

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

A Season of Peace leads up our Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 2. The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers. The PCUSA devotional this week focuses on immigration/migration. You may sign up for free daily devotionals at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

Congo Mission Network Conference is September 29 - Oct 1. Register online by following the link in the newsletter.

John Knox Pre-Teen Retreat is September 30 - Oct 1. Registration is now open. All 4th and 5th graders are encouraged to attend. Cost is \$40 for overnight, \$20 for just Saturday. Questions? Contact Registrar Brianna Cook at Brianna.E.Cook@gmail.com or Rev. Mark Lampley at MLampley@SequoyahChurch.org.

New Door Access Panels have been installed around the church. The old keypads will no longer be functional effective Oct 3rd. Door code requests may be made by calling the church office at 546-2531.

Presbyterian Women of East TN Fall Spiritual Retreat is October 8. You'll spend a peaceful fall day at the John Knox Center and enjoy lunch too. Longtime mission co-worker Nancy Dimmock will speak about her experiences as a mission partner.

"My husband (Frank Dimmock) and I were mission co-workers of the PCUSA for 30 years in southern Africa. Our 'participation in the Gospel' was in the areas of health care and the care of vulnerable children," she said. Today they live in Mission Haven in Atlanta.

To register, download the form from the church newsletter and send it with a check for \$10 to Becky Thomason, 591 Leeward Way, Lenoir City, TN 3772. Registration at the retreat will begin at 9:30. The John Knox Center is located at 591 West Rockwood Ferry Road, Ten Mile, TN 37880, (865)376-2236. Participants may register individually or with their circles. Don't miss this fun day!

Trunk or Treat is October 26. Mark your calendars!

230th Anniversary Celebration is October 30th. Plan to be there for this eventful day.

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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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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

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Knoxville, TN 37902

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Exaltation* Cynthia Dobrinski
One License #CGB470
Adult Handbells

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 91*

We who dwell in the shelter of the Most High God,
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

**We shall say to the Lord, "Our refuge and our
stronghold, our God in whom we put our trust."**

O, come let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *O Worship the King! (vv. 1, 2 & 5)* 41

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, you have called us to live with faith and hope,
but we live with tightness in our chest.**

**You have called us to move in a new direction,
but we cling to the path we know.**

**You have called us to reach outward in love,
but we draw inward for protection.**

**Help us to trust in your future,
and to live with confidence in your promises,
through the One who came to give us abundant life...**

(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

MOMENT FOR MISSION—CONGO UPDATE Jeff Boyd

ANTHEM *Grace* Arr. Mark Hayes
One License #BP1402

*Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me. I once was
lost, but now I'm found was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my
heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved. How precious did that grace
appear, the hour I first believed. Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I
have already come. 'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will
lead me home. When we've been there ten thousand years, bright, shining as
the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise, than when we first begun.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Jeremiah 32:1-3, 6-15*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of King
Zedekiah of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar.

²At that time the army of the king of Babylon was besieging Jerusalem,
and the prophet Jeremiah was confined in the court of the guard that
was in the palace of the king of Judah, ³where King Zedekiah of Judah had
confined him. Zedekiah had said, "Why do you prophesy and say: Thus
says the Lord: I am going to give this city into the hand of the king of
Babylon, and he shall take it..." ⁶Jeremiah said, "The word of the Lord
came to me: ⁷Hanamel son of your uncle Shallum is going to come to you
and say, 'Buy my field that is at Anathoth, for the right of redemption by
purchase is yours.' ⁸Then my cousin Hanamel came to me in the court of
the guard, in accordance with the word of the Lord, and said to me, "Buy
my field that is at Anathoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of
possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself." Then I knew
that this was the word of the Lord. ⁹And I bought the field at Anathoth
from my cousin Hanamel, and weighed out the money to him, seventeen
shekels of silver. ¹⁰I signed the deed, sealed it, got witnesses, and weighed
the money on scales. ¹¹Then I took the sealed deed of purchase,
containing the terms and conditions, and the open copy; ¹²and I gave the
deed of purchase to Baruch son of Neriah son of Mahseiah, in the
presence of my cousin Hanamel, in the presence of the witnesses who
signed the deed of purchase, and in the presence of all the Judeans who
were sitting in the court of the guard. ¹³In their presence I charged
Baruch, saying, ¹⁴Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Take
these deeds, both this sealed deed of purchase and this open deed, and
put them in an earthenware jar, in order that they may last for a long
time. ¹⁵For thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: "Houses and
fields and vineyards shall again be bought in this land."

SERMON "Field of Dreams" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart! (vv. 1-3)* 804

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 *Day By Day* Martin How
One License #194289

*Day by day, dear Lord, three things I pray: to see thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.*

***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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past (vv. 1-4)* 687

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Chaconne* Couperin/Bonnet
One License #210843

**Please stand if you are able.*

WELCOME MISSIONARY JEFF BOYD

As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff Boyd facilitates support for the relationships and programs of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. He also mentors PC(USA) mission personnel and resources PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry with partner churches in the region.

Besides the Congo, Jeff's wife Christi works in Madagascar, Niger, Rwanda, and South Sudan. She accompanies global partners as they seek to remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities and engages with Presbyterians in the US who wish to come alongside and promote those efforts.