

**OFFERTORY** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* Arr. Leo Sowerby  
*I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true, who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherd-ess on the green: they were all of them saints of God, and I mean, God helping, to be one too. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and God's love made them strong; and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long. And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast: and there's not any reason, no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too. They lived not only in ages past; there are hundreds of thousands still; the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea; for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.*

**\*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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *For All the Saints* 326  
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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Toccata* Gaston Bélier

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

**The rose on the chancel** is in honor of the birth of Hayden Walker Slain, born to Sarah McGinnis and Patrick Slain on October 28th.

**The flowers in the narthex and sanctuary** are given of the glory of God and in loving memory of Bill & Kay Karry and Dale Teague.

**Thank you** for your continued support of the ministry at First Presbyterian Church! If you were unable to turn in your commitment card last week, please do so today by putting it into the offering plate.

First Presbyterian has reserved a block of seats to see **"Behold the Lamb of God"** at Tennessee Theater for \$25 / ticket on Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:00pm. There are only 40 seats available, so please reserve today by calling the church office at 546-2531.

### 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](http://fpcknox.org), via the QR code to the right, or through social media.



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### OFFERING

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### 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).*



A Gathering of Spirits © Jan L. Richardson

*First Presbyterian Church*  
 FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

## ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

**NOVEMBER 6, 2022**

**11 A.M. SERVICE**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Liber Scriptus* Giuseppe Verdi  
Julie Belanger Roy, Contralto  
Translation of Latin text: *A written book will be brought forth, which contains everything for which the world will be judged. Therefore when the Judge takes His seat, whatever is hidden will be revealed: nothing shall remain unavenged.*

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

A thousand days are but a moment to God;  
**All flesh is grass, and withers away.**  
Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,  
**And reluctantly give them back to God.**  
Even in our sorrow and lament you are faithful;  
**Walk with us in our pain and remind us of those faithful servants we miss.**  
On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives that have come before us, live among us, and are to come.  
**Let us worship God.**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Jesus, Savior, Lord, Now to You I Come* 789  
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#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Beloved God, known to our spiritual ancestors, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, loving God, comfort us when we mourn the death of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. Forgive us for the ways we abandon our great legacy. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you. Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.**  
*(a moment for silent confession)*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. Friends, believe the good news:  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!**

**\*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.**

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

### THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 13 — *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* 471

#### Refrains:

- O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; when I call answer me.**  
**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer; come and listen to me.**
- The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise.**  
**All my hope comes from God.**  
**The Lord is my song, the Lord is my praise**  
**God, the well-spring of life.**

How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever? How long will you hide your face from me? <sup>2</sup> How long must I bear pain in my soul, and have sorrow in my heart all day long? How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?

#### Refrain 1

<sup>3</sup> Consider and answer me, O Lord my God! Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death, <sup>4</sup> and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed"; my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.

#### Refrains 1 and 2

<sup>5</sup> But I trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. <sup>6</sup> I will sing to the Lord because he has dealt bountifully with me.

#### Refrain 2

**ANTHEM** *Goin' Home* Dvořák/Lehman  
*Goin' home, goin' home, Lord I'm goin' home. No more tears, no more cares, No more grief to bear, Jesus, Jesus is waiting over there. All the saints in heaven above, all the saints we knew, gone home to Jesus, I am goin' too.*

### SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 42  
As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. <sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? <sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food day and night,

while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup> These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. <sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help <sup>6</sup> and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. <sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. <sup>8</sup> By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. <sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" <sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" <sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

**SERMON** "Lament Seeking Healing" Rev. Meredith Loftis

### THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *adapted from The Heidelberg Confession Q.1*

**One:** What is our only comfort, in life and in death?  
**Many:** **That we belong—body and soul, in life and in death—not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all our sins and has completely freed us from the dominion of the devil; that he protects us so well that without the will of our Father in heaven not a hair can fall from our heads; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for our salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures us of eternal life, and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *God Weeps with Us Who Weep and Mourn* 787  
*(Verse 1 - Choir, Verses 2-3 - All)*

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### LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS DAY AND NECROLOGY (INSERT)

### RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

## PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY

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, 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 lose those we love; painful to see so much death in this world. We have especially struggled with unnecessary death due to COVID-19, lingering effects of this virus, and the loss of those who died too soon. For families that lost a partner or parent or child; for friends that mourn dear ones; for communities that lost so many, we grieve.

### **Hear our cries of pain and lament, O God.**

We cry out for our nation where death and chaos seem never ending. Broken relationships and deep divisions, the shocking deaths of people of color, 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?

### **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.**



### **Members/Ministers of First Presbyterian Church Joining the Church Triumphant November 5, 2021 – October 31, 2022**

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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.*

