

OFFERTORY *The Lord is Beautiful* Tanzanian Traditional/
Michael Burkhardt
One License #50-6207
*Nimemwona Bwana. Beautiful Savior, King of creation. Son of God and
Son of man! Truly I'd love Thee Truly I'd serve Thee, light of my soul,
my joy, my crown. Nimemwona Bwana.*

***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 COMMUNION

INVITATION
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION
WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION: BREAKING AND BLESSING
SHARING THE FEAST

MUSIC FOR COMMUNION *Shall We Gather at the River*
Arr. Robert D. Vandall
Mark Pace & Carrie Wright, piano

CLOSING PRAYER

***CLOSING HYMN** *In Christ There is No East or West* 317
One License #84249

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Arr. Robert D. Vandall
Mark Pace & Carrie Wright, piano

**Please stand if you are able.*

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 social media.



Hearing enhancement devices 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 give securely online at www.fpcknox.org/donate or by scanning the QR code to the right with your smart phone.



STAFF AND LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis Senior Pastor	Lauren Nunn Director of Parent's Day Out / Childcare Coordinator
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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).



First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

OCTOBER 2, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

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620 State Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

New Door Access Panels have been installed around the church. The old keypads will no longer be functional effective Oct 3rd.

PW of East TN Fall Spiritual Retreat is October 8. Nancy Dimmock of Atlanta will speak about the 30 years she and her husband, Frank Dimmock, spent as PCUSA mission co-workers in southern Africa. Use the link in the newsletter to sign up. If you would like to carpool, please contact Phyllis Driver at 865-414-2404.

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26th. Mark your calendars!

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy* Arr. Robert D. Vandall
Mark Pace & Carrie Wright, piano

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

When the world seems full of division,

Great Creator, make us one.

When it's hard to love our neighbor,

Great Creator, make us one.

When walls and borders separate us,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we close ourselves off to others,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we get it right,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we come together,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we are reminded we are part of something bigger
than ourselves,

Great Creator, make us one.

When we ask others to join us at this table,

Great Creator, make us one.

***OPENING HYMN** *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

853

One License #96978

*PRAYER FOR GOD'S WORLD

God of every particle, atom, and creation,

We lift our voices to praise your name

For your abundant blessings

And ceaseless care.

You remember us even when

We forgot You.

Beloved, remain our rock and refuge.

God of water, soil, and air,

You created us out of the dust of the earth

To be in community with all your world

And made us stewards of your creation.

Empower us to care for that which

Has been given to us that we might

Glorify you with everything we do.

Beloved, remain our rock and refuge.

God of knowledge, intellect, and creativity,

You gave us understanding that we might

Discover the world you gave us,

To work together, to create together,

But most of all, we thank you that You

Revealed Yourself to us in human flesh

That we might be reunited with You

Through the darkness of the tomb

And into the sunrise of resurrection.

Beloved, remain our rock and refuge.

God of every community and nation,

We pray for unity amidst division,

For understanding between different cultures and lands,

For comfort and hospitality for the stranger,

So that we might reflect the image you made us in,

An image of love, of shalom.

No matter our race, status, or class,

No matter whether we are male, female,

Young, old, poor, rich,

Help us embrace each other.

Beloved, remain our rock and refuge.

God of the broken, oppressed, poor, and suffering,

Many hurt around us with illness, injury, and disease,

Many cry out for peace and justice amidst conflict,

Many live in war, conflict, displacement, and fear,

Many cry out and are not sure if You hear their cries.

We cry to You. For us. For them.

Heal us. Comfort us. Bring Peace.

Show us how to love one another.

Beloved, remain our rock and refuge.

God of bread and cup and Word,

Beloved, remain our rock and refuge.

We do not come close to deserving

The Body of Christ is ready.

Your love and salvation,

Use us. Love us. Help us love each other.

But through the nourishment of the Table,

Amen.

You call us to help build your kingdom.

Help us respond with eager hearts

And willing hands.

(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** Hear the Good News of Salvation (v 1) 441

One License #118619

Hear the good news of salvation:

Jesus died to show God's love.

Such great kindness! Such great mercy!

Come to us from heaven above.

Jesus Christ, how much I love you!

Jesus Christ, you save from sin!

How I love you! Look upon me.

Love me still and cleanse within.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *This Is My Song* (v. 3)

340

One License #56640

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:

Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.

Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,

And hearts united learn to live as one.

So hear my prayer, O God of all the nations:

Myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FOCUS ON OUR STEWARDSHIP

Vanessa Smith

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 17:5-10*

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"⁶ The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."⁷ Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table?'⁸ Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink?'⁹ Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded?¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

SERMON

Rev. Meredith Loftis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken* 498

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS