

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

Join us for the **PCUSA February episode of 'Being Matthew 25'** as we discuss the power of partnership featuring First Presbyterian Church and Justice Knox with many compelling interviews from leaders in our city. Watch live (or afterward) on February 16th at 1 PM (ET) on the PC(USA) Facebook page or on the YouTube Channel.

For the first time since the pandemic we will be resuming our **Congregational Retreat** tradition at Montreat on April 28 - 30th! This is such an important time of fellowship, prayer and worship and a great opportunity to make new friends at First Presbyterian. More details and a signup form will be coming soon! Please connect with Emily Smith ([memilysmith@gmail.com](mailto:memilysmith@gmail.com)) or Liz Key ([lizkey1@gmail.com](mailto:lizkey1@gmail.com)) for more questions or to go ahead and reserve your space in advance.

Of the many great, and most impactful, blessings given us by the faithful saints of First Presbyterian Church was the establishing and generous funding of the church's **Pastors' Benevolence Fund**. This fund has been used over the years by the pastors of FPC – including Meredith and me – to help members of our church in times of need. We are proud to help our church family and plan to continue doing so. Over the last few weeks and months, the balance of the Benevolence Fund has become low. We have several members who have generously contributed to this fund, and we hope you might also prayerfully consider giving. Whether you offer a onetime gift, or an ongoing monthly contribution, this money will be used to support those in our church in need and will make a difference in their lives. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, I hope you will contact me or Meredith anytime.

Thank you for your consideration and for your continued generosity. We are truly a blessed congregation!

Jehovah-jireh, Mark Curtis

**Need a gift for Valentine's Day?** From Equal Exchange, each of the bars from the new Cross Atlantic Chocolate Bar Collection is special because it was handcrafted by the same farmers who grew and harvested the cacao beans. \$28 for a box of 9.

Chocolate not your thing? How about Love Buzz Coffee, drip or whole bean - \$8.50 or JusTea, loose leaf tea in luscious varieties from small-scale farmers in Kenya - \$13.

The Mission Market is located on the second floor of First Presbyterian, near the Commons area, James Park Classroom, and the Fellowship Hall. You can shop on Sundays from 9:30-10:50 a.m., or other days by appointment. Contact: Colleen Shannon, [bakhom@earthlink.net](mailto:bakhom@earthlink.net)

## 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.



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 give securely online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://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*

The Rev. Meredith Loftis  
*Associate Pastor*

Mark Pace  
*Organist/Choirmaster*

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*Adult Ministry Coordinator*

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*Director of Finance/Facilities*

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*Director of Parent's Day Out /  
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*Administrative Assistant*

Victor Lenoir  
*Custodian*

Paul Seguna  
*Sound Engineer*

Charlie Smith  
*Crucifer*

Eleanor Efurud  
*Bible Bearer*

## 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).



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**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 12, 2023**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Daniel Curtis

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *Adapted from Isaiah 26* Laura Smith

We waited patiently for the Lord,

**He inclined his ear to us and heard our cry.**

He drew us up from the desolate pit,

**out of the miry bog, and set our feet upon a rock  
making our steps secure.**

God put a new song in our mouth, a song of praise to our God.

**Many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.**

You have multiplied, O Lord our God,

**Your wondrous deeds and your thoughts towards us,  
none can compare with you.**

### \*OPENING HYMN *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* 353

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION Max Pittenger

**Heavenly Father, we come before you today in humility  
and repentance. We confess that we have not always  
sought your will in our lives, but have gone our own way  
and pursued our own plans. We acknowledge that your  
plans for us are good and that you have a hope and a  
future for us. Lord, we ask for your forgiveness and for  
the grace to turn away from our sins and follow your path  
for us. In Jesus' name we pray (silent confession)  
Amen.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*MUSICAL RESPONSE *Glory to God* 583

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!  
Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE Katherine Buchanan

### \*MUSICAL RESPONSE *Alleluia!* 587

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Proverbs 3:5-6 Harper McAdoo

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.<sup>6</sup> In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

### ANTHEM *Jehovah Jireh*

Congregation please join in on refrain:

*Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will provide, and all our earthly burdens are cast  
aside. Mercy for all and grace from on high, Jehovah Jireh, the Lord will  
provide, the Lord will provide.*

### SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES McKenna Cook and Maddie Pitt

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Jeremiah 29:11-14 Eleanor Efurd

For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. <sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD, and I will restore your fortunes and gather you from all the nations and all the places where I have driven you, says the LORD, and I will bring you back to the place from which I sent you into exile.

### SERMONS Henry Barton and Jack Riordan

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

### \*HYMN OF RESPONSE *Seek Ye First* 175

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### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Harris Eddins

**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 Parson Campen

### OFFERTORY

### \*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 *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 *How Firm a Foundation* 463

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Charlie Smith

### \*POSTLUDE

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

For over 30 years, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. We will work with our Youth ministry to gather cans of food and non perishable food items



to local food banks in Knoxville and First Presbyterian's FISH pantry. We will be standing at the doors to the sanctuary with large containers to gather all of our food offerings. Please give generously!

**We are moving our prayer chain email distribution** to the church office, and have a separate signup list that you can add your name and email to via the link in the newsletter.

If you were on the previous list, your name has already been added. Please note that there are weeks that there will be multiple emails sent out. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office to have your name removed if you don't want to receive all the emails. There is a board in the commons area on the 2nd floor and in the church office with current prayer concerns if you would like to keep up with them that way.

To pass along prayer concerns, please send prayer requests of church members and their immediate families to [church@fpcknox.org](mailto:church@fpcknox.org).

**The Fightin' Turnips are back and ready for action!** Our fearless co-ed softball team will be resuming practice this Spring and will be playing on Monday Nights at Caswell Park. We need a few more players, and this is a great way to get plugged in and connect with some new folks at the church. Reach out to Coach Preston Smith for more information at [prestonsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:prestonsmith07@gmail.com).