

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit.

**With grateful hearts,
we dedicate not only these pledges of money,
but also the gift of ourselves,
acknowledging that all that we have,
and all that we are is from God.**

There are varieties of services,
but it is the same Lord who is served.

**Stirred by the Spirit, we dedicate ourselves
to the work of Christ's church in this place,
recognizing and honoring among us
the array of talents necessary
to serve a hurting and needy world.**

There are varieties of activities,
but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

**In the coming year, with renewed conviction,
we pledge to seek out new and fresh opportunities
to make God's good news known
in this community and beyond.
May God's Spirit work within us and among us
to strengthen our bonds with one another
as we endeavor to fulfill the promises we make this day.
Amen.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *For the Life That You Have Given* 717

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* Hal H. Hopson
**Please stand if you are able.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

One of our most popular series, "What's Your Story," is back at First Presbyterian! We look forward to hearing more about the lives and adventures of our community members. Please join us November 8th in the James Park Room for Worshipful Wednesday.

The Christmas season is almost here! We will again collect donations for our partners in ministry including the Volunteer Ministry Center, Dogwood Elementary School, and Bridge Refugee Services. Look for specific items to buy on the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall in early November. Items include clothing, toys, toiletries, and more. Items should be unwrapped and placed in the boxes next to the Angel Tree. For more information, contact the church office.

Join us November 11 from 9am-12pm for a work day in the graveyard and church grounds. We need your help to clear the leaves from the graveyard and make our campus ready for cool weather. Please bring blowers, rakes, work gloves and lots of energy.

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

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Laura Harmon <i>Church Administrator</i>
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WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

For All the Saints
Tune: Sine Nomine
Sing Glory to the Name of God
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen
Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise
For the Life That You Have Given
Tune: Pleading Savior

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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

ALL SAINTS' DAY/DEDICATION SUNDAY

NOVEMBER 5, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Ashokan Farewell* Ungar/Welch

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting, you are God.**

Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,

**so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
Come, let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN** *For All the Saints* 326

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of all goodness,
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

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalm 90 (selected verses)*

Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever you had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. You turn us back to dust, and say, "Turn back, you mortals." For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past, or like a watch in the night. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; they are soon gone, and we fly away. So teach us to number our days that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

SERMON "About Time" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND NECROLOGY

Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead, we give thanks for all the saints through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage, who have reflected the light of Christ onto our path, and who have planted seeds of faithfulness that we have graciously seen blossom though they did not.

Thanks be to You, O God.

For the dear friends and the beloved of our homes whose faces we see no more but whose love is ever with us; for mothers, fathers, husbands, wives, children, dear friends, and beloved people who are no longer with us but whose baptisms are now complete,

We lift up thankful hearts, O God.

But it is painful to see so much death in this world. It feels like violence, chaos, and war dominate and are unending. We lift up your people around this world, especially in Ukraine, Israel, Palestine, South Sudan, and other places where so much life has been taken. We cry out, how long, O God? Hear our pleas to preserve life and lead us in the ways of peace.

Hear our cries of pain and lament, O God.

We cry out for our nation where anger, fear, and hatred have rooted so deeply. Broken relationships, deep divisions, and the fear and anger that are so persistent are not of your story, Holy God. Your people long for a day when these things are of the past and death is no more. How long must we wait? Take this narrative of death and transform it!

Hear our cries of pain and lament, O God.

For a loss of what once was, the harsh end of realities that were once known, we lament; yet for the dawning of new chapters and new paths ahead, we give thanks and praise you for resurrection life.

**Hear our cries of lament as well as our shouts of praise,
O God.**

May the remembrance of Your saints, common and uncommon, living and dead, renew us in the work of love against fear, of mercy against vengeance, of unity against division.

We remember and promise, O God.

May our children grow into sainthood, living lives worthy and grateful, and pursue your peace and justice in this world. Renew within us the ties that bind us to the past, present, and future of the communion of saints.

**Thanks be to You, O God, our Creator, Redeemer,
and Sustainer.**

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Give Us the Wings of Faith to Rise* Howard Helvey

*Give us the wings of faith to rise
within the veil, and see
the saints above, how great their joys,
how bright their glories be.
We ask them whence their victory came:
they, with united breath,
ascribe their conquest to the Lamb,
their triumph to his death.
They marked the footsteps that he trod,
his zeal inspired their breast,
and, following their incarnate God,
possess the promised rest.*

***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

*(As you come forward to receive the elements, you are invited to
place your commitment card in the basket at the front of the center aisle.
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.)*

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Nocturne in Eb Op. 9, No. 2* Chopin

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November 1, 2022 – October 31, 2023**

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Church Triumphant: Those whose earthly participation in the church is complete and are now in the presence of God.

Church Militant: Those whose membership in the church has commenced with baptism.

