



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 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

11:00 a.m.

January 31, 2010

❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

PRELUDE

Wie Schon Leuchtet (O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright)

Paul Manz

...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.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 131:1-2

Leader: O Lord, my heart is not lifted up,

People: My eyes are not raised too high;

Leader: I do not occupy myself with things

People: Too great and too marvelous for me.

Leader: But I have calmed and quieted my soul,

People: Like a weaned child with its mother;

Leader: My soul within me is like a weaned child.

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 473

For The Beauty of the Earth

Dix

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

God of freedom, who liberates us from captivity, release us with your forgiveness this day. Prisoners to self-interest, we have disregarded neighbors. When slander has been rampant, we have remained silent. Where rumor is tantalizing, we have been willing vehicles to increase hurt. We give a blind eye to the need around us. Help us to halt our destructive ways, lest we consume ourselves and others. Free us from the chains self-righteousness, retribution, and indifference. In your liberty, enable us to love as you have loved us. In Jesus' name, we pray. *(Silent personal confession)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE *(All)* 565

Kyrie

Weaver

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

†ASSURANCE OF PARDON

◆†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *(All)* 579

Gloria Patri

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 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

Jeremiah 1:4-10
(Pew Bible, OT Page 698)

Ailsa Schuller

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM

Sing My Soul His Wondrous Love

Ned Rorem

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SERMON

Sweet Land of Liberty

The Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

❖THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*)

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 321

Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

Orlando Gibbons

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

PASSING OF THE FRIENDSHIP BOOKS

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

There Shall a Star from Jacob Come Forth

Felix Mendelssohn

†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 262

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 540

God Be with You Till We Meet Again

Randolph

**God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a Shepherd's care enfold you; God be with you till we meet again.**

POSTLUDE

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

Helmut Walcha

†Those who are able may stand

◆Ushers will seat those who are waiting



NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

Today's Fifth Sunday offering will be used to help those affected by the earthquake in Haiti.

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: Suzann Emery
Phone Monitor: Joe Mont McAfee
Library Worker: Barbara Villadsen

Baker and Taker: Ailsa Schuller and Dale and Pam Teague
Nursery Workers: Laura Barton, Linda Rader and Greg Peterson
Children's Church: Judy Cagle, Stacy and Robbie Davis
and Jane Armstrong

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

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

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.