

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God.**

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.**

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* 649

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Let Us With a Gladsome Mind* Arr. Albert Travis

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**A Season of Peace** PCUSA devotional this week focuses on nonviolence. You may sign up for free daily devotionals at [pcu-subscribeSOP](http://pcu-subscribeSOP).

**The Effie Rule Circle** meets Sept. 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the James Park Classroom. **The Julia White Circle** meets on Sept. 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. **The Chi Ro Circle** meets Sept. 14th, at 6 p.m. in Parlor. **The Lydia Circle** invites those interested in an evening meeting to join us Sept. 15th at Cherokee Country Club at 6 p.m. Please contact Lane at 865-310-7331 by phone or text for information about the Lydia Circle.

**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 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.



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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

**FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 11, 2022**

**11 A.M. SERVICE**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Hymn to Joy* Arr. Albert Travis  
One License #98108

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Ezekiel 34*

For thus says the Lord God:

As shepherds seek out their flocks, so I will seek out my sheep.

**I will rescue them from all the places  
to which they have been scattered.**

I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep,  
says the Lord God.

**I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed,  
and I will bind up the injured  
and I will strengthen the weak.**

○ Lord, open our lips;

**And our mouths shall declare your praise!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* 385

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty and merciful God,  
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.  
We have followed too much  
the devices and desires of our own hearts.  
We have offended against your holy laws.  
We have left undone those things which we ought to have  
done; and we have done those things which we ought not  
to have done.**

**○ Lord, have mercy upon us.  
Spare those who confess their faults.  
Restore those who are penitent,  
according to your promises declared to the world  
in Christ Jesus our Lord.  
And grant, ○ merciful God, for his sake,  
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life  
to the glory of your holy name...**  
*(a moment for silent confession)*

**\*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

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 14* Bill Butler

Fools say in their hearts, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is no one who does good. <sup>2</sup>The Lord looks down from heaven on humankind to see if there are any who are wise, who seek after God. <sup>3</sup>They have all gone astray, they are all alike perverse; there is no one who does good, no, not one. <sup>4</sup>Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers who eat up my people as they eat bread, and do not call upon the Lord? <sup>5</sup>There they shall be in great terror, for God is with the company of the righteous. <sup>6</sup>You would confound the plans of the poor, but the Lord is their refuge. <sup>7</sup>○ that deliverance for Israel would come from Zion! When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people, Jacob will rejoice; Israel will be glad.

**ANTHEM** *Servants of Peace* K. Lee Scott  
One License #01249

*Lord, make us servants of your peace: where there is hate, may we sow love; where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one. Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope; where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy. Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console, nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand. May we not look for love's return, but seek to love unselfishly. For in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven. Dying, we live, and are reborn through death's dark night to endless day. Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven's light.*

### SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Luke 15:1-10*

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup>And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." <sup>3</sup>So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup>"Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup>When he has found it, he lays it on

his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup>And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' <sup>7</sup>Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup>"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup>When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' <sup>10</sup>Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

**SERMON** "The Parable of the One" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* 803  
One License #94282

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

**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** *With a Voice of Singing* Martin Shaw  
*With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered  
His people, Alleluia! O be joyful in God, all ye lands. O sing praises  
to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious. With a  
voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!*

**\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Old Hundredth*

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him,  
all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heaven-  
ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**