



# TRINITY SUNDAY

*“For Christ in the Heart of Knoxville,” the First Presbyterian Church seeks*

- *to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*

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

#### **LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor  
The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor  
Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**  
JUNE 12, 2022  
✦ THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✦

**PRELUDE**

*Meditation on "Spirit"*

Michael Bedford

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**† CALL TO WORSHIP**

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
we behold in the splendor of creation  
your majesty and our responsibility.

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
we behold in the face of Jesus Christ  
your divinity and our humanity.

O Holy Trinity, One God in Three Persons,  
we behold in the Spirit of truth  
your glory and our calling.

Bound to you forever, we will ever praise your name!

**† OPENING HYMN 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Nicaea

**† PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy God, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, and mind. We have ignored your commandments and have strayed from your ways.

(silence)

In your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We fail to reach out to people in need, and have not told your story to all the world.

(silence)

In your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Holy Spirit, we confess that we are slow to follow your leading. We prefer to do things our own way, and ignore your presence in our lives.

(silence)

In your mercy,  
Hear our prayer.

Blessed Trinity,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us.  
Forgive our sin, and raise us to new life,  
that we may serve you and honor your name. Amen.

**† ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **MUSICAL RESPONSE** 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light* (verse 1) Houston  
I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus. In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike. The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

† **PASSING OF THE PEACE**

† **MUSICAL RESPONSE** 288 *Spirit of the Living God* Living God  
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.  
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

✦ **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD** ✦

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Romans 5:1-5* Phyllis Driver  
Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,<sup>2</sup> through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God.<sup>3</sup> And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,<sup>4</sup> and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,<sup>5</sup> and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

**ANTHEM** *Trinitarian Blessings* K. Lee Scott  
*May the Sending One sing in you, May the Seeking One walk with you, May the Greeting One stand by you in your gladness and in your grieving, May the Gifted One relieve you, May the Given One retrieve you, May the Giving One receive you, In your falling and your restoring. May the Binding One unite you, May the One Beloved invite you, May the Loving One delight you, Three-in-One, joy in life unending.*

**SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *John 16:12-15*  
“I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now.<sup>13</sup> When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come.<sup>14</sup> He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you.<sup>15</sup> All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.”

**SERMON** “Slant” Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✦ **THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE** 4 *Holy God, We Praise Your Name* Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*O Trinity of Blessed Light*

Franz Joseph Haydn

*O Trinity of blessed light, O Unity of princely might, the fiery sun now goes his way; shed now within our hearts your ray. To you our morning song of praise, to you our evening prayer we raise; O grant us with your saints on high to praise you through eternity. To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ revealed in earthly night, to God the Holy Spirit raise our equal and unceasing praise.*

## † DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *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

*Patrick of Ireland*

**I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, and One in Three.**

**Christ be with me, Christ within me,  
Christ behind me, Christ before me,  
Christ beside me, Christ to win me,  
Christ to comfort and restore me,  
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,  
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,  
Christ in hearts of all that love me,  
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

**I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity,  
by invocation of the same, the Three in One, the One in Three,  
of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word.  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation, salvation is of Christ the Lord. Amen.**

## † SENDING HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

## † CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

## POSTLUDE

*Grand Sortie*

John S. Dixon

† - *Please stand if you are able.*



Please join us in the Fellowship Hall, following the service, for a luncheon and discussion about Christian Education.

## HYMNS FOR JUNE 12

### † OPENING HYMN 1

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

Nicaea

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning  
Our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns  
Around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinfulness  
Thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in power, in love and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name,  
In earth, and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

### † HYMN OF RESPONSE 4

*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

1. Holy God, we praise your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before you.  
All on earth your scepter claim;  
All in heaven above adore you.  
Infinite your vast domain,  
Everlasting is your reign.
2. Hark! The glad celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim,  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heavens with sweet accord:  
“Holy, holy, holy Lord!”
3. All apostles join the strain  
As your sacred name they hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the blessed martyrs follow,  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the church the song goes on.
4. Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit: three we name you,  
While in essence only one;  
Undivided God we claim you,  
And adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.

### † SENDING HYMN 450

*Be Thou My Vision*

Slane

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.
2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.
4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.