

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Join us for Rally Day, August 13th!

- 9 am Breakfast
- 9:35 am Children's and Youth Sunday School Classes meet
Adult Program in the Fellowship Hall
- 11 am Worship
Blessing of the Backpacks
Presentation of Bibles to Third Graders
- 2 pm Pool Party from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Peninsula Club,
2222 Houser Road. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

The PW Fall Coffee will be on August 12th at 10am at the home of Colleen Riordan, at 1312 Astoria Drive. Please help out with the food if you can! Coffee will be provided. See group assignments for sweet or savory items to bring.

- Esther Circle- savory
- Chi Rho Circle - sweet
- Julia White Circle - sweet
- Lydia Circle - savory
- Effie Rule Circle - savory

For questions, contact PW Moderator Liz Key at lizkey1@gmail.com

Our Barnabas Program begins in August. We are in need of adults to support the youth in the year ahead. Please contact Kallee Pittenger if you would consider being paired with one lucky youth from our church. Your role would include anonymous letters or small gifts specifically chosen for your youth friend. Kallee will provide descriptions of each child to help you get to know them better. At the end of the school year, we will have a reveal event where the two of you can bond further.

Parents, please let Kallee know if your child/ren would like to participate in the program by phone (865-387-4748) or email (kallee@purvisbuilders.com).

We sponsor the third grade at Dogwood School, which numbers about ninety students. The Local Missions Committee is supplying each of the five third grade classrooms with \$100.00 each for the teachers to use for curriculum needs. We are collecting school supplies for students who are not able to provide their own. If you are not able to shop and want to give a monetary amount, Paulette and Gary Anderson will happily do the shopping for you. You can connect with them at gdandrs@bellsouth.net to do so. If you would like to give a monetary donation to Dogwood Elementary, you can designate a check or an offering envelope or give at fpcknox.org (please designate in the "Dogwood Elementary" category). Thank you so much for your generosity, love and support for the children at Dogwood School. School starts for students on Tuesday, August 8th and Paulette would like to take supplies over before then.

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 to 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 <i>Senior Pastor</i>	Jane Holland <i>Director of Finance/Facilities</i>
The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis <i>Associate Pastor</i>	Laura Harmon <i>Church Administrator</i>
Dr. Andy Morgan <i>Director of Family Faith Formation</i>	Lauren Nunn <i>Director of Parent's Day Out / Childcare Coordinator</i>
Mark Pace <i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>	Sandra Robinson <i>Administrative Assistant</i>
Mary Wilson <i>Adult Ministry Coordinator</i>	Victor Lenoir <i>Custodian</i>
Katie Norrell <i>Director of Communications</i>	Paul Seguna <i>Sound Engineer</i>

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

<i>Let Us Build a House</i> Tune: Two Oaks <i>Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me</i> Tune: Glory to God <i>Come! Live in the Light!</i> Tune: We Are Called	One License #00004 One License # VT429 One License # 00174	<i>Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken</i> Tune: Beach Spring <i>Humbly, I Adore Thee</i> <i>Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts</i> Tune: Quebec	One License # 43496 & 851572 One License # AF20210534
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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).



First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 2023

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620 State Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Nocturne in C-sharp Minor* Frederic Chopin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Isaiah 55:1-5)

Come to the waters you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy wine and milk without money, and without cost.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!

Why spend money on what does not satisfy?

Listen to me, and you will have good things to eat,
and rich food to enjoy.

My soul hungers for God, for the living God!

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found;
call to him while he is near.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God!

***OPENING HYMN** *Let Us Build a House* 301

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O Lord our God,
you call us to work for a world
where all will be fed and have dignity,
but we find ourselves distracted by our own desires.
You call us to seek justice and peace,
but we are satisfied with injustice and discord.
You call us to bring liberty to the oppressed,
but we do not insist on freedom for all.**

Forgive us, O Lord.

**Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit,
so that all may know your justice and peace;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Savior.**

(a moment for silent confession)

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* 582

**Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,
whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has
set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

**World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,
without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it
was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Come! Live in the Light! (v. 3)* 749

**Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!
God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and
brothers united in love. We are called to act with justice; we are
called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one another, to walk
humbly with God.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 55:1-5 Joan Holladay

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without
price. ² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your
labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is
good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my
steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a
leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do
not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the
LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 14:13-21

¹³ Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted
place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot
from the towns. ¹⁴ When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had
compassion for them and cured their sick. ¹⁵ When it was evening, the disciples
came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send
the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for
themselves." ¹⁶ Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them
something to eat." ¹⁷ They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and
two fish." ¹⁸ And he said, "Bring them here to me." ¹⁹ Then he ordered the
crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he
looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the
disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰ And all ate and were
filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve
baskets full. ²¹ And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides
women and children.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* 498

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ave Verum* Edward Elgar

*Hail, true Body, born of the Virgin Mary, having truly suffered, sacrificed on the
cross for mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed: Be for us a
sweet foretaste in the trial of death! O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, son of
Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.*

***DOXOLOGY** *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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF CUP

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

COMMUNION MUSIC *Humbly I Adore Thee* Arr. Joe Cox

*Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen, who thy glory hidest 'neath these
shadows mean; lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed, tranced as it
beholds thee, shrined within the cloud. Taste and touch and vision to discern thee
fail; faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil. I believe whate'er the
Son of God hath told; what the Truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold. O
memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death; living Bread that givest all thy
creatures breath, grant my spirit ever by thy life may live, to my taste thy
sweetness never-failing give. Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold, what my
soul doth long for, that thy word foretold: face to face thy splendor, I at last shall
see, in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* 494

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Elders

Laura Barton
Sarah Dugger
Chuck Morris
Ginny Morrow
Bill Myers
Pam Teague

Deacons

Sarah Henderson
Jan Houser
Tom Moorman
Luke Sowards
Will Warren
Shanna Veilleux
Jane Armstrong - 1 year term
Don Cassell - 2 year term