



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*

Church School at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Worship Service 8:45 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Coffee Fellowship 9:30 a.m. & 10:40 a.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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 a.m.

January 24, 2010

❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

PRELUDE

What Wondrous Love Is This

Craig Phillips

...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.

INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord
Covenant Choirs, Grades 2-5

Samuel Sebastian Wesley

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who trust in God.

People: Proclaim God's steadfast love and faithfulness to all the world.

Leader: Wait patiently for the presence of God.

People: Sing of God's love and wondrous deeds.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, Wir Loben Dich

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of sorrow and judgment.

Set us free from a past that we cannot change: open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light and love of the world. Amen *(Silent personal confession)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* 573 (sung responsorially)

Kyrie

Richard Proulx

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

Children sing the Leader part; Congregation sings the Response

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

◆†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(All)* 576

Gloria Gloria

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

Children only sing the first time; Congregation joins the second time in canon upon cue of the cantors.

†PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since God has forgiven us, we are free to forgive each other. Therefore members of the congregation are 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

Deuteronomy 6:1-9
(Pew Bible, OT Page 163)

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Colleen Shannon

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

ANTHEM

Followers of the Lamb

Shaker melody/arr. Phillip Dieterich

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

1Corinthians 13:1-13
(Pew Bible, NT Page 175)

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Assignment: Learning to Love

The Rev. Dr. Lewis W. Fowler, Jr.

“But now I will show you the most excellent way. . .follow the way of love.”

❖THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*)

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 life everlasting. Amen.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 335

Though I May Speak

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CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

MINUTE FOR MISSION ON THE EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI

Colleen Shannon

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP BOOKS

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
Handbell Ensemble

arr. Linda McKechnie

†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.**

†HYMN 85

What Wondrous Love Is This

American folk hymn, c.1811

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION

O Lord, Support Us All the Day Long

Marion Chapman

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in C

David N. Johnson

†Those who are able may stand

◆Ushers will seat those who are waiting

NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

We welcome the Rev. Dr. Lewis W. Fowler, Jr. as our guest preacher today. Dr. Fowler, along with his wife, Florence, were part of the Knox Fellowship team which presented, *An Adventure in Faith*, at our Leadership Retreat in Pigeon Forge this weekend. Dr. Fowler was General Presbyter of East Tennessee for a number of years. Florence was a member and served as an elder of First Presbyterian Church until October 2008, when she and Lewis moved to South Carolina. We are delighted to have them back with us.

The rose on the chancel is in honor of the birth of Ava Marie, daughter of Molly Leedom, born on January 12. Proud grandmother is Suzanne Marley.

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: Jim Jean
Deacon of the Week: Susie Brown
Phone Monitor: Wallace McClure
Library Worker: Barbara Villadsen

Baker and Taker: Joan Register and Ely and Phyllis Driver
Nursery Workers: Jennifer Steele and Eliza and Kelly Norrell
Children's Church: Lars and Ailsa Schuller, Jane Armstrong and Vicki Bible

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

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