

the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*CLOSING HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* 643

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Bach/Fox

\*Please stand if you are able.



### WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

There will be no **Worshipful Wednesday** on November 23rd.

**The office will be closed** November 24 and 25th in observation of the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have an emergency during this time, please reach out to one of the pastors directly.

**The Advent Devotional** comes out on November 27th. Be sure to check your email daily to read the devotionals that your fellow parishioners have written.

On Wednesday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating the **Hanging of the Greens**. We will begin the evening with dinner at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall followed by decorating the church for Advent, including the Chrismon Tree, in the sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. This is an intergenerational event that will include music, stories, and fun!

**The Knoxville Christmas Parade** is Friday, December 2nd. The Small and Mighty Youth Group will be meeting in the fellowship hall at 6 p.m. to have dinner and watch the parade. Please contact Diana Curtis at [diana.curtis11@gmail.com](mailto:diana.curtis11@gmail.com) for more details.

First Presbyterian has reserved a block of seats to see **"Behold the Lamb of God"** at Tennessee Theater for \$25 / ticket on Wednesday, Dec 14 at 7:00pm. There are only 40 seats available, so please reserve today by calling the church office and either paying online in the "Activities/Fellowship Payments" category or by leaving a memo in your check that says "Behold the Lamb of God." There will be some financial assistance available for those who have a need. Please let the church office know if this is the case.

### 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](http://fpcknox.org), via the QR code to the right, or through social media.



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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

## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

### NOVEMBER 20, 2022

### 11 A.M. SERVICE

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Be Thou With Me* Johann S. Bach

### WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** *from Psalm 126*

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion,  
we were like those who dream.

**Our mouths were filled with laughter,  
and our tongues with shouts of joy;**

It was said among the nations,

“The Lord has done great things for them.”

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoice!**

**\*OPENING HYMN** *We Gather Together* 336

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God,  
love began with you  
and has filled our cup to overflowing.  
Forgive us when we look at our lives  
and see only what we lack,  
and not our many blessings.  
You have given us so much, O God,  
yet we ask one thing more:  
give us your grace  
to fill others' lives with love,  
that we may live out our thanksgiving  
for all that you have given us.  
In the name of Jesus Christ,  
who gave himself that we might have life...  
*(a moment for silent confession)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory Be to the Father* 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

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Psalm 143:1-6* Rachel Patton McCord

Hear my prayer, O LORD;  
give ear to my supplications in your faithfulness;  
answer me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> Do not enter into judgment with your servant,  
for no one living is righteous before you.

<sup>3</sup> For the enemy has pursued me,  
crushing my life to the ground,  
making me sit in darkness like those long dead.

<sup>4</sup> Therefore my spirit faints within me;  
my heart within me is appalled.

<sup>5</sup> I remember the days of old,  
I think about all your deeds,  
I meditate on the works of your hands.

<sup>6</sup> I stretch out my hands to you;  
my soul thirsts for you like a parched land.

**ANTHEM** *Look at the World* John Rutter  
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*Look at the world, everything all around us, Look at the world, and marvel every day. Look at the world, so many joys and wonders, so many miracles, along our way. Praise to thee O Lord for all creation, give us thankful hearts that we may see, all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Look at the earth, bringing forth fruit and flowers. Look at the sky, the sunshine and the rain. Look at the hills, look at the trees and mountains, valley and flowing river, field and plain. Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see, all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Think of the spring, think of the warmth of summer, bringing the harvest, before the winter's cold. Everything grows, everything has a season, till it is gathered to the fathers fold. Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see, all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee. Every good gift, all that we need and cherish, comes from the Lord, in token of his love. We are his hands, stewards of all his bounty. His is the earth and his the heavens above. Praise to thee O Lord for all creation. Give us thankful hearts that we may see, all the gifts we share and every blessing, all things come of thee.*

### SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** *Philippians 4:4-9*

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds

in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

**SERMON** “Nevertheless” Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come* 367

### 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** *Thanks Be To Thee* Handel/Lefebvre  
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*Thanks be to Thee, Lord God of Hosts; Thou broughtest forth with mighty hand Israel safe through the sea. Lord, Thou hast led us as a shepherd; Lord, with Thine hand tenderly in ages past Thy people led.*

**\*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.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost;**

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