

How do you live in the communion of the Holy Spirit?

**By the Holy Spirit, I am made one with the Lord Jesus Christ. I am baptized into Christ's body, the church, along with all others who confess him by faith. As a member of this community, I trust in God's Word, share in the Lord's Supper, and turn to God constantly in prayer. As I grow in grace and knowledge, I am led to do the good works that God intends for my life.**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**      *O Christ, the Great Foundation*      361

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**      *Now Thank We All Our God*      Sigrid Karg-Elert

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

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

**We welcome Beverly Landguth as our guest organist this morning.** Beverly has been playing the organ since age 12 and has degrees in music education. She has held jobs as organist and choir director at various churches where she lived. She is retired and now fills in as a substitute organist at various churches.

**We are excited to announce that the congregational retreat at Montreat is April 26-28, 2024!** This retreat is a great opportunity to deepen your faith, connect with other members of the congregation, and enjoy the beautiful scenery in western North Carolina. Our Speaker will be Dr. Elizabeth Arnold. **Deadline to sign up is March 24.** Please see the newsletter for more details.

**Beginning March 23rd, we will be assisting a single mother and her four children in building their Habitat for Humanity home.** The house is in the Ellen's Glen neighborhood in Strawberry Plains. We will be partnering with members of the Episcopal Church of the Good Samaritan on this project. Please see the newsletter for specific dates and job duties. If you are interested in serving, please contact Craig Wrisberg (cell phone: 865-776-7613; email: caw@utk.edu).

**Have you seen Our 2023 Year in Review video yet?** Psalm 77:11-12 reminds us to remember the deeds of the Lord. In 2023, we saw the love of Christ manifest in our community in many ways. From the growth of our congregation to the success of our outreach programs, this year has been full of blessings. You can check out the video by going to <https://www.fpcknox.org/events-fpc> and scrolling down until you see the headline 2023 Year In Review.

**On April 21st the Small & Mighty Youth Group will get together for outdoor fun at Regional Park in Athens.** Please contact Kallee at (865) 387-4748 or [kallee@purvisbuilders.com](mailto:kallee@purvisbuilders.com) if you can chaperone events or if you would like your teen to get connected.

**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 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>              | Lauren Nunn<br><i>Director of Parent's Day Out /<br/>Childcare Coordinator</i> |
| The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis<br><i>Associate Pastor</i>      | Sandra Robinson<br><i>Administrative Assistant</i>                             |
| Dr. Andy Morgan<br><i>Director of Family Faith Formation</i> | Victor Lenoir<br><i>Custodian</i>  |
| Mark Pace<br><i>Organist/Choirmaster</i>                     | Katrin Smith<br><i>Kitchen Manager</i>   |
| Mary Wilson<br><i>Adult Ministry Coordinator</i>             | Paul Seguna<br><i>Sound Engineer</i>   |
| Katie Norrell<br><i>Director of Communications</i>           |  |
| Jane Holland<br><i>Director of Finance/Facilities</i>        |  |
| Laura Harmon<br><i>Church Administrator</i>                  |  |

**WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES**

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| <i>I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art</i><br>Tune: Toulon      | <i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i><br>Tune: Martyrdom | One License #952    |
| <i>Gloria Patri</i><br>Tune: Gloria Patri                          | <i>Intrada</i>  | One License #25396  |
| <i>Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace</i><br>Tune: Tama Ngakau Marie | <i>O Christ, the Great Foundation</i><br>Tune: Aurelia  |                     |
| One License #46246   | <i>Now Thank We All Our God</i>                         | One License #993967 |

**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

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**MARCH 10, 2024**

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## THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**PRELUDE** *Prelude and Fugue in G Minor* J.S. Bach

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;

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

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

As we join in worship together,

**we are reflections of God's glory.**

Guided by God's presence,

**we gather to join in praise.**

Let us worship God who is rich in mercy,

**Who makes us alive when we are dead,**

Who gives new life out of great love for us.

**Let us worship God!**

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

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In Christ you come to us, O God, not to condemn,  
but to seek and save all that is lost.

**In Christ you call us, not because we are righteous,  
but while we are yet sinners.**

In Christ you show us the truth  
about yourself and about ourselves –

**the truth which sets us free.**

We turn to you once more:

**forgive us, heal us, and enable us to begin again,  
for we pray all this in Christ's name...**

*(a moment for silent confession)*

Jesus, Lamb of God,

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

**have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

**grant us your peace.**

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:  
in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**We believe in the forgiveness of sins.**

**We are saved by grace through faith.**

**This is God's gift in Jesus Christ.**

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Gloria Patri* 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

**\*MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Son of God, Whose Heart Is Peace (vv. 1 & 3)* 425

**Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,  
to your presence we have come; give us now your love.**

**Warm our hearts to love you, Lord, you who died to save us;  
gather us within your arms, Jesus on this day.**

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON** Psalm 73:1-3, 21-26 Bill Myers

<sup>1</sup> Truly God is good to the upright, to those who are pure in heart.

<sup>2</sup> But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled; my steps had nearly  
slipped. <sup>3</sup> For I was envious of the arrogant; I saw the prosperity of the  
wicked. <sup>21</sup> When my soul was embittered, when I was pricked in heart,

<sup>22</sup> I was stupid and ignorant; I was like a brute beast toward you. <sup>23</sup> Nev-  
ertheless I am continually with you; you hold my right hand. <sup>24</sup> You guide  
me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive me with honor. <sup>25</sup>  
Whom have I in heaven but you? And there is nothing on earth that I  
desire other than you. <sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the  
strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**ANTHEM** *O Saviour of the World* Arthur Somervell

*O Saviour of the world, who by thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed  
us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, Amen.*

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

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON** Ephesians 2:1-10

<sup>1</sup> You were dead through the trespasses and sins <sup>2</sup> in which you once  
lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the  
power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are  
disobedient. <sup>3</sup> All of us once lived among them in the passions of our  
flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature  
children of wrath, like everyone else. <sup>4</sup> But God, who is rich in mercy,  
out of the great love with which he loved us <sup>5</sup> even when we were dead  
through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace  
you have been saved— <sup>6</sup> and raised us up with him and seated us with  
him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, <sup>7</sup> so that in the ages to come  
he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward  
us in Christ Jesus. <sup>8</sup> For by grace you have been saved through faith, and  
this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— <sup>9</sup> not the result of

works, so that no one may boast. <sup>10</sup> For we are what he has made us,  
created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared  
beforehand to be our way of life.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** "Grace Alone" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed* 212

**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** *Intrada* Leslie Betteridge

**\*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** from *The Study Catechism* of the PCUSA

What is God's purpose for your life?

**God wills that I should live by the grace of the Lord Jesus  
Christ, for the love of God, and in the communion of the  
Holy Spirit.**

How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

**I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The  
Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I  
entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each  
day for his wonderful goodness.**

How do you live for the love of God?

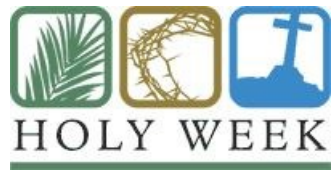
**I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ  
with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer  
live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose  
again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I  
take those around me to heart, especially those in  
particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no  
less than for me.**



**The Congo Missions Conference is March 14-16 in Charleston, SC, but you can attend via Zoom.** The theme of the conference is "Education for Transformation: Equipping Congolese Youth for the Future." Speakers will include the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, President and Executive Director of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. She will talk about Matthew 25, education, and our

partnership with Congolese Presbyterians. There will also be conversation via Zoom with American and Congolese partners across 10 time zones. CMN has purchased equipment so that Congolese participants at seven sites in three Congolese cities can watch and participate in real time.

It's not too late to register! Congo is the primary focus of Global Missions at First Presbyterian, so we hope you will join the conversation with our Congolese brothers and sisters. For a full conference schedule and to register, go to <http://congopartners.org>.



**Sun, March 24 Palm Sunday, 11 a.m.**

**Thurs, March 28 Maundy Thursday Dinner and Service**  
*Dinner begins at 5:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The service will start at 6:30 p.m.*

**Fri, March 29 Stations of the Cross, 5:30 p.m.**  
*"Stations of the Cross" service will be held in Market Square (approximately 55 minutes). This service brings the Christian family of all denominations together. All are welcome.*

**Sun, March 31 Easter Sunday**  
7:00 a.m. Sunrise Service on the Turnip Patch Deck  
8 - 10:30 a.m. Light Refreshments Served  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages  
10:30 a.m. Flowering of the Cross  
10:45 a.m. Prelude - *Musical selections for trumpet, timpani, and organ, featuring guest artists*  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service in Sanctuary and by Livestream  
The Easter Egg Hunt is immediately following the 11 a.m. service in the church graveyard.

## EASTER FLOWERS

Much as we look forward to Spring and its beautiful burst of nature's color, as Christians we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Your generous donations continue to support the ministry of our devoted flower guild. We will joyfully celebrate the Holy Easter season with seasonal displays beginning with Easter Sunrise. If you would like to make a donation to the flower guild in memory or honor of a loved one, a dedication gift of \$20.00 per name is suggested. Please indicate if your gift request is a memorial or an honorarium gift, the name for the dedication, and how you would like the "given by" to be noted. You may email your flower forms to [laura@fpcknox.org](mailto:laura@fpcknox.org) (please only list one name per line) or you can submit your Easter flower dedications online. Under the "Quick Links" button on the website, there is a menu item for Easter Flowers. You can pay in our online giving portal in the "Easter Flowers" category or by dropping a check in the offering plate or church office. Please be sure to designate "Easter Flowers" in the memo line. All submissions must be received by noon on March 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for supporting the flower guild!

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