



## First Presbyterian Church

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

- Founded 1792 -

*“For Christ in the Heart of Knoxville,”*

*the First Presbyterian Church seeks*

- *to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*

*Church School at 9:45 a.m.*

*Sunday Worship Service 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.*

*Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.m.*

*Worshipful Wednesday Evening Meal and Programs begin at 5:30 p.m.*

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## A Word of Welcome

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come; this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus Christ her Lord.

# ORDER OF WORSHIP SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

11:00 a.m.

January 2, 1011

## ❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

PRELUDE

*Suo Gân* (Lullaby)

Gerald Near

*...the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!*

Habakkuk 2:20

Worship begins with the Prelude. As we reverently enter the pews, please use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our devotion to Him who is the author and finisher of our faith.

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

**People: and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

Leader: Nations shall come to your light

**People: and rulers to the brightness of your rising.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

## †PROCESSIONAL HYMN 56

*The First Nowell*

English carol

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

**God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world, to reveal your love for all people.**

**We confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light.**

**We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace.**

**In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again in your Spirit,  
that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ.**

*(Silent personal confession)*

## MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* 565

*Kyrie*

Weaver

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

## †ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## ◆†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(All)* 579

*Gloria Patri*

**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

Since God has forgiven us, we are free to forgive each other. Therefore the congregation are invited to turn to each other, saying: "The peace of Christ be with you", responding with "And also with you."

## ❖THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD❖

## FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 60:1-6  
(Pew Bible, OT Page 690)

Laura Barton

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR KATHERINE ELIZABETH MANROD  
◆† (*three-year-olds through first graders may leave for Children's Church.*)

William Pender

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*  
**Child of God, your loving Parent, Learn to listen for God's call.**  
**Grow to laugh and sing and worship, Trust and love God more than all.**

Kingdom

ANTHEM

*Star in the East*

American shaped-note hymn

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 2:1-12

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 2)

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*What was Veiled is now Unveiled*

The Rev. Dr. Paul P. Rader

## ✠THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE✠

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*)

Apostles' Creed (traditional)

**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.**

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 63

*As with Gladness Men of Old*

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY/PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP BOOKS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright*

Phillip Nicolai/J. S. Bach

†DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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.**

†HYMN 68

*What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

Puer Nobis Nascitur

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE #540 *God Be with You Till We Meet Again*

Randolph

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

*Procession (Gwalchmai)*

Richard Purvis

†*Those who are able may stand*

◆*Ushers will seat those who are waiting*

## NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

*The Sacrament of Baptism* will be received by Katherine Elizabeth Manrod, daughter of Matthew and Jennifer Manrod and great-granddaughter of the Rev. Dr. W. Philip Bembower, who will participate in the baptism.

*The Friendship Book* is passed each Sunday for guests and members to sign. Guests' names and addresses are used to acknowledge your presence and welcome you to worship. In expressing what it means to be a *family of faith*, the church appreciates your willingness to share this information with us!

**THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY**

*Officer in Charge:* Sarah Cassell  
*Deacon of the Week:* Kallee Pittenger  
*Phone Monitor:* Bill Petty  
*Library Worker:* Barbara Villadsen

*Nursery Workers:* Katy Freeman, Emily Smith and Rhonda Whitener  
*Children's Church:* Andy Freeman, Bill and Ginny Morrow and Donna Young

**LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

Dr. William C. Pender ..... Senior Pastor  
Dr. Paul Rader ..... Associate Pastor  
Mr. J. Ashley Burell ..... Organist/Choirmaster

**Jehovah jireh (The Lord will provide)**

*The Hebrew words written across the chancel* are taken from the twenty-second chapter of Genesis which tells the story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son. The words were first handwritten on the chancel wall in 1866 by one of the church members working to restore the war-ravaged and much-abused buildings after they were returned to the congregation by the government.