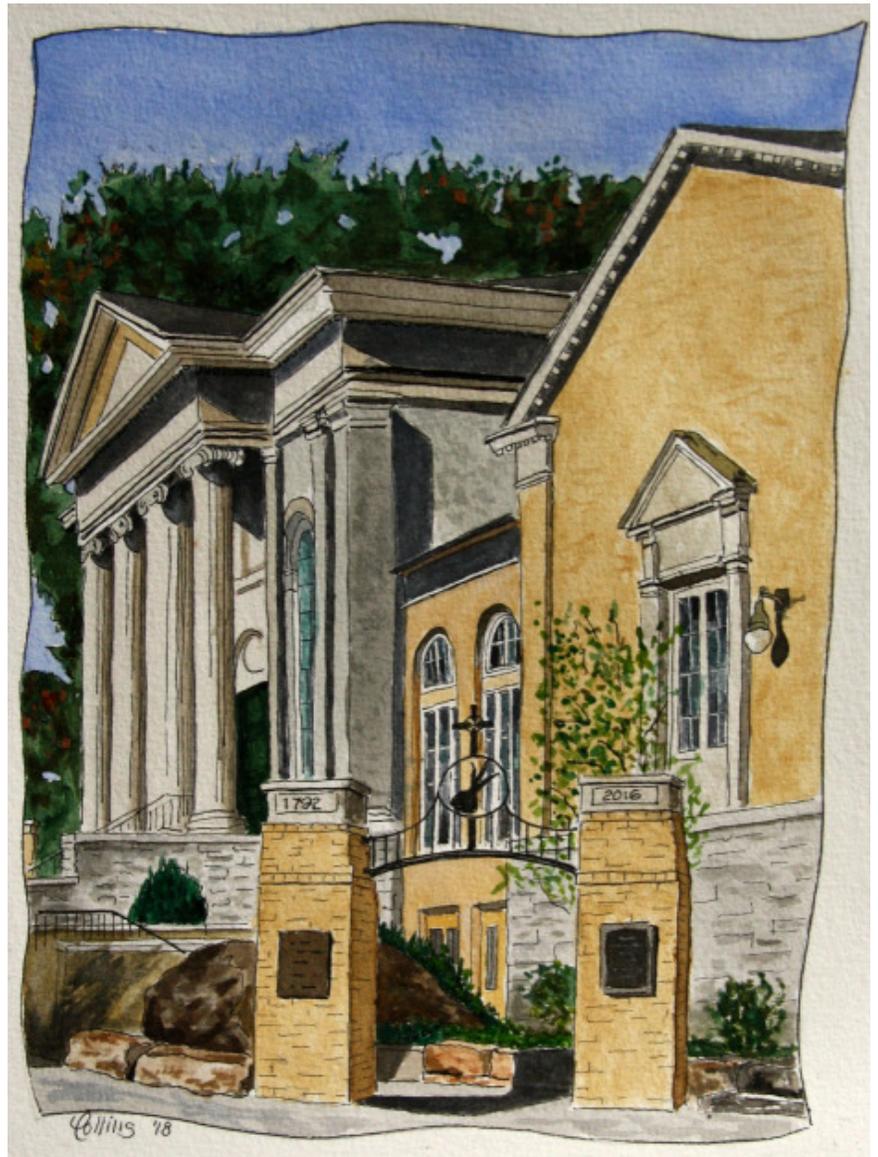




First Presbyterian Church
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE
- Founded 1792 -

- “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

TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 a.m.

September 29, 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

Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho
Adult Handbell Choir

Arr. Susan Geschke

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103:1-5

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: And all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,

People: And do not forget all his benefits—

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity,

People: Who heals all your diseases,

Leader: Who redeems your life from the Pit,

People: Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

Leader: Who satisfies you with good as long as you live

People: So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's Name be praised!

†OPENING HYMN 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful—you will forgive all our sins. Humbly we come, seeking your forgiveness that we may know the joy of your presence and the light of your face shining upon us. You alone know our hearts, how often we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us for every unkind thought, every false word, and every wrong act. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks, for our neglect of prayer, and our willful disregard of your Word. Have mercy upon us. Remove from us all that dims the brightness of your glory and give to us a renewed desire to know you and the fullness of your love, through Christ Jesus our Lord we pray.

(Silent personal confession)

†MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* 602

Holy Lamb of God

Ya Hammalallah

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world. Have mercy on us.

Holy Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world.

Grant us your peace; grant us your peace; grant us your peace.

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, trust in the good news: the risen Christ has freed us from our slavery to sin!
What guidance do we have from Jesus on our life going forward?

**People: The first is this: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.**

Leader: Is there more?

People: The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

All: Let us go forth to live as Jesus guides us.

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(All)* 583 *Glory to God*

Taizé

Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo!

Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

†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."

†MUSICAL RESPONSE

God welcomes all, strangers and friends,

God's love is strong and it never ends.

♣THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD♣

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:1-10
(Pew Bible, OT Page 226)

Susan Garlington

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

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

ANTHEM

If Ye Love Me

Philip Wilby

If you love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another Comforter, that He may abide with you forever; E'en the Spirit of Truth. And ye know Him, for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. I will not leave you comfortless. I will come to you.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

1 Kings 19:11-18
(Pew Bible, OT Page 326)

SERMON

The Big Listen: The "still small voice"

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

♣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 410

God Is Calling through the Whisper

W Zlobie Lezy

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meredith Loftis

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

R'tzeib, Adonai Eloheinu

Michelle A. Cohen

Eric White, Tenor

Find favor, Adonai our God, with Your people Israel and accept their prayers in love.
May the worship of Your people Israel always be acceptable. God who is near to all who call,
turn lovingly to Your servants. Pour out Your spirit upon us. Let our eyes behold Your loving return to
Zion. Blessed are You, Adonai, whose Presence returns to Zion.

†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 838

Standing on the Promises

Promises

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B Minor

Eugene Gigout

†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!

THOSE WHO SERVE TODAY

Officer in Charge: Dale Pittenger

Baker and Taker: Mary Wilson

Deacon of the Week: Carey Christian

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. William C. Pender, Senior Pastor; Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster/Harpist;

Mr. Alex McGavic and Dr. Sharon Patton, Children's Worship Leaders