

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dale Alexander Teague, on his 94th birthday, by his wife, Pam Teague.

Happy 105th Birthday Jeanne Fox!

Our annual First Presbyterian justice ministry congregational meeting will be held today at 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall. We'll be serving dinner at 6 before the official meeting agenda kicks off at 6:30. Please confirm that you will be coming with Jamie Keith at kjkjz@comcast.net so that we can plan for food.

Please bring your favorite crock pot meal to dinner by 5:30 pm on March 8th for our annual **Crock Pot Cook-Off**. This is another fundraiser for the youth to support our summer opportunities to Montreat and other Youth events. Thank you for supporting the Youth Program!

The Yarn Circle meets on March 9th at 12:30 pm in the Session Room. Bring your current project or come start a new one. Contact Jane Holland at 546-2531 for more details.

Downtown Lenten lunches will be held each Wednesday at noon:
3/8 Church Street UMC
3/15 Immaculate Conception Church
3/22 St. John's Episcopal Cathedral
3/29 First Presbyterian Church

Worshipful Wednesday Lenten Series continues at 6:30 pm. Dinner is served at 5:30 pm. (No Worshipful Wednesday on March 15.)

Palm Sunday is April 2. Services will be held at 8:45 and 11 am.

The Maundy Thursday service is April 6 at 6:30 pm.

Easter Sunday is April 9. Services will be held at 7 and 11 am. There will be light refreshments served after the early service and ending at 9:45 am.

The Congregational Retreat will be at Montreat in North Carolina on April 28-30th. The theme will be "Continuing our Story: Preparing for God's Future" and the speaker will be Julianne Elaine Clayton.

- The retreat begins Friday evening with informal fellowship, Saturday morning programming, free afternoon to rest and explore, Saturday evening meal and fellowship fun with a Sunday morning church service.
- There is a Saturday Day Option without a room.
- Cost details are listed in the newsletter.
- To hold your spot, please fill out the form on the newsletter and drop in offering plate, bring to the church office, or email to Emily Smith at memilysmith@gmail.com. For questions, please contact Emily Smith or Liz Key at lizkey1@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
Director of Communications

Jane Holland
Director of Finance/Facilities

Laura Harmon
Church Administrator

Lauren Nunn
Director of Parent's Day Out /
Childcare Coordinator

Sandra Robinson
Administrative Assistant

Victor Lenoir
Custodian

Paul Seguna
Sound Engineer

Jack Riordan
Crucifer

Nick Riordan
Bible Bearer

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).



Wet Stones by Carmelle Beaugelin, Inspired by Exodus 17:1-7

First Presbyterian Church
FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 5, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE *Dolce and Scherzando from Sonata for Flute and Violin* Georg P. Telemann
Mark Pace, Flute Rachel McCord, Violin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Jesus Loves Me* American Sign Language
Worshipful Wednesday Kids

*CALL TO WORSHIP

As the desert wanderer longs for springs of water,
so my thirsty soul reaches out for you, O God.
We long for a deeper sense of your presence,
for a faith that hopes even in times of drought.
Set your hearts on God's goodness,
for they will be fully satisfied.
Praise God, from who all blessings flow!

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

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, when we thought we were abandoned, you came to us as the Christ. When we thought that the world was dark and bleak, you shone forth your light among us. When we thought we were alone, you spoke to us, called us, came to us, loved us, saved us.

Open our eyes and our ears and our hearts, O God, to know your presence among us. Give us hope to trust even in the darkness. Give us hearts to trust your promises and strength to follow your ways, for we ask this in Jesus' name... *(a moment for silent confession)*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Jesus, Remember Me* 227
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus, remember me, when you come into your kingdom. (3x)
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*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* (vv. 1 and 3) 223
*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION: ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING Rob Jones

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 4:7-15a* Rob Jones

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." ⁸ (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) ⁹ The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) ¹⁰ Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." ¹¹ The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water?" ¹² Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" ¹³ Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, ¹⁴ but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." ¹⁵ The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty..."

ANTHEM *Sicut Cervus* Giovanni Palestrina
Translation of Latin text: *Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks: so longeth my soul after thee, O God.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON *Psalms 42*
As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? ³ My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?" ⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival. ⁵ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help ⁶ and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. ⁷ Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows have gone over me. ⁸ By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. ⁹ I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?" ¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?" ¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

SERMON

"Thirsty"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Be Still, My Soul* 819

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 *Like As the Hart* Herbert Howells
Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks : so longeth my soul after thee, O God. My soul is a thirst for God, yea, even for the living God : when shall I come to appear before the presence of God? My tears have been my meat day and night : while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?

***DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *Old Hundredth* 606

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from the Confession of Belhar*
We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ. We believe that, through the working of God's Spirit, it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Be Thou My Vision* 450

*CHARGE AND BEDICTION

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

**Please stand if you are able.*