

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** Festive Bells John Rutter

*Please stand if you are able.

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 | Lauren Nunn
Director of Parent's Day Out /
Childcare Coordinator |
| The Rev. Meredith Loftis
Associate Pastor | Sandra Robinson
Administrative Assistant |
| Mark Pace
Organist/Choirmaster | Victor Lenoir
Custodian |
| Mary Wilson
Adult Ministry Coordinator | Paul Seguna
Sound Engineer |
| Katie Norrell
Director of Communications | J. P. Pennoyer
Crucifer |
| Jane Holland
Director of Finance/Facilities | Paxton Cook
Bible Bearer |
| Laura Harmon
Church Administrator | |

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).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....



For 230 years, First Presbyterian Church has been living out its story of faith and discipleship for Christ in the heart of Knoxville. Because of the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of the saints who have gone before, we continue the good work of

Christ by loving God and neighbor. It is on the shoulders of these saints, and on the strong foundations they built, that we now stand, as we gaze into God's great future. Answering God's call to continue our story, we offer who we are and what we have to equip the next generation of disciples to do God's work in and through our church.

Our Stewardship scripture this year, as we celebrate our 230th church anniversary, is Psalm 145:3-4:

"The Lord is great and so worthy of praise! God's greatness can't be grasped. One generation will praise your works to the next one, proclaiming your mighty acts."

New Faith and Science Study starts at Worshipful Wednesday this week! First Presbyterian will supply weekly handouts for each chapter of the study, so it is not necessary to buy the book. However, if you would like to purchase it for your own study, you can buy it from 'The Thoughtful Christian' website in the link below. For questions about the faith and science study, Contact Pastor Mark Curtis at mcurtis@fpcknox.org.

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be bounce houses, face paint, a pizza dinner, and of course, trunk or treat! You will also have the opportunity to meet Smoky! Contact the church office at 546-2531 for more details.

230th Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, October 30th.



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

Connect With Us



www.fpcknox.org

620 State Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Elegy* John Rutter

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Teach us, O Lord, the way of your statutes,
and let us observe it to the end.
Give us understanding, that we may keep your law,
and observe it with our whole hearts.
Turn our hearts to your decrees,
and not to selfish gain.
Turn our eyes from looking at vanities;
give us life in your ways.
Confirm to your servants your promise,
and let us worship you.

***OPENING HYMN** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* 645
One License #84587

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We pretend not to see evil, prejudice, warfare,
and greed.
God of grace,
help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer...
(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Hear the Good News of Salvation (v. 1)* 441
One License #118619

Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *This Is My Song (v. 3)* 340
One License #56640

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
And hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:
Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON OUR STEWARDSHIP Bill Eversole

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 121* Zee Troutman

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come? ²My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade at your right hand. ⁶The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

ANTHEM *Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love* Sarah MacDonald
One License #232073

Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above, ever watchful o'er our race, still to us extends his grace. Heaven and earth by him were made; all is by his scepter swayed; what are we that he should show so much love to us below? God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior's blood, and, to make salvation sure, guides us by his Spirit pure.
*Sing, my soul, adore his Name! Let his glory be thy theme:
praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 18:1-8*

Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. ²He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. ³In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.' ⁴For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'" ⁶And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? ⁸I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to

them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

SERMON "Such a Bother" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Be Thou My Vision* 450

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 *Peace Pilgrim's Prayer* Shawn Kirchner
One License #VT202
Peace, be still, and know that I am God!

***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.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*
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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me* 543
One License #16018