

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** *Now Thank We All Our God* 643

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach/Fox
**Please stand if you are able.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

The rose on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Anderson Murphy Honeycutt, born on November 7, 2023, at 7:59 am. Anderson is the son of Martha and Ethan and the younger brother of Charlotte Ann, and the grandson of Bill and Ann Myers.

Please join the staff and flower guild members on Wednesday, November 30th to celebrate our second annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony in the church sanctuary. Come for dinner at 5:30 and stay. Hanging of the Greens, a long-held tradition of decorating with winter evergreens of pine, cedar, fir, holly, and laurel at Christmas time, dates back to Martin Luther's ministry in the early 1500s. Martin Luther saw evergreens as a symbol of the unchanging nature of God and encouraged people to decorate with evergreens during the Christmas season to symbolize everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

The Seeds of Abraham project, hosted by Lake Hills Presbyterian Church, is set for December 3rd at 5 pm. This interfaith youth initiative aims to foster unity by dismantling barriers between populations. Participants will collaborate to assemble toiletry kits for individuals facing homelessness and then come together for a pizza party. Contributions such as socks, gloves, snacks, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste are encouraged to bring for inclusion in the kits. For more information, please contact Kallee Pittenger at 865-387-4748 or kallee@purvisbuilders.com.

The Adult Christmas Party will be held at the Trentham's on December 9th. More details will be follow.

Angel Tree items are due by December 3rd and 6th. Please visit the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall for specific items. Items should be unwrapped and placed in the boxes next to the Angel Tree. For more information, please contact the church office.

Does your youth have an interest in singing or playing an instrument for youth Sunday on February 11? Our 'Turnip Greens' band leader, Chris McAdoo, will begin planning the music in the near future. Contact Chris at chris@chrismcadoo.com.

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 and large print hymnals 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 to 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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| Jane Holland
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<i>Bible Bearer</i> |

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

Holy, Holy, Holy
Tune: Nicaea
Sing Glory to the Name of God
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
When the Trumpet Sounds
Take My Life
Tune: Hendon

One License # 93246

Now Thank We All Our God
Tune: Nun Danket Alle Gott
Now Thank We All Our God

One License # 123021

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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 19, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Simple Gifts* Sandra Eithum
Joyful Noise Bell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The days are coming, says the Lord,
When your sons and daughters will prophesy:
**The old will dream dreams,
And the young will see visions,**
Whom shall I send, says the Lord, and who will go for us?
Here am I. Send me!

***OPENING HYMN** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* 1

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord our God,
love began with you
and has filled our cup to overflowing.
Forgive us when we look at our lives
and see only what we lack,
and not our many blessings.
You have given us so much, O God,
yet we ask one thing more:
give us your grace to fill others' lives with love,
that we may live our thanksgiving
for all that you have given us.
In the name of Jesus Christ,
who gave himself that we might have life...**
(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Sing Glory to the Name of God (vs 1)* 10
*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia,
alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory
saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Sing Glory to the Name of God (vs 4)* 10
*May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia,
alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-
One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 90:1-8, 12 Louis Becker

¹ Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. ² Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. ³ You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." ⁴ For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. ⁵ You sweep them away; they are like a dream, like grass that is renewed in the morning; ⁶ in the morning it flourishes and is renewed; in the evening it fades and withers. ⁷ For we are consumed by your anger; by your wrath we are overwhelmed. ⁸ You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your countenance. ¹² So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart.

ANTHEM *When the Trumpet Sounds* Andre Thomas
*Where shall I be when the trumpet sounds? When it sounds so loud till it
wake up the dead tell me where shall I be when the trumpet sounds. Sinner
please don't let this harvest pass. Oh, in that judgment day the sinner will
come.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:14-30

¹⁴ "For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' ²¹ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' ²³ His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' ²⁶ But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and

gather where I did not scatter?' ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

SERMON "Talent Show" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Take My Life* 697

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis
**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 *Zion Hears the Watchmen Singing* Walther/Schweizer
*Zion hears the watchmen singing, And all her heart with joy is springing;
She wakes, she rises from her gloom; For her Lord comes down all glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious. Her Star is risen, her Light is come.
Ah come, Thou blessed One, God's own beloved Son: Alleluia! We follow till
the halls we see where Thou hast bid us sup with Thee.*

***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.**