

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *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.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Let All Things Now Living* **37**
One License #194349

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Trumpet Voluntary* John Stanley

**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

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| The Rev. Mark R. Curtis
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Childcare Coordinator</i> |
| The Rev. Meredith Loftis
<i>Associate Pastor</i> | Sandra Robinson
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| Laura Harmon
<i>Church Administrator</i> | |

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).

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

Our guest instrumentalist is Kieran Scruggs, who is a recent graduate of the University of Colorado Boulder with a Bachelor's Degree in Horn Performance. Kieran is from Jefferson City, TN and is currently preparing to study for a Masters of Music in the horn class at the Music Conservatory of Lucerne, Switzerland.

For 230 years, First Presbyterian Church has been living out its story of faith and discipleship for Christ in the heart of Knoxville. Because of the hard work, dedication, and sacrifice of the saints who have gone before, we continue the good work of Christ by loving God and neighbor. It is on the shoulders of

these saints, and on the strong foundations they built, that we now stand, as we gaze into God's great future. Answering God's call to continue our story, we offer who we are and what we have to equip the next generation of disciples to do God's work in and through our church.

Trunk or Treat will be held on October 26th from 5:30 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. There will be bounce houses, face paint, a pizza dinner, and of course, trunk or treat! You will also have the opportunity to meet Smoky! Contact the church office at 546-2531 for more details.

230th Anniversary Celebration is Sunday, October 30th.



TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 23, 2022

11 A.M. SERVICE

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Pie Jesu* Gabriel Fauré
Kieran Scruggs, French Horn

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made:

**a day for praise and prayer;
a day for gratitude and generosity.**

This is the time God has given us:

**a time for singing and silence;
a time for speaking and listening.**

This is the life to which God calls us:

**a life of humility and service;
a life of faith and trust.
Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* 624

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, be merciful to me, a sinner,
a sinner in the company of sinners.
Too often, we hide beneath the veil of our religion
or trusting in the good things we do.
We look down on others, those who are not here,
thankful that we are not like them.
Yet the truth is, we are.
We have all sinned.
We have all fallen short of the people you call us to be.
Cleanse us and restore us,
for the sake of Jesus, our Savior...
(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 Rob Jones

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalms 84* Rob Jones

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God.

Right: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Left: Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion. They go from strength to strength; the God of gods will be seen in Zion.

Right: O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer; give ear, O God of Jacob! Behold our shield, O God; look on the face of your anointed.

Left: For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere. I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than live in the tents of wickedness.

Leader: For the Lord God is a sun and shield, who bestows favor and honor. No good thing does the Lord withhold from those who walk uprightly.

All: O Lord of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you.

ANTHEM *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord* Craig Courtney

One Faith, one Hope, one Lord, one church for which He died. One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore. Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts, we are given to each other for the unity of faith, that we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ. One Faith. One Hope. One Lord. One God.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Luke 18:9-14*

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: ¹⁰“Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹²I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.’ ¹³But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ ¹⁴I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

SERMON “Other People” Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Here in This Place* 401
One License #00031

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Be Still My Soul* Arr. Hal H. Hopson
One License #150730

Be still, my soul; the Lord is on your side; bear patiently the cross of grief or pain; leave to your God to order and provide; in ev'ry change he faithful will remain. Be still, my soul; your best, your heavenly friend through thorny ways leads to a joyful end. Be still, my soul; your God will undertake to guide the future as he has the past; your hope, your confidence, let nothing shake; all now mysterious shall be bright at last. Be still, my soul; the waves and winds still know his voice who ruled them while he lived below. Be still, my soul; the hour is hastening on when we shall be forever with the Lord, when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone, sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored. Be still my soul; when change and tears are past, all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.