



2nd
Sunday in
Lent



**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 9:00 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.

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 IN LENT

11:00 a.m.

March 20, 2011

✠THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE✠

PRELUDE

Sonata No. 8 for flute and organ - Larghetto
Rebekah Geitner, flute

G. F. Handle

...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.

INTROIT

Oculi Omnium (The Eyes of All Wait Upon Thee)

Charles Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 30:4-5, 10-12

Leader: Sing praises to the Lord, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name.

People: For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a lifetime.

Leader: Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

People: Hear, O Lord, and be gracious to me!

Leader: O Lord, be my helper!

People: You have turned my mourning into dancing;

Leader: You have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,

People: So that my soul may praise you and not be silent.

Leader: O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

Faithful God, you call us to paths unknown, inviting us to trust your Spirit's leading, even when we cannot see the destination. Countless generations have borne witness that you keep your promises, yet we shirk from your call, trusting more in our own limited wisdom than in your boundless faithfulness. Forgive our unbelief in your promises. Give us a willing heart to follow your call wherever it leads; grant that we be counted among the faithful, ever testifying of your rich goodness to all who trust you.

(Silent personal confession)

MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* 565

Kyrie

Weaver

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

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

†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

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
(Pew Bible, NT Page 154)

Doy Barron

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM FOR KATHERINE SUSAN AHLSTEDT

◆† (three-year-olds through first graders may leave for Children's Church.)

William Pender

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 498

v 4 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

Kingdom

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.

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 12:1-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, OT Page 10)

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

On the Road: To the End or the Journey that matters in the end

The Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

❖THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*)

from *A Declaration of Faith*

Jesus lived with a constant sense of his Father's presence. He put God's claim on his life above all else. He joined others in God's worship and praise. He drew strength from the Scriptures. He prayed and taught his disciples to pray.

We believe Christ gives us and demands of us personal lives that are centered in God and open to God's reality and rule. Christ teaches us to put obedience to God above the interests of self, family, race or nation; to offer God joyously our money, ability, and time. It is part of our discipline to observe a day of worship and rest, setting aside our own working to enjoy God's work, celebrating with sisters and brothers the Lord's goodness. We need constantly to search out God's way in Scripture, not expecting detailed directions for every decision, but relying on the Word to tell us who God is, to press God's present claim on us, and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 357

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Maryton

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

Abide With Me

arr. Susan Geschke

†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 354

Guide My Feet
Verses 1,2 & 3

Spiritual

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten from *Schüßler Chorales*
If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee

J. S. Bach

†Those who are able may stand

◆Ushers will seat those who are waiting

NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

Leading in worship today is our choral ensemble, Musica Sacra, and our Handbell Ensemble, Tim Lett, our guest organist and flautist, Rebekah Geitner.

The Sacrament of Baptism will be received by Katherine Susan Ahlstedt, daughter of Erin and Kirk Ahlstedt.

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: Liz Key

Deacon of the Week: Larry Harper

Phone Monitor: Fred Brackney

Library Worker: Barbara Villadsen

Baker and Taker: Carolyn Noey and Susan Fox

Nursery Workers: Erin Ahlstedt, Becky Dwarshuis and Emily Smith

Children's Church: Brianna Cook and Jennifer and Matt Manrod

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.