



**Baptism of Christ by Andrea de Verrocchio  
and 23 year old student,  
Leonardo Da Vinci. Created 1472-1475.  
The painting hangs in the  
Uffizi Gallery in Florence, Italy.**



**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*

*First Presbyterian Church*  
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE 

*Special Coffee Fellowship 9:15 a.m.*

*Church School at 9:45 a.m.*

*Sunday Worship Service 8:45 a.m and 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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD SUNDAY

11:00 a.m.

January 13, 2019

## ❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

*...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 cloud of witnesses (Hebrews 12:1), may prepare ourselves to reaffirm our devotion to Him who is the author and finisher of our faith.

PRELUDE

*The Old Year Has Passed* BWV 614

Johann S. Bach

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

## †CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, darkness covered the deep,  
and God said: Let there be light.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Through the words of the prophet, the Lord said:  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

Do not fear, says the Lord; I am with you.  
I have called you by name; you are mine.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

When Jesus was baptized by John,  
suddenly the heavens were opened.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And as Jesus was coming out of the water,  
the Spirit of God rested on him like a dove.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

And a voice said: You are my beloved Son;  
with you I am well pleased.

**The voice of the Lord is over the waters!**

**Let us worship God!**

†OPENING HYMN 495

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

Engleberg

## †PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

**Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life, making us part of the body of Christ. We confess that we remain preoccupied with ourselves, separated from one another. We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges, and show reluctance to welcome one another. We allow the past to hold us captive. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin. Fulfill the promises of our baptism so that we may rise to new life, and live together in grace. *(Silent confession)*. Amen.**

†MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* 573

*Kyrie*

Richard Proulx

**Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**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 is invited to turn to each other, saying: "The peace of Christ be with you," responding with "And also with you."

✠THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD✠

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7  
(Pew Bible, OT Page 672)

Rachel Patton McCord

ORDINATION/INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS FOR THE CLASS OF 2021

*(three-year-olds through first graders may leave for Children's Church.)*

(see insert)

ANTHEM

*He Watching Over Israel*

Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not nor sleeps. He slumbers not nor sleeps.  
Shouldst thou walking in grief languish? He will quicken thee.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22  
(Pew Bible, NT Page 60)

SERMON

*Come to the Waters*

Rev. Meredith Loftis

✠THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE✠

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(All)*

The Apostles' Creed (traditional)

**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.**

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 409

*Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice*

Aberystwyth

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Prayer*

Engelbert Humperdinck

Sopranos: Sarah Searle and Linda Williams

†DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 591

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 356

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Nettleton

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*In You is Joy* BWV 615

Johann S. Bach

†Please stand in body...or in spirit.

## 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!

**Remember that the way we welcome children** in church directly affects the way they respond to the church, to God, and to one another. Let them know that they are at home in this house of worship. The presence of children is a gift to the church, and they are a reminder that our congregation is growing. Please welcome our children and give a smile of encouragement to their parents.

**Worship Note:** Please no photography or videoing during the service (welcome before and afterwards). Worship is a participatory event, claiming our complete attention to God's Spirit. Photography and videoing divert attention from our worship focus.

### THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

**Officer in Charge:** Lars Schuller

**Baker and Taker:** Carolyn Noey

**Deacon of the Week:** Chris McAdoo

and Jean and Ron Mayer

### LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender ..... Senior Pastor

Rev. Meredith Loftis ..... Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace ..... Organist/Choirmaster/Harpist

Dr. Sharon Patton. .... Children's Worship Leader

### Jehovah-jireh (The Lord will provide)

**The Hebrew words written across the chancel** are taken from the twenty-second chapter of Genesis which tells the story of Abraham's willingness to sacrifice his son. The words were first handwritten on the chancel wall in 1866 by one of the church members working to restore the war-ravaged and much-abused buildings after they were returned to the congregation by the government.