

**\*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.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** *Take My Life (vv. 1-4)* 697

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE** *Finale from Symphony 2* Charles-Marie Widor

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**A Season of Peace** begins this week and leads up our Peace and Global Witness Offering on October 4. The Peace & Global Witness Offering encourages the church to cast off anxiety and fear, discord and division, and embrace God's mission with those around the corner and around the world, as active peacemakers. The PCUSA devotional this week focuses on climate change. You may sign up for free daily devotionals at [pcusa.org/subscribeSOP](http://pcusa.org/subscribeSOP).

**Fighting Turnips Softball Game** at 8 p.m. on September 6. Contact Preston Smith at [prestonsmith07@gmail.com](mailto:prestonsmith07@gmail.com) for more details.

**Yarn Circle** begins in the Parlor at 12:30 p.m. on September 8th. Contact Jane Holland ([jane@fpcknox.org](mailto:jane@fpcknox.org)) for more details.

**Women's Retreat** at Montreat is September 9 - 11. Contact Jenny Bryan at [mrs.jenny.bryan@gmail.com](mailto:mrs.jenny.bryan@gmail.com).

**The Effie Rule Circle** will meet September 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the James Park Classroom. Sharon Patton will be leading us in the 1st lesson of our new study book, *Celebrating Sabbath*. Afterward, we will enjoy lunch together! Jean Mayer will be providing us with dessert, drinks, and goodies; everyone is encouraged to bring a sandwich or something comparable to be enjoyed with Jean's provisions. All ladies are welcome to join us for a wonderful time of Bible study and fellowship! Please contact Celeste Whaley at [celestejohn@comcast.net](mailto:celestejohn@comcast.net) with any questions you may have regarding this circle.

**The Julia White Circle** would like to invite all PW members, and anyone interested in joining a PW circle to our 1st meeting on September 13th at 10:30 a.m. in the Parlor. Rev. Mark Curtis will be our guest leader as we begin the study of our new book, *Celebrating Sabbath*. A luncheon will follow the lesson. Please RSVP to Nancy Kelly White at [nancykellyandcompany@comcast.net](mailto:nancykellyandcompany@comcast.net) to save yourself a spot.

### 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.



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### OFFERING

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### STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis  
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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

**THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**SEPTEMBER 4, 2022**

**11 A.M. SERVICE**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty* Arr. Lloyd Larson  
Adult Handbell Choir

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 139*

O Lord, you have searched me and known me,  
and are acquainted with all my ways.

**Even before a word is on my tongue,  
O Lord, you know it completely.**

For it was you who formed my inward parts;  
you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God!  
I try to count them—they are like the sand.  
Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* 35

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God,  
like spoiled children,  
we are quick to assume your forgiveness and love  
and your understanding of the way we live.  
We turn away from neighbors in need,  
sharing our meager leftovers  
only after our cravings have been met.  
Merciful Maker,  
you created us for a better purpose; remake us now.  
Where we are distorted  
re-center and reshape us,  
bring us low and raise us up.  
Then fire our hearts  
until we shine with your glory  
and follow your way...  
(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

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**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 139:1-6, 13-18* Jim Given

O Lord, you have searched me and known me. <sup>2</sup>You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away. <sup>3</sup>You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways. <sup>4</sup>Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, you know it completely. <sup>5</sup>You hem me in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me. <sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is so high that I cannot attain it. <sup>13</sup>For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. <sup>14</sup>I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well. <sup>15</sup>My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. <sup>16</sup>Your eyes beheld my unformed substance. In your book were written all the days that were formed for me, when none of them as yet existed. <sup>17</sup>How weighty to me are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! <sup>18</sup>I try to count them—they are more than the sand; I come to the end—I am still with you.

**ANTHEM** *Come to the Water* Foley/Hasseler

*O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.*

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM** Oliver Daniel Cole  
Son of Amye Cole & Aaron Crump

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Jeremiah 18:1-10*

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>"Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." <sup>3</sup>So I went down

to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>"Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done?" says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it.

**SERMON** "I Wish You Life" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Change My Heart, O God* 695

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### 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** *Shall We Gather at the River* Arr. John Carter

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*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod; with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river, gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down; grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. Deep river, my heart is over Jordan. Deep river, I want to cross over into campground. Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*