

***DOXOLOGY** *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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE
 GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
 WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Breaking and Sharing of the Bread
 Pouring and Sharing of the Cup

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE & OFFERING OF COMMITMENT CARDS

As you come forward to receive the elements, you are invited to place your commitment card in the baskets on the chancel steps.

If you would prefer to remain at your seat, ushers will be in the aisles with baskets, and you may pass your commitment card to one of them.

COMMUNION MUSIC *A Gaelic Blessing* John Rutter
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*Deep peace of the running wave to you
 Deep peace of the flowing air to you
 Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
 Deep peace of the shining stars to you
 Deep peace of the gentle night to you
 Moon and stars pour their healing light on you
 Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you*

Aria John Dixon

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

***CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 649

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Scotland the Brave* Traditional

**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

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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).



First Presbyterian Church
 FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

**KIRKIN' O' THE TARTAN
 230TH ANNIVERSARY**

OCTOBER 30, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

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WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

OUR GUEST INSTRUMENTALISTS today are Catherine Alex Lumsden, drums, and Wyatt Brown, pipes.

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Ludwig V. Beethoven
Worshipful Wednesday Kids

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father to us all.

Blessed be the God who sustains and protects the Kirk;
And blessed be God who guides and confirms us in our faith.
Alleluia! Let us worship God!

***PROCESSION OF PIPES AND TARTANS** *Highland Cathedral*

BLESSING OF THE TARTANS Jane Luhn
On behalf of Scots everywhere, and with the people of this Kirk, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in appreciation for our heritage, and we ask God's blessing on all clans represented, and on all the families of this Kirk. The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray:
Eternal God, who has promised that wherever two or three are gathered in Thy name Thou will meet with Thy servants to bless them; fulfill now Thy promise, and make us joyful in the house of the Lord, that our worship being offered in the name of Thy Son and the guidance of Thy Spirit may be acceptable unto Thee. Bless, we beseech Thee, these tartans as symbols of our heritage, and grant that those who wear them, and the families they represent, may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with Thee all the days of their life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We praise God for our heritage of faith.

We give thanks for God's eternal presence.

God's truth abideth still.

God's kingdom is forever.

Raise the Tartans!

We lift our praise to God!

PLACING OF THE TARTANS

Raise the Tartans!
(Introduction of the clans)

On behalf of all clans, families, and nations, we raise these tartans before Almighty God in gratitude for our heritage and pray God's blessing on all people in all lands.

We lift our praise to God!

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE OF REFORMED HERITAGE

***OPENING HYMN** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 35

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** adapted from John Knox's *Liturgy of 1560*
Almighty God,
although we have not earned your favor,
we acknowledge you to be a merciful God,
loving and favorable to all who turn to you.
And so we humbly ask you to show mercy to us.
By your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts,
so that, not only the actions of our lives,
but also the words of our mouths,
and the smallest thought of our minds,
may be guided and governed by you.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever...
(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* 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.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 46* Jane Luhn
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
²Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; ³though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. ⁴There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. ⁵God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved; God will help it when the morning dawns. ⁶The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. ⁷The Lord of hosts

is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. ⁸Come, behold the works of the Lord; see what desolations he has brought on the earth. ⁹He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear; he burns the shields with fire. ¹⁰"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." ¹¹The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES OF THE KIRK

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Ephesians 2:8-10*

For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

SERMON "Why We Are Presbyterian" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Scots Confession (1560)*

We confess and acknowledge one God alone,
to whom we must cleave,
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we must put our trust.
Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable,
incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible;
one in substance and yet distinct in three persons,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
We most surely believe that God preserved, instructed,
multiplied, honored, adorned, and called from death to life his Kirk in all ages since the beginning until the coming of Christ Jesus in the flesh. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *I Was Glad* Hubert Parry
I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord. Our feet shall stand within thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city that is compact together: Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord.
For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: they shall prosper that love thee. Peace be within thy walls, and prosperity within thy palaces.