



First SUNDAY IN LENT



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 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 a.m.

February 21, 2010

✠THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE✠

PRELUDE

Prelude Op. 54, No. 4
Carrie Wright, piano

Edvard Grieg

...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

A Lenten Prayer
Covenant Choirs, grades 2-5

Robert J. Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 51:1-4, 10-12

Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

Leader: Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

Leader: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Leader: Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.**

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.

Leader: Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 81

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

St. Flavian

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

O God, we confess that we have been more intent on what feels good to us than building right relationships with one another. We have been more eager for a name for ourselves than calling on the name of the Lord. We take your commandments as suggestions to be ignored and your love as an indulgence that will never call us to account. You have given a goodly heritage that we squander at our own peril. Forgive us for our choices that drive a wedge between others and us. Pardon our continual disregard of You and Your ways. Point us again toward right relationships with You and one another. *(Silent personal confession)*

MUSICAL RESPONSE HYMN 599

Jesus, Remember Me

Jacques Berthier

❖THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD❖

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16 (Pew Bible, OT Page 548)	Earl Hagler
SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN ◆† (<i>three-year-olds through first graders may leave for Children's Church.</i>)		Paul Rader
ANTHEM	<i>I Want Jesus to Walk with Me</i> Linda Williams, soprano	Moses Hogan
SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.		Luke 4:1-13 (Pew Bible, NT Page 61)
SERMON	<i>Wilderness Way</i>	The Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

❖THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (<i>All</i>)	Apostles' Creed (ecumenical version)
I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.	
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.	
I believe in the Holy Spirit, 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 77	<i>Forty Days and Forty Nights</i>	Aus Der Tiefe Rufe Ich
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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	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i> Handbell Ensemble	Michael Helman
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†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 80	<i>Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley</i>	American spiritual
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†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

†CHORAL BENEDICTION	<i>Lamb of God, Most Holy</i>	F. Melius Christiansen
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POSTLUDE † <i>Those who are able may stand</i>	<i>Toccata in b minor</i>	Eugene Gigout ◆ <i>Usbers will seat those who are waiting</i>
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NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

Lenten Worship: Our worship order includes a “Lenten Fast”—we will not sing “Alleluia” or “Gloria;” we will avoid any notion of “easy forgiveness” (no spoken “Assurance of Pardon”), and no sharing of the Easter greeting of the risen Christ with his followers, “Peace be with you.” Each of these elements will return on Easter Sunday.

This morning’s Prelude will be played on the piano by Carrie Wright. Carrie is a member of the Chancel Choir and a graduate from Maryville College with a major in piano. Our Chickering, Sanctuary piano was recently restored thanks to the generosity of Bob and Diana Samples. We appreciate their gift to the ministry of worship through music.

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

<i>Officer in Charge:</i> Larry Harper	<i>Baker and Taker:</i> Elizabeth Henderson and Don and Sarah Cassell
<i>Deacon of the Week:</i> Jennifer Steele	<i>Nursery Workers:</i> Becky Dwarshuis and Susan and Harris Bolinger
<i>Phone Monitor:</i> Jim Jean	<i>Children’s Church:</i> Matt Manrod, Preston Smith, Ron Mayer
<i>Library Worker:</i> Barbara Villadsen	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.