



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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

INDEPENDENCE DAY

11:00 a.m.

July 4, 2010

❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

PRELUDE

...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 139:1-3, 7-14

Leader: O Lord, you have searched me and known me.

People: You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from far away.

Leader: You search out my path and my lying down, and are acquainted with all my ways.

People: Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence?

Leader: If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there.

People: If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me fast.

Leader: If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light around me become night," even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day, for darkness is as light to you.

People: For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.

†PROCESSIONAL HYMN 262

God of Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Anthem

†PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(All)*

Gracious God, we confess to exaggerated sight of others and ourselves. We overstate our wisdom in seeing so clearly the faults of others and how such faults should be made right. At times we consider ourselves the vilest of sinners, hating ourselves, when you love us and count us precious. At times we consider ourselves good people, so unlike others we know, but you see through our pretense and illuminate the darkness that dwells in our souls. Forgive us, O God, for our exaggerated vision. Help us to see you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day.

(Silent personal confession)

MUSICAL RESPONSE 573

Kyrie (sung responsorially)

Richard Proulx

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❖

PSALTER

Psalm 100

Hal Hopson

Read responsively by verse



Shout for joy to God all the earth, al-le-lu-ia! Praise the Lord!

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SPECIAL TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

(Pew Bible, NT Page 190)

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Walking with Paul: Galatians (Part 5)

The Rev. Dr. William C. Pender

❖THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(All)*

from *A Declaration of Faith*

God's mercy and judgment await us all. In the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus, God has already demonstrated his judging and saving work. We are warned that rejecting God's love and not caring for others whom God loves results in eternal separation from him and them. Yet we are also told that God loves the whole world and wills the salvation of all humankind in Christ. We live in tension between God's warnings and promises. Knowing the righteous judgment of God in Christ, we urge all people to be reconciled to God, not exempting ourselves from the warnings. Constrained by God's love in Christ, we have good hope for all people, not exempting the most unlikely from the promises. Judgment belongs to God and not to us. We are sure that God's future for every person will be both merciful and just. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 563

Lift Every Voice and Sing

J. Rosamond Johnson

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 *Wake Every Breath* William Billings

†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 561 *My Country 'Tis of Thee* America

†CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fugue on America* Eugene Thayer

†*Those who are able may stand*

◆*Ushers will seat those who are waiting*

NOTES ABOUT TODAY'S SERVICES

The flowers today are presented to the glory of God and in honor of Independence Day.

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: Barry Iddins
Deacon of the Week: Suzanne Marley
Phone Monitor: Jim Jean

Library Worker: Barbara Villadsen
Nursery Workers: Katy Freeman and Rhonda Whitener
Children's Church: Bill and Ginny Morrow and Jess and Josh Wright

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

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