First Presbyterian Church
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
- Founded 1792 -

“For Christ in the Heart of Knoxville,”
the First Presbyterian Church seeks
• to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ
• to nurture those within its influence
• to serve spiritual and human needs

Special Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m.
Church School at 9:45 a.m.
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Worshipful Wednesday Evening Meal and Programs begin at 5:30 p.m.

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A Word of Welcome
To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come; this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of Jesus Christ her Lord.

ORDER OF WORSHIP
CANDLEMAS
PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

11:00 a.m. February 2, 2014

❖ THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE ❖

PRELUDE  
Pastorale on The Morning Star  
Daniel Pinkham

...the Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth keep silence before him!  
Habakkuk 2:20

Worship begins with the Prelude. As we reverently enter the pews, please use this time for quiet reflection and prayer, so that we, individually and as a great crowd of witnesses, may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our devotion to Him who is the author and finisher of our faith.

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

CALL TO WORSHIP
Dear Brethren (brothers and sisters)
fourty days have passed since we celebrated the joyful feast of the Nativity of the Lord.  
Today is a blessed day when Jesus was presented in the Temple by Mary and Joseph.  
Outwardly he was fulfilling the Law, but in reality he was coming to meet his believing people.  
Prompted by the Holy Spirit, Simeon and Anna came to the Temple.  
Enlightened by the same Spirit, they recognized the Lord and confessed him with exultation.  
So let us also, gather together by the Holy Spirit, proceed to the hour of God to encounter Christ.  
Let us worship together!

† PROCESIONAL HYMN 309  
Of the Father's Love Begotten  
Divinum Mysterium

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All)
We thank you, O God, for leaving your light in the world even though we have not always heeded your summons to become the light of the world. Instead of illuminating your character, we have blurred it. You have commanded us to love you with all our being, but we have consigned our love to the pigeonhole of religion. You have commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves, but we have been too preoccupied with ourselves to find them. You have summoned us to be wall breakers, yet we have supported the wall makers with our silence and our sympathy. We have seen the light, but we have refused to walk in it. Forgive us, O God, and grant us peace.  (Silent personal confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE (All) 579  
Gloria Patri  
Greatorex

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
Since God has forgiven us, we are free to forgive each other. Therefore the congregation are invited to turn to each other, saying: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding with “And also with you.”
FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON
Psalm 98
Jim Jean
(Pew Bible, OT Page 551)

SPECIAL TIME WITH CHILDREN
Brianna Cook
(three-year-olds through first graders may leave for Children's Church.)

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON
Psalm 84
C. H. H. Parry
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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Luke 2:22-40
Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON
Candlemas
The Rev. Dr. Paul P. Rader

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 603
Song of Simeon
Land of Rest

†HYMN 470
O Day of Radiant Gladness
Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE
Fiat Lux (Let There Be Light)
Théodore Dubois
†Those who are able may stand
†Ushers will seat those who are waiting

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
The Invitation to the Table
The Prayer of Consecration
The Words of Institution
The Sharing in the Bread and Cup
Communion Anthem
Ego sum panis virus
G. P. Palestrina
I am the living bread. Your forefathers ate manna in the desert and are dead;
this is the living bread from heaven: whoever eats it shall not die. (John 6)
Communion Music
Maria waltz zum Heiligtum
Johannes Eccard
Mary went to the temple and brought her beloved child there,
who was seen by the aged Simeon, as the prophets had foretold.
Simeon took Jesus in his arms, and joyfully sang:
Now I go forth with joy, for today I have seen You, Savior – comfort of Israel,
light of the world
Prayer of Thanksgiving

†DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION
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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
Nunc Dimittis from Service in A
Herbert Sumson

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF RESPONSE 603
Song of Simeon
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MINUTE FOR MISSION ON HERITAGE, HEART, HOPE CAMPAIGN
Doy Barron

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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

_The Friendship Book_ is passed each Sunday for guests and members to sign. Guests’ names and addresses are used to acknowledge your presence and welcome you to worship. In expressing what it means to be a *family of faith*, the church appreciates your willingness to share this information with us!

_Following our Wednesday activities on February 5_ you are encouraged to come to the Chapel at 7:30 p.m. where we will observe a service of Night Prayer, known as Compline. This brief service of approximately fifteen minutes will include liturgy and song and will be led by members of our Chancel Choir. **Compline is the final service** of the day in the tradition of the Daily Office dating back as far as the 6th century. The English word, Compline, is derived from the Latin, completorium, meaning completion of the working day. It is a service, contemplative in nature, emphasizing inward, spiritual peace and God’s continual work over us, even while we are at rest.

_On Saturday, February 8_, our church will host a Student Organ Encounters (SOE) event sponsored by the Knoxville chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO). There are over twenty-five students currently enrolled. Enrollment is open to upper elementary-high school students. Registration begins at 9:15 a.m., includes lunch, and the event concludes at 1:30 p.m. For further information contact Organist-Choirmaster, Ashley Burell. An organ recital, of approximately forty-five minutes featuring some of our young organists in the area, is open to the public beginning at 9:30 a.m. in our Sanctuary.

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

_Officer in Charge:_
_Deacon of the Week:_
_Phone Monitor:_ Earl Hagler
_Baker and Taker:_ Ailsa Schuller
_and Dale and Pam Teague

_Nursery Workers:_ Robin Cook and Joanna Pennoyer
_Children’s Church:_ Judy Cagle, Brianna Cook, Robbie Davis, and Chris McAdoo

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Dr. William C. Pender ........................................... Senior Pastor
Dr. Paul P. Rader ...................................................... Associate Pastor
Mr. J. Ashley Burell ................................. Organist/Choirmaster