

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Based on Luke 2:25-35 Jean Mayer

One: When Simeon sees the child Jesus in the temple, he takes him in his arms and praises God, saying, "You are now dismissing your servant in peace."

All: **My own eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the sight of all peoples. A light for revelation to the Gentiles and the glory of your people Israel.**

One: May God's blessings be poured out to all of God's children.

All: **May God's love and grace be upon us this day and forever more. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE *Entrée* Gabriel Pierné

*Please stand if you are able.



The flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in memory of Mary Lou Butler by her many friends who loved her so much.

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.

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First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

CELEBRATE THE GIFTS OF WOMEN SUNDAY

AUGUST 28, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Italian Hymn* Arr. Albert Travis
One License #99287

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Based on 1 Samuel 2:1-10* Jenn Jones

One: My heart exults in God; my strength is exalted in my God.

All: There is no one holier than you. There is no Rock like our God.

One: God makes poor and makes rich. It is God who both humbles and exalts.

All: God raises up the poor from the dust; God lifts the needy from the ash heap, to place them among the mighty and promotes them to seats of honor.

One: God judges the ends of the earth.

All: God will endow the ruler with strength and exalt the head of the anointed one.

***OPENING HYMN** *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* 645

***CALL TO CONFESSION** Pat Chambers

God offers us the gift of forgiveness and the opportunity to let go of our wounds. In faithful witness to God's grace and love, we confess our sins before God and each other.

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Loving God, we confess that we criticize and pass judgment on others. We have sought to control the way they live their lives of service to you. Forgive us for our shortsightedness and sin. Help us to understand, appreciate and love our siblings in Christ, who have diverse experiences and life challenges. Help us to recognize the variety of ways we can express our faithfulness and love to you.

(a moment for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON** *Based on Galatians 4:4-7*

One: God sent forth the Christ, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

All: And because you are children, God has sent forth into our hearts the Spirit of God's child, who calls out, "Abba!"

One: So you are no longer a servant but a child, and if a child then

also an heir, through God.

All: Thanks be to God.

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* 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**

MUSICAL RESPONSE *May the God of Hope Go With Us* 765
One License #65250

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Jenny Bryan

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Samuel 2:1-10 Rita Dennis

Hannah prayed and said, "My heart exults in the Lord; my strength is exalted in my God. My mouth derides my enemies, because I rejoice in my victory. ²"There is no Holy One like the Lord, no one besides you; there is no Rock like our God. ³Talk no more so very proudly, let not arrogance come from your mouth; for the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed. ⁴The bows of the mighty are broken, but the feeble gird on strength. ⁵Those who were full have hired themselves out for bread, but those who were hungry are fat with spoil. The barren has borne seven, but she who has many children is forlorn. ⁶The Lord kills and brings to life; he brings down to Sheol and raises up. ⁷The Lord makes poor and makes rich; he brings low, he also exalts. ⁸He raises up the poor from the dust; he lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes and inherit a seat of honor. For the pillars of the earth are the Lord's, and on them he has set the world. ⁹"He will guard the feet of his faithful ones, but the wicked shall be cut off in darkness; for not by might does one prevail. ¹⁰The Lord! His adversaries shall be shattered; the Most High will thunder in heaven. The Lord will judge the ends of the earth; he will give strength to his king, and exalt the power of his anointed."

ANTHEM *Now Thank We All Our God* Johann S. Bach

*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.*

SERMON Phyllis Driver
Vanessa Smith
Ann Myers

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *My Soul Gives Glory to My God* 99
One License #91855 and #96270

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN LIFETIME AWARD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Amye Cole

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 Liz Key

OFFERTORY *Christ Hath a Garden* Gerald Near

*Christ hath a garden walled around, a Paradise of fruitful ground,
chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.
Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;
by Eden's gracious streams, that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.*

*Awake, O wind of heaven and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:
stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:
that he may come, and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;
that he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.*

***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.**

INSTALLATION OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OFFICERS



2022-2023

LEADER INSTALLATION

INSTALLATION OF LEADERS

Minister: There are different gifts,

People: But it is the same Spirit who gives them.

Minister: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

People: To use it for the common good.

Past Moderator Laura Barton:

Speaking for the Presbyterian Women, I present to you the leaders for the year 2022-2023 and ask them to stand.

Minister: Relying on God's guidance and steadfast love, do you promise to accept your responsibilities as from your Lord Jesus Christ and to carry them out with enthusiasm, energy and imagination?

Do you promise to respond to the spiritual gifts God has given you and use them in your ministry - the gifts of wisdom, knowledge, faith, mercy, teaching, leadership and serving?

Do you promise to use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the common good?

Leaders: We do.

Minister: Let us pray:

Loving God, grant these leaders the peace of knowing they follow after you in everything they do. Guard their integrity of spirit. Encourage in them a holy desire to see your spiritual gifts manifested in their work for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

I declare that you are now installed as the new leaders of the Presbyterian Women, for the year 2022-2023.

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2022-2023 LEADERS

LEADERS

Jenny Bryan — Moderator

Liz Key — Vice Moderator

Emily Smith — Yearbook

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Lydia — Shared

“She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.”
Proverbs 31:26