

and exalted him as Lord of creation.
Therefore we proclaim our faith
as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for
pouring out your Holy Spirit upon us.
Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,
we take from your creation,
may your Spirit also fill this bread and this cup
as we joyfully celebrate his dying and his rising.

**With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you
to be a living and holy sacrifice,
dedicated to your service.**

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come again in glory. Amen.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

BREAKING AND SHARING OF THE BREAD
POURING AND SHARING OF THE CUP

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (unison)

**We have found you, O God, in the breaking of the Bread
and the healing of our own broken hearts. As we have
emptied this Cup, refill it with our gifts, so we may offer it
to others in your name. As we come closer together, may
we make room at the Table for all your people. As we
have found you here, Holy One, let us now carry your life
out into the world. Amen.**

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Arabesque No. 1 Claude Debussy

***CLOSING HYMN** My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less 353

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

POSTLUDE Plein Jeu a la Couperin Gordon Young
*Please stand if you are able.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Our last fall softball game is Oct. 3rd at 8pm! Join us at
Caswell Park near the Parkridge neighborhood and Old North
Knoxville. Fields are located at 620 Winona St, 37917.

WELCOME

Welcome to First Presbyterian Church, Knoxville. We have been part of the
downtown Knoxville community since 1792. We embrace
people from all walks of life and seek to share our spiritual journey with our
community. We are part of the Presbyterian Church (USA).
We are delighted that you have joined us in worship today.

To learn more about us, please make a note on the
Friendship Pad, sign up for our Thursday newsletter, or connect
with us at fpcknox.org, via the QR code to the right, or through
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Hearing enhancement devices and large print hymnals are available for use
during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

OFFERING

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are
passed, or you are invited to give securely online at
www.fpcknox.org/donate or by scanning the QR code to the right
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STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis Senior Pastor	Laura Harmon Church Administrator
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WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty
Tune: Lobe Den Herren
Gloria Patri
Tune: Gloria Patri (Greateorex)
O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Tune: Azmon

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Tune: CWM Rhondda
My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Tune: Solid Rock

FOR OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPPERS

All children are welcome in worship at FPC. Children, Kindergarten through 2nd
Grade, are invited to attend Children's Worship in the Children's Area (2nd floor)
after Special Time with Young Disciples. Worship Bags are available at each
entrance to the sanctuary. A nursery is available for children, in preschool and
younger, in the Nursery rooms (2nd floor).



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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Arr. Patricia Hurlbutt
Adult Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
Come now, all who thirst,
and drink the water of life.
Come now, all who hunger,
and be filled with good things.
Come now, all who seek,
and be warmed by the fire of love.

***OPENING HYMN** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty 35

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you alone are holy. You are the God of living water and the bread of life; yet we continue to thirst for that which does not satisfy us, and to hunger for things that leave us empty. You nourish and sustain us day by day; yet we groan in the wilderness, fearful that you are not with us. You seek to reconcile all your children to one another, yet we continue our fighting and strife. Forgive our hardness of heart and restore us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who knows everything we have ever done and loves us anyway...
(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** Gloria Patri 581
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

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (v. 2) 610
The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease, sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16 Bill Morrow
¹ Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words

of my mouth.² I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, ³ things that we have heard and known, that our ancestors have told us. ⁴ We will not hide them from their children; we will tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

¹² In the sight of their ancestors he worked marvels in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan.¹³ He divided the sea and let them pass through it, and made the waters stand like a heap. ¹⁴ In the daytime he led them with a cloud, and all night long with a fiery light. ¹⁵ He split rocks open in the wilderness, and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep. ¹⁶ He made streams come out of the rock, and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 17:1-7

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" ⁴ So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." ⁵ The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

SERMON "Water Works" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Come to the Water Foley/Hasseler
O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary,

let them come to the Lord: all who labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light: come to the Lord.

***DOXOLOGY** Old Hundredth
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.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high, voices full and joyful – these you deserve.

You prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just the cup, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed and made new again.

Lord God, as we come to share the richness of your table, we cannot forget the rawness of the earth.

We cannot take the bread and forget those who are hungry.

Your world is one world and we are stewards of its nourishment.

Lord, put our prosperity at the service of the poor.

We cannot take the cup and forget those who are thirsty.

The ground and the rootless, the earth and its weary people cry out for justice.

Lord, put our fullness at the service of the empty.

We cannot celebrate the feast of your family and forget our divisions.

We are one in spirit, but not in fact.

History and hurt still dismember us.

Lord, heal your church in every brokenness.

As we offer you our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we commemorate Jesus, your Son.

Death could not bind him,

for you raised him up in the Spirit of holiness