

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 the recording from February 16th on the PC(USA) Facebook page or on the YouTube Channel.

The **Ash Wednesday Service** is February 22 at 6:30 p.m. Contact the church office at 546-2531 for more details.

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 sign up form will be coming soon! Please connect with Emily Smith (memilysmith@gmail.com) or Liz Key (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

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.

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 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
Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis
Associate Pastor

Mark Pace
Organist/Choirmaster

Mary Wilson
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Katie Norrell
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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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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* Bach/Whitman

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
**and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
there is freedom.**

And all of us, with unveiled faces
come to seek the glory of the Lord.

**We are being transformed in God's image
from one degree of glory to another;
Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN** *O Wonderous Sight, O Vision Fair* 189

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord of glory,
in Jesus Christ you reveal the full light of your glory,
but we look away from him,
distracted by our own desires and ambitions.
We speak too quickly,
and act too rashly,
intent upon achieving our chosen ends.
Forgive us for turning away from your holy glory.
Grant us wisdom and empower us
by your Holy Spirit to live in your light,
following in the way of your beloved Son,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ...**
(a moment for silent confession)

*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

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Alleluia!* 587
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 24:12-18 Louis Becker
The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them." ¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

ANTHEM *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* Arr. Healey Willan
Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Thou the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, Triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; Joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see; till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart. Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, Radiance Divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day. Amen

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 17:1-9
Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. ⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

SERMON "Overshadowed" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *O Word of God Incarnate* 459

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. 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 *Beautiful Savior* F. Melius Christiansen
*Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in flowers of
blooming spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer; He makes our sorrowing
spirit sing. Beautiful Savior, Lord of the nations, Son of God and Son of
Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be Thine!*

***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** *O God, Show Mercy to Us* 341

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Presto from Concerto in G Major* Ernst/Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*