



Third SUNDAY IN LENT



First Presbyterian Church

KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE

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*“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 LENT

11:00 a.m.

March 7, 2010

❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

PRELUDE

O Gott, du frommer Gott (O God, Thou Faithful God)

Johannes Brahms

...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 284

O God, What You Ordain Is Right

Wesley Tuttle

†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

1 Corinthians 10:1-13
(Pew Bible, NT Page 172)

Gary Anderson

SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

Paul Rader

ANTHEM

A Rose Touched by the Sun's Warm Rays

Jean Berger

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Luke 13:1-9
(Pew Bible, NT Page 76)

SERMON

There's Still Time

The Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

♣THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE♣

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*All*) 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.

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 *Amazing Grace* Richard Proulx

†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 276 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* William Marion Runyan
(Verse 1 before congregational meeting; Verse 3 at the conclusion)

CONGREGATIONAL AND ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Veni Creator Spiritus* (Come Holy Spirit) Nicholas de Grigny
†*Those who are able may stand* ♦*Ushers will seat those who are waiting*

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.

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: Anne Hart	Baker and Taker: Jane and Pat Armstrong
Deacon of the Week: Virginia Conley	Nursery Workers: Becky Ragsdale, Susan Cwiek and Kally Elliott
Phone Monitor: Earl Hagler	Children's Church: Connie Steele, Libby Fisher, Raymond McCord
Library Worker: Barbara Villadsen	and Sharon Patton

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.