



Jesus Presented in the Temple



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
NEW YEAR'S DAY

11:00 a.m.

January 1, 2012

❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

PRELUDE

Selections from *Partita on Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

Paul Manz

...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: The grace of God has appeared,

People: bringing salvation to all.

Leader: Let us worship God.

People: Let us worship God indeed!

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 210

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

St. Anne

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

Lord God, forgive our weary dreaming that gives up on the hope of seeing justice roll down like waters, a peaceable kingdom, and truth to set us free. Lord God, forgive our tired singing that sets no rafters ringing: with peace on earth, goodwill to all, with the Lord God omnipotent reigneth, and with joy to the world. Give us grace, O God, that these days of our lives be filled with vision and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *(Silent personal confession)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* Hymn 223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer
(stanza 1 only)

Stuttgart

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

◆†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(All)* Hymn 223

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer
(stanzas 2 and 3 only)

Stuttgart

†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❖

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Brianna Cook

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

PSALTER

Psalm 148

Thomas Attwood Walmisley

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 2:22-40

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 59)

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

In the Middle of a Promise

The Rev. Dr. Paul P. Rader

✠THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE✠

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*)

The 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 252

O Lord, You Are My God and King

Jerusalem

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

Nunc Dimittis

A. Herbert Brewer

†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 603

Song of Simeon

Land of Rest

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

God Be in My Head

John Rutter

POSTLUDE

Toccata in Seven

John Rutter

†*Those who are able may stand*

◆*Ushers will seat those who are waiting*

NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

The rose on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Evelyn Ruth Anne Elliott, daughter of Kally and Bryce Elliott, who was born on December 14th. Rylan, Spencer and Kellen are Eve's big brothers.

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: Jim Jean

Deacon of the Week: Kelli Morelock

Phone Monitor: Bill Petty

Library Worker: Barbara Villadsen

Nursery Workers: Charlie and Susan Cwiek and Becky Ragsdale

Children's Church: Grant Barton, Brianna Cook, Stacy Davis
and Brian Lapps

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Dr. William C. Pender Senior Pastor

Dr. Paul Rader Associate Pastor

Mr. J. Ashley Burell Organist/Choirmaster

..... And various college-age members of the congregation

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.

