

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***CLOSING HYMN** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* 265

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *The Emperor's Fanfare* Antonio Soler

*Please stand if you are able.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

We are excited to invite you to a baby shower for Rachel Patton McCord on May 19th, following the 11 am service in the James Park Room. Please join us in celebrating this special occasion with Rachel and her loved ones. For more details, please reach out to Vanessa Smith at vkinslersmith@gmail.com. Also, email Vanessa or check out the newsletter for the list of supplies needed for the baby, We hope to see you there!

Check out new youth events at First Presbyterian Church!

Our community is dedicated to providing engaging opportunities for our young members to grow in their faith and build lasting relationships with their peers. Please contact Kallee at (865) 387-4748 or kallee@purvisbuilders.com if you can chaperone events or if you would like your teen to get connected.

May 19, Presbytery of East TN Small & Mighty Youth Group movie night at Farragut
May 29, Virginia Creeper Trail bike ride, weather permitting

Please join us for our last Worshipful Wednesday of the school year (May 15th). Meet us for dinner at 5:30 pm followed by the Family Fun program at 6:30 pm.

Worship Note: The prayer of confession was written by Rev. Mindi and posted on **Rev-o-lution**. <http://rev-o-lution.org/>

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

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Tune: Diademata
Alleluia
Tune: Alleluia 7
Thine Is the Glory
Tune: Judas Maccabeus
The Last Words of David

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Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies
Tune: Ratisbon
Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun
Tune: Duke Street

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

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 12, 2024

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THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Children's Prayer from Sweden* Roberta Bitgood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 47

Clap your hands, all you peoples;
shout to God with loud songs of joy.
For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,
a great king over all the earth.
God has gone up with a shout,
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
God is king over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted.

***OPENING HYMN** *Crown Him with Many Crowns* 268

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, we confess that we have our eyes set in the clouds instead of on the earth you have given us. We desire heavenly treasure but we keep believing that worldly means will help us attain it. Forgive us for our short sightedness. Draw us away from the temptations to seek worldly power and measures of success, and call us to root ourselves deeply in your love, to care for the needs of those around us, especially the oppressed and marginalized. Train our eyes on your creation, especially those suffering. Train our feet to seek paths of unity and peace. Help us to break down the dividing walls that we have placed, so that we may truly be one, as You and Christ are one. . .

(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Alleluia* 586
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (3x)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Thine Is the Glory (v. 2)* 238
**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE Psalm 47 Ruthie Kuhlman

¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth. ³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet. ⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet. ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
⁷ For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm. ⁸ God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne. ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

ANTHEM *The Last Words of David* Randall Thompson
*He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds; as the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen*

SPECIAL TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE Acts 1:1-11
¹ In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷ He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were

gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* 662

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Mark R. Curtis
**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 *How Great Thou Art* Arr. Craig Courtney
*Oh Lord, my God
When I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.
And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. (Refrain)
When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.
Then I shall bow, in humble adoration
And then proclaim, my God, how great Thou art. (Refrain)*

***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.**