

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

We are moving our prayer chain email distribution to the church office, and have a separate signup list that you can add your name and email to via the link in the newsletter.

If you were on the previous list, your name has already been added. Please note that there are weeks that there will be multiple emails sent out. Please do not hesitate to contact the church office to have your name removed if you don't want to receive all the emails. There is a board in the commons area on the 2nd floor and in the church office with current prayer concerns if you would like to keep up with them that way.

To pass along prayer concerns, please send prayer requests of church members and their immediate families to church@fpcknox.org.

Join us for a "Yarn Circle" on Thursday, February 9th at 12:30 pm in the Session Room. If you need some review on knitting or crochet skills or just want to bring your project and hang out for a while and work together, please join us. Is yarn not your style? Bring any sewing or craft project you want to work on for a great time of fellowship and fun.

We would also like to reach out to our downtown community and see if we can expand our circle. Do you know anyone who lives or works downtown? Give them a call and invite them to join us.

For any questions contact Jane Holland in the church office at (865) 546-2531 or jane@fpcknox.org.

Youth Sunday is February 12th and provides the congregation the chance to experience and celebrate the faith and creativity of our youth within the context of worship. Youth will provide music, liturgy, prayer, sermons and teaching, and it is one of our favorite weeks of the year.

For over 30 years, the **Souper Bowl of Caring** movement has been inspiring people across the nation to tackle hunger in their local communities. We will work with our Youth ministry to gather cans of food and non perishable food items to local food banks in Knoxville and First Presbyterian's FISH pantry. We will be standing at the doors to the sanctuary on February 12th with large containers to gather all of our food offerings. Please give generously!

The Fightin' Turnips are back and ready for action! Our fearless co-ed softball team will be resuming practice this Spring and will be playing on Monday Nights at Caswell Park. We need a few more players, and this is a great way to get plugged in and connect with some new folks at the church. Reach out to Coach Preston Smith for more information at prestonsmith07@gmail.com.

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 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 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

The Rev. Meredith Loftis
Associate Pastor

Mark Pace
Organist/Choirmaster

Mary Wilson
Adult Ministry Coordinator

Katie Norrell
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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

5TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANAY
FEBRUARY 5, 2023

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Knoxville, TN 37902

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* Arr. Kevin McChesney
Adult Handbells One License# 98181

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship the eternal God,
the source of love and life, who created us.

**Let us worship Jesus Christ,
the risen one, who lives among us.**

Let us worship the Spirit,
the holy fire, who renews us.

**To the one true God
be glory and honor and praise!**

***OPENING HYMN** *When Morning Guilds the Skies* 667

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to
be lights that shine in the world. Forgive us when we
hide our light under our fears or our doubts. Let us not
ignore the bright hope you have given us, but tell
everyone of your love shown to us in Jesus Christ. Help
us to shine your light, so that all may see the promise of
your kingdom, and give glory to you, for we ask in Jesus'
name...** (silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory to God* 583
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to
God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Alleluia!* 587
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 112:1-6 Kelly Norrell
Praise the LORD! Happy are those who fear the LORD, who greatly
delight in his commandments. ² Their descendants will be mighty in
the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. ³ Wealth and
riches are in their houses, and their righteousness endures forever.
⁴ They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright; they are

gracious, merciful, and righteous. ⁵ It is well with those who deal
generously and lend, who conduct their affairs with justice. ⁶ For the
righteous will never be moved; they will be remembered forever.

ANTHEM *If Ye Love Me* Thomas Tallis
*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and he
shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever, e'en the
spirit of truth.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 5:13-20

"You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its
saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown
out and trampled under foot. ¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city
built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under
the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the
house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they
may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.
¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I
have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven
and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass
from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one
of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the
same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does
them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven.
²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes
and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

SERMON "A Little Salty" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Sometimes a Light Surprises* 800
One License #50-9122

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. 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 *If Ye Love Me* Phillip Wilby
*If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father, and
he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever,
e'en the spirit of truth.*

***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 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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *We All Are One in Mission* 733
One License #40322

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

***POSTLUDE** *Prelude in G Major, BWV 541* Johann S. Bach

**Please stand if you are able.*



MEMORIAL GIFTS

Received by the church

November 11 through January 15, 2023

MEMORIAL FUND:

David Worden
Laura Hagler

Betty Frierson

Dale Teague

Anton Zimmerman

Alice Xiques

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