We cling to power and wealth for our own benefit. We confess that our love for others wavers and we become indifferent towards the vulnerable, ignoring the hungry and rejecting the poor.

Have mercy on us.

You came to the aid of your children, and, through Jesus, became one of us, showed us the way. Through Jesus we came to know true mercy, strength, and love.

Forgive us . . .

That we may recognize your mercies and, in turn, practice mercy.

Help us . . .

To love as you have loved us, and to find strength in courage, humility and service.

Restore us . . .

That we may walk in your favor and magnify you in words and deeds.

In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

(a moment for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Sisters, siblings, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Come! Live in the Light! (v. 3)* 749

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love. We are called to act with justice; we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Celeste Whaley

ANTHEM *Jesus, Sun of Life My Splendor* Handel/Bunjes

Jesus, Sun of Life, my Splendor, Jesus, Thou, my Friend most tender,

Jesus, Joy of my desiring, Fount of Life, my soul inspiring,

At Thy feet I cry, my Maker, Let me be a fit partaker

Of this blessed food from heaven, For our good, Thy glory, given.

Jesus, Bread of Life, I pray Thee, Let me gladly here obey Thee,

By Thy love I am invited, Be Thy love with love requited;

From this Supper let me measure, Lord, how vast and deep love's treasure.

Through the gifts Thou here dost give me As Thy guest in heaven receive me.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS AND REFLECTIONS

Emily Campen

Jane Luhn

Rachel Patton McCord

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* 99

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LEADERSHIP (see insert)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Stacy Davis

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 Jami Mayberry

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *We Shall Walk Through the Valley* Arr. Tim Sharp

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

We shall meet our brother in the valley of peace,

We shall meet our sister in peace.

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

There will be no sorrowing there,

There will be no sorrowing there,

And if Jesus himself shall be our leader,

We shall walk through the valley in peace.

***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.

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;



PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN

**2023-2024
LEADER INSTALLATION**

Minister: There are different gifts,
People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.
Minister Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,
People: To use it for the common good.

Past Moderator Jenny Bryan:
Speaking for the Presbyterian Women, I present to you
the leaders for the year 2022-2023 and ask them to stand.

Minister: Relying on God's guidance and steadfast love, do you
promise to accept your responsibilities as from your Lord
Jesus Christ and to carry them out with enthusiasm,
energy and imagination?

Do you promise to respond to the spiritual gifts God has
given you and use them in your ministry - the gifts of wisdom,
knowledge, faith, mercy, teaching, leadership and serving?

Do you promise to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the
common good?

Leaders: We do.

Minister: Let us pray:
**Loving God, grant these leaders the peace of
knowing they follow after you in everything
they do. Guard their integrity of spirit.
Encourage in them a holy desire to see your
spiritual gifts manifested in their work for the
common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

I declare that you are now installed as the new
leaders of the Presbyterian Women, for the year 2023-2024.

**PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN
2022-2023 LEADERS**

LEADERS

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“She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”
Proverbs 31:26