



First Presbyterian Church 
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

“For Christ in the Heart of Knoxville,” the First Presbyterian Church seeks

- *to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ*
- *to nurture those within its influence*
- *to serve spiritual and human needs*

LEADERS IN WORSHIP

The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor

The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor

Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

Mr. Alex McGavic, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

Ethan Payne, Crucifer

Eleanor Efurd, Bible Bearer

ORDER OF WORSHIP
SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS
JANUARY 2, 2022
✧ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✧

SPRELUDE

Still, Still, Still

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We come from the darkness of our night
into the light of God's day.

**People: We come from our yesterdays,
journeying into God's tomorrow.**

Leader: We come in this time to worship the One who
from everlasting to everlasting is God.

**People: He is the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end;
a lamp to our pathway
and the light of the world.**

All: Come, let us worship God!

† CAROL 133

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Adeste Fideles

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| <p>1. O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye; O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come, and behold him, born the King of
angels!</p> <p>Refrain:
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him;
O come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord!</p> <p>2. True God from true God,
Light from light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal he comes;
Very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]</p> | <p>3. Sing, choirs of angels;
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!
[Refrain]</p> <p>4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory given;
Word of the Father, now in flesh
appearing! [Refrain]</p> |
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† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we come before you as those who have been baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, and who seek to be raised to new life in Christ. Yet we confess our fear of life. We confess that we are afraid to let go of what we are for fear we will be changed. We hold on to what is familiar; we cling to old patterns; we are bound by the past.

God of new beginnings, begin again with us. Open our hearts to hope, and open our eyes to new directions. Set before us this day the way of Christ, and set within us your Holy Spirit, for we pray in the name of the One who makes all things new...*(a moment for silent confession)*

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo!

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 119 *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (verse 1)

Mendelssohn

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| <p>1. Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn king.
 Peace on earth and mercy mild,
 God and sinners reconciled!”
 Joyful, all ye nations, rise;
 Join the triumph of the skies;
 With the angelic host proclaim,
 “Christ is born in Bethlehem!”</p> | <p>Refrain:
 Hark! The herald angels sing,
 “Glory to the newborn king!”</p> |
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✦ THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD ✦

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:18-21 (*see insert*)

Britton Leitch

ANTHEM

Go, Tell it on the Mountain

Arr. John Rutter

Go, tell it on the mountain, over the hills and everywhere. Go, tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born. While shepherds kept their watching, o'er silent flocks by night, behold throughout the heavens there shone a Holy light. The shepherds feared and trembled, when, lo! Above the earth, rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth. Down in a lowly manger, the humble Christ was born and brought us all salvation, that blessed Christmas morn.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 (*see insert*)

SERMON

All Things New

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✦ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✦

† HYMN OF RESPONSE 459

O Word of God Incarnate

Munich

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| <p>1. O Word of God incarnate,
 O Wisdom from on high,
 O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
 O Light of our dark sky:
 We praise you for the radiance
 That from the hallowed page,
 A lantern to our footsteps,
 Shines on from age to age.</p> <p>2. The church from you, dear Savior,
 Received this gift divine;
 And still that light is lifted
 On all the earth to shine.</p> | <p>It is the chart and compass
 That, all life's voyage through,
 Amid the rocks and quicksands
 Still guides, O Christ, to you.</p> <p>3. O make your church, dear Savior,
 A lamp of purest gold
 To bear before the nations
 Your true light, as of old;
 O teach your wandering pilgrims
 By this our path to trace,
 Till, clouds and storms thus ended,
 We see you face to face.</p> |
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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

You may place your offering in the offering plates on the side aisles or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at www.fpcknox.org/donate.

OFFERTORY

In the Bleak Mid Winter

Harold Darke

Katrin Smith - Mezzo Soprano, Ryan Ford - Tenor

In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan; earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone; snow had fallen, snow on snow, in the bleak mid-winter long ago. Our God, heaven cannot hold Him, nor earth sustain, heaven and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign: in the bleak mid-winter a stable-place sufficed the Lord God Almighty Jesus Christ. Enough for Him, whom Cherubim worship night and day, a breastful of milk and a mangerful of hay; enough for Him, whom Angels fall down before, the ox and ass and camel which adore. Angels and Archangels may have gathered there, cherubim and seraphim thronged the air; but only His Mother in her maiden bliss worshipped the Beloved with a kiss. What can I give Him, poor as I am? If I were a Shepherd I would bring a lamb; if I were a wise man I would do my part, yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

† DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *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 Nicene Creed* (see insert)

† SENDING HYMN 134

Joy to the World

Antioch

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| 1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her king;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing. | 3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found. |
| 2. Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. | 4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove;
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love. |

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Swiss Noel with Variations

Louis Claude Daquin

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband Allen Smith by
Linda Smith.

† - Please stand if you are able.

WORSHIP FOR JANUARY 2, 2022

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:18-21

Britton Leitch

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.²⁰ The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,²¹ the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷ So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸ All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰ So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹ For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.