

OFFICERS ELECT, CLASS OF 2025

Following the service, we will vote on the following officers elect:

Elder

Robyn McAdoo

Bill Eversole

Craig Wrisberg

Sherri Allison

Ken Keith

Susan Seagraves

Harris Eddins (youth)

Deacon

Robin Leitch

Brent Trentham

Raymond McCord

Debbie Christiansen

Bill Myers

Kelly Norrell

Max Pittenger (youth)

Please note that youth officers serve a one-year term.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Pool Party — join us today from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peninsula Club, 2222 Houser Road. Bring your appetites as their will be pizza! Please bring a snack or dessert to share if you can. Contact Emily Smith with any questions at memilysmith@gmail.com.

Worshipful Wednesday begins Wednesday the 17th with dinner at 5:30 p.m. and the program to follow at 6:30 p.m.

Worshipful Wednesday Meal Prices:

Children 5 and under are free

\$3.50 for Children ages 6 to 11

\$7.00 for Adults and Children ages 12 and up

Family Maximum is \$20.00

Early Worship Service—We are excited to announce that our Early Worship Chapel Service will resume on Sunday, August 21st at 8:45 a.m.!

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

Women's Retreat at Montreat—Women, make plans now to attend the fabulous First Presbyterian Women's Retreat Sept. 9-11 in Montreat, NC. You'll relax, have fellowship, and listen to speaker Jan Edmiston.

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

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis
Associate Pastor

Mark Pace
Organist/Choirmaster

Mary Wilson
Adult Ministry Coordinator

Katie Norrell
Director of Communications

Jane Holland
Director of Finance/Facilities

Laura Harmon
Church Administrator

Lauren Nunn
*Director of Parent's Day Out /
Childcare Coordinator*

Sandra Robinson
Administrative Assistant

Victor Lenoir
Custodian

Paul Seguna
Sound Engineer

Max Pittenger
Crucifer

Maddie Pitt
Bible Bearer

FOR OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPPERS

All children are welcome in worship at FPC. Elementary age children 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 under 3 in the Nursery rooms (2nd floor).



First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

RALLY DAY
TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 14, 2022

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Church Sonata No. 10 in D* Wolfgang A. Mozart
Rachel McCord and Julie Belanger Roy, Violins

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Deep inside us all – old and young alike –
there is a place of faith, a place of hope and trust and love.

**Jesus said, “let the children come to me,
and do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven.”**

So come and worship as children of the Almighty;

We come with innocent hearts and unlimited hope.

We come with trust that keeps us open,

and with love that will not let us go.

Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *God Is Here!* 409
One License #73262

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of all the earth, you have told us

that to welcome a child is to welcome you.

And yet,

all over the world, children are hungry,

all over the world, children lack clean water,

all over the world, children live as refugees.

Too often, we are overwhelmed by their needs

and look away.

Forgive us, O God, and call us to faithfulness.

Remind us that each of us is your child,

and all of us brothers and sisters.

Lead us, O God, through our worship

to care for all your children...

(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 *Deuteronomy 6:4-9* Britton Leitch

Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. ⁶Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. ⁷Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. ⁸Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, ⁹and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Arr. Mack Wilberg
OneLicense #102004

The King of love my Shepherd is, Whose goodness faileth never; I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever. Where streams of living water flow my ransomed soul he leadeth, and where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth. And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never; Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16*

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” ³⁴But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who

was the greatest. ³⁵He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” ³⁶Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷“Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. ¹⁴But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁵Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” ¹⁶And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERMON “Special Time with Young Disciples” Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* 486
One License #VT508 & #24533

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES TO OUR 3RD GRADE STUDENTS
See Insert

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *The Heavens Are Telling* Franz Joseph Haydn
The heavens are telling the glory of God. The wonder of his works displays the firmament. To day, that is coming, speaks it the day; the night, that is gone, to following night. In all the land resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood.

***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.**

***SENDING HYMN** *Go, My Children, with My Blessing* 547
One License #110843

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING



This year's theme "Building On..." acknowledges new beginnings at FPC with a new Senior Pastor and many exciting changes at the church, while building on the strength of all God has done in our community as we celebrate the 230th birthday of First Presbyterian!

We emphasize the following areas of development as we commit to:

**Building on... a Strong Foundation
(Understanding our History)**

**Building on... God's Mission in the World
(Global / Local Missions)**

**Building on... Developing our Faith Formation
(Christian Education)**

**Building on... Growing & Nurturing the Body of Christ
(Evangelism & Fellowship)**

**Building on... our Time and Talents
(Stewardship Time / Talents)**

Building on... our Worship and Glorifying God (Worship)

Building on... Telling our Story (Communications)

INTERESTED IN MAKING FIRST CHURCH YOUR CHURCH HOME?

We are overjoyed that you are with us as we gather to worship and serve God, and we hope you will experience First Presbyterian Church as your family of faith. As we work together to live out our call to witness, service, and growth for Christ in the heart of Knoxville, we invite you to join us. If you are interested in becoming a member of FPC or would simply like to know more about the process, please let Mark, Meredith or one of our ushers know.

GET PLUGGED IN THIS FALL

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

The **Carrick Class** is intended for adults of all ages with class leaders lecturing and leading discussion on a variety of topics. The fall class will begin with the study of Genesis and Family Relations, highlighting the family of Jacob. A four-week study of Samuel will follow. Meets in Heritage A Classroom.

The **Discipleship Class** is for adults of all ages with a discussion-style format with rotating class leaders. It typically alternates subject matter between Biblical book studies and recent works by contemporary authors. The class will begin this fall with "When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton. Meets in Courtyard A Classroom.

The **Embarked Class** is intended for young adults, singles, couples and parents of children and youth. The study will begin using the study of the Sparkhouse Animate video series. They will dig deeper into the Bible and how it came to be. Following this seven session series, the class will look at the seven core spiritual practices. Meets in James Park Classroom.

The **Foundation Builders Class** has a format of a DVD lecture followed by class discussion. This fall, "Understanding the Old Testament" with Professor Robert D. Miller II of Catholic University of America will be resumed for study. Meets in Heritage B Classroom.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN CIRCLES

This is a place where faith is nurtured and growth takes place. Typically, Presbyterian Women in the Congregation are organized into small groups called circles.

A circle is where:

- Women are challenged to stretch beyond their limits.
- Women move beyond the safe places of life, reaching out to others.
- Christian leadership is born, nurtured and sent forth into ministry.

Chi Ro — Virginia Stormer & Angie McGavic (moderators). Brianna Cook & Rachel Patton McCord (Bible).

Effie Rule — Celeste Whaley (moderator). Sharon Patton & Ann Myers (Bible).

Esther — Liz Key & Jennifer Maryanski (moderators). Shared (Bible).

Julia White — Jenny Eversole (moderator). Anne Pittenger & Doy Barron (Bible).

Lydia — Lane Hays (moderator). Shared (Bible).

LITANY FOR FAITH FORMATION

One: With you, every transition and new start is a reminder of your goodness, for you are always creating fresh, amazing things in us and through us. Though we are sad about the summer ending, we are grateful for this school year. We appreciate the opportunity to learn and grow, knowing it is one of the biggest privileges we have. With thanks and love, we now offer everything we are to you, asking for your blessing.

One: We pray as and for students of all ages, abilities, and backgrounds. We pray for our hearts and all they hold—excitement and nervousness, disappointment and hope. We give you all our loves and fears. We pray for steady self-esteem and deepening resilience.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for our minds, that they will expand in wonder and celebration, learning not just from the books studied but the people beside us. Open our minds with a willingness to be changed in unexpected ways, and settle our thought loops in peaceful places.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for our hands, that they will reach out to help welcome and care. Bless our hands with patience and dedication as they grip pencils and type on keyboards, swish paint brushes and clap in song, grip monkey bars and lunch box handles, spin wheelchair tires and basketballs.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for our mouths, that they will speak words bringing life and connection. Help us use our mouths to honor the dignity and belovedness of all. Remind us to open our mouths for deep belly breaths when we're feeling anxious or afraid.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for our feet, that they will move toward those different from us and help others in safe ways. Plant our feet next to those who feel alone, and bless our steps down hallways and sidewalks. We know you are with us wherever our feet go or stay.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for eyes, that they may see ourselves and others with compassion. Point our eyes toward those who are forgotten or struggling. Grow us in flexibility to see from all kinds of angles. Bless what and how we see, whether we're looking at a screen, a whiteboard, or the beauty of a person's face. And help us see with the most important eyes—the eyes of the Spirit within us.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for our ears, that they will genuinely listen to all voices, especially those that haven't been listened to much. When things get noisy, help us listen extra carefully for your voice. Help us hear with the most important ears—the ears of the Spirit within us.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers. (over)

One: We say a special prayer for parents, as the start of a new school year is always another leap of faith. Wrap them with your reassuring love as they entrust their children and trust in you. When questions remain unanswered, and the realm of control is finite, bless them with peace and the promise you are right there with their child, whether heading to preschool or driving to college.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We also pray now for teachers, staff and administrators. Bless these faithful servants with courage and confidence, knowing you are in their classroom with a steady hand on their shoulder. Give them peace, patience, and balance in the pressures they face, and bravely to build structures and systems which justly serve all your children. Give them delight in the young ones before them, and recognition of the sweet ways children are also teachers.

All: Loving God, hold us and our prayers.

One: We pray for health and wholeness, fun and growth, surprise and amazement, for this school year ahead, knowing you will hold us all the way through.

All: We thank you, God, and love you. Amen.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



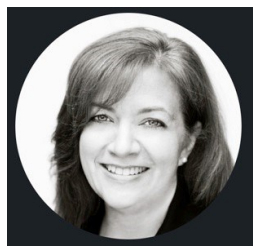
Gideon Harry Amankwah is 31 years old. He is originally from Ghana but is in Knoxville to pursue his Master's degree in Journalism and Electronic Media at the University of Tennessee. His hobbies are reading books, playing soccer and working out. He is an experienced Tuba player. His goal after school is to serve in the Navy or Airforce and be part of the service's communications team.



Jane Conway moved to downtown Knoxville in 2020 after retiring as Director of the Highland Park (Illinois) Public Library. Over the years I have enjoyed traveling to 46 countries, most recently visiting Israel and Jordan. Other interests include volunteering as a tour guide at the Knoxville Museum of Art, hiking, swimming, and Pickleball.



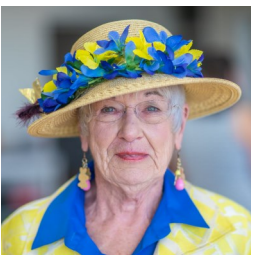
Diana Curtis is Mark Curtis's wife and Daniel and Asher's mom. She teaches high school English at Webb School of Knoxville. She enjoys reading a good book, running on occasion, and giving pets to their Australian Shepherd, Jovie, and their tuxedo cat, Newman. She co-leads the Embarked Sunday School class, and is a member of the Chi Ro PW Circle.



Pam Given is a native Knoxville who married Jim Given in 2014. Jim & Pam have 4 adult children between them spread across Boston, MA., Brooklyn, NY., and Knoxville. Ophelia Claire, daughter of Greg and Carrie, is the newest addition to the family and will turn one on September 25. Pam currently

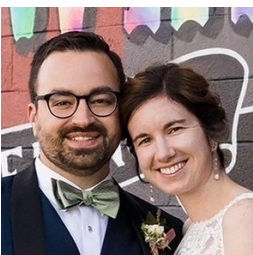
works as an Associate Director focusing on Technology Strategy for The Nature Conservancy. Previously, Pam worked in a similar role for Scripps Networks | Discovery Communications for 15 years. Gardening, hiking, photography, and travel are some of Pam's favorite hobbies as well as attending Clarence Brown plays and Broadway shows. Currently, Jim and Pam enjoy leading a first fellowship group here at FPC. Pam is a member of the Advisory Board of Directors for Clarence Brown Theatre. Pam earned her B.S. from the University of Tennessee and her MBA from Lincoln Memorial University.

Jan Houser was born and raised in South Knoxville. She raised her two sons here and in Miami and Montgomery, supported her husband of 50 years while he served as an agent with the FBI, taught children of all ages off & on over the years, and served in churches alongside her husband, teaching mainly young couples.



Brenda Maupin says her first love is music- piano, organ, opera, choral. She played piano for FPC "Jesus Friends" class when she moved from Dandridge. Her 50+ years of collecting Snoopy began when she worked at Children's Hospital. Brenda drew cartoons on her lab coat and the kids thought she was

OK even when experiencing painful procedures. Now it's Snoopy and Spike in 6 rooms and 3 closets. Brenda is also a big sports fan – baseball, football, basketball, and soccer. She is so happy to be back at FPC!



Sarah McGinnis currently lives in West Knoxville with her husband Patrick. In her free time, Sarah enjoys hiking and traveling. She works as a statistician for the US Census Bureau. Sarah and Patrick are excited to welcome their first child in October.



Sylvia McLaurin retired from administration and teaching English at the University of Georgia. With her degree in landscape architecture, she is currently working with school gardens.



Wayne McLaurin is professor emeritus of Horticulture, University of Georgia, and retired professor of Horticulture, Mississippi State University. He is filling his retirement with gardening, breeding daylilies, making furniture, and creating pottery, stained glass, and kaleidoscopes.



Tom and Jan Moorman both grew up in Ohio, met, worked and raised 2 sons in Pendleton, IN. They retired, and moved to Walland, TN in October of 2018. Having been members of a Presbyterian church in Indianapolis, they searched for a similar church and found First Presbyterian of Knoxville. They are pleased to join First by letter of

transfer, have been kindly welcomed by several members each week, and look forward to participating in the life of the church.



Iain and Jennifer Phillips relocated to Knoxville in 2021 from northern New Jersey. Jennifer was raised on Cape Cod and in Boston before landing in NJ. Iain had stops in Scotland, Canada, and Chicago prior to NJ. They have four wonderful children, 3 in college and one a senior in high school, plus two dogs.

Jennifer works as Head of the Middle School at Webb School of Knoxville. Iain is a Systems Consultant for Baxter Healthcare. They are happy to be here in Knoxville and were blessed to have found a home at FPC Knox.

Carly Warren is a preschool teacher. She has special interests in cooking and baking, gardening, movies, coloring and UT sports.

Will Warren is an operations manager who enjoys running, reading, gardening, basketball, and writing in his spare time.