

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Colossians 1:15-20

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body; the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

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**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE** *Little Prelude and Fugue in D Minor* Johann S. Bach  
*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**Please join the staff and flower guild members on Wednesday, November 29th to celebrate our second annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony in the church sanctuary.** Come for dinner at 5:30 and stay for our Hanging of the Greens—a long-held tradition of decorating with winter evergreens of pine, cedar, fir, holly, and laurel at Christmas time that dates back to Martin Luther's ministry in the early 1500s. Martin Luther saw evergreens as a symbol of the unchanging nature of God and encouraged people to decorate with evergreens during the Christmas season to symbolize everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

**The Seeds of Abraham project, hosted by Lake Hills Presbyterian Church, is set for December 3rd at 5 pm.** This interfaith youth initiative aims to foster unity by dismantling barriers between populations. Participants will collaborate to assemble toiletry kits for individuals facing homelessness and then come together for a pizza party. Contributions such as socks, gloves, snacks, soap, toothbrushes, and toothpaste are encouraged to bring for inclusion in the kits. For more information, please contact Kallee Pittenger at 865-387-4748 or [kallee@purvisbuilders.com](mailto:kallee@purvisbuilders.com).

**The Adult Christmas Party will be held at the Trentham's on December 9th.** More details will be follow.

**Angel Tree items are due by December 3rd and 6th.** Please visit the Christmas tree in the Fellowship Hall for specific items. Items should be unwrapped and placed in the boxes next to the Angel Tree.

**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.



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](http://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<br><i>Senior Pastor</i>              | Laura Harmon<br><i>Church Administrator</i>                                    |
| The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis<br><i>Associate Pastor</i>      | Lauren Nunn<br><i>Director of Parent's Day Out /<br/>Childcare Coordinator</i> |
| Dr. Andy Morgan<br><i>Director of Family Faith Formation</i> | Sandra Robinson<br><i>Administrative Assistant</i>                             |
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| Jane Holland<br><i>Director of Finance/Facilities</i>        | Laura Smith<br><i>Bible Bearer</i>   |

**WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*  
Tune: Lobe Den Herren  
*Sing Glory to the Name of God*  
Tune: Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*  
Tune: Coronation

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*Crown Him with Many Crowns*  
Tune: Diademata

**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

**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

**NOVEMBER 26, 2023**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** Trumpet Tune in D Major Milan Crepp

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 100

Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; serve the Lord with gladness and come before God with a song.

**The Lord alone is God;  
we belong to the Lord, who made us,  
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving;  
go into the holy courts with praise;  
give thanks and call upon the name of the Lord.

**For good is the Lord, whose mercy is everlasting;  
and whose faithfulness endures from age to age.**

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

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Righteous God,  
you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.  
We confess that we have not bowed before him,  
and are slow to acknowledge his rule.  
We give allegiance to the powers of this world,  
and fail to be governed by justice and love.**

**In your mercy, forgive us.  
Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all,  
that we may be loyal ambassadors,  
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
for we pray in his name...**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** Sing Glory to the Name of God (vs 1) 10

*Sing glory to the name of God, whose holy splendor shines abroad. Alleluia, alleluia! Enthroned above the crashing waves, the God of grace and glory saves. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** Sing Glory to the Name of God (vs 4) 10  
*May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease: Alleluia, alleluia! Let all the faithful people come; sing praise to God, the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Revelation 1:4b-8 Joan Holladay

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup>and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. <sup>7</sup>Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen. <sup>8</sup>"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

**ANTHEM** At the Name of Jesus Richard Waters

*At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.*

*Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,  
Gladly He bore it spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.*

*Name him, brothers, name him with love as strong as death,  
but with awe and wonder and with bated breath;  
He is God the Savior, He is Christ the Lord,  
ever to be worshiped, trusted, and adored.*

*In your hearts enthrone Him; there let Him subdue  
All that is not holy, all that is not true;  
Crown as your Captain in temptation's hour;  
Let His will enfold you in its light and power.*

**SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES** Dr. Andy Morgan

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. <sup>32</sup>All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; <sup>35</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me

something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup>I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' <sup>37</sup>Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' <sup>41</sup>Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

**SERMON** "The End." Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name! 263

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

**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** Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts Camille Saint-Saëns  
*Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing His salvation, bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house! Rejoice, ye heavens be joyful, on earth, rejoice in the name of the Lord, for He cometh, Alleluia.*

**\*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.**

*You Are Invited*

**A Presbytery Christmas Carol Sing-in and Concert!**

Friends from Fourth Presbyterian, First Presbyterian, Emmanuel United, Westminster, Highland Presbyterian, and the Presbytery Racial Justice Task Force are joining together for a beautiful, musical party!

**Saturday, December 2nd**  
**2-4 pm**

At the newly renovated Fourth Presbyterian Church  
1323 Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37917

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*Save the Date*

February 23-24, 2024

**Civil Rights Better Together Trip to Atlanta**

Emmanuel and Westminster Presbyterian and Presbytery of East Tennessee Racial Justice Task Force invite everyone to join us on this fabulous trip. We will be visiting

- National Center for Civil and Human Rights
- Martin Luther King Jr. National Historic Park
- Ebenezer Baptist Church for Sunday Worship

as well as other great sites, restaurants, and cultural attraction!

Our coach bus will pick up travelers in Knoxville and Chattanooga.

Cost: \$175 (Scholarships available)

Watch the Presbytery newsletter for more information.

