

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

Go to the World!

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE** *Praise the Lord With Drums and Trumpets* Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Please stand if you are able.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Joan Holladay's family to the glory of God and in honor of Joan's 80th birthday and the choir.

In an effort to support our community members in need, we are excited to announce a donation drive for personal care items.

Over the next few weeks, we will be collecting essential items such as disposable razors, shaving cream, deodorant (men's and women's), diapers (sizes 3-6), toothpaste, floss, and toothbrushes. These items will be donated to our FISH pantry and Bridge Refugee families. Your contributions can make a significant impact on those who rely on these necessities. Please consider donating and placing your supplies in the designated basket located in the Commons. Thank you for your generosity and support in helping those in our community and local missions partners.

Join UKirk in their fundraiser to support campus ministry through the month of April! Help them reach their goal of 2,024 donations of at least \$10 to celebrate the graduating class of 2024. Every donation counts! UKirk is the "home away from home" and a ministry to the campus that welcomes all students. They provide an on campus church where college students feel comfortable and can worship and serve. It is a place where everyone belongs and students know they are loved by God and their community. UKirk has loved and cared for many of our college students, and we want to make sure this ministry continues to thrive. Donate at ukirk@ukirkutk.org/donate.

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

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| The Rev. Mark R. Curtis
<i>Senior Pastor</i> | Laura Harmon
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| The Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis
<i>Associate Pastor</i> | Lauren Nunn
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<i>Bible Bearer</i> |

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

Alleluia One License #CGB928
Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain
Tune: St. Kevin
Alleluia
Tune: Alleluia 7
Thine Is the Glory
Tune: Judas Maccabeus

The Strife is O'er
Tune: Victory
Go to the World!
Tune: Sine Nomine

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 14, 2024

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Knoxville, TN 37902

THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Alleluia J. Wayne Kerr
Adult Handbell Choir

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

This is the day that the Lord has made;
Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

MINUTE FOR MISSION FOR UKIRK Grayson Maryanski

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (inspired by Psalm 4)

The Lord hears us when we call:

Come, let us put our trust in God.

The Lord fills our hearts with gladness:

Come, let us sing God's praises with shouts of joy!

The Lord grants peace to our weary souls:

Come, let us rest by the quiet waters of God's grace.

***OPENING HYMN** Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain 234

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Jesus, the risen Christ,
in our weakness, you call us,
in our confusion, you teach us,
in our troubles, you offer us peace.
Meet us, your friends,
as we come to hear your word.**

Yet we know we come with doubts and fears.

We know we come in ignorance.

**We know we have failed you, your creation and
your people, in many ways.**

Trusting in your love, we turn again to you.

**As we open our hearts to your mercy and forgiveness,
grant us your peace.**

(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** Alleluia 586
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia (3x)

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** Thine Is the Glory (v. 2) 238
**Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom.**

**Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death has lost its sting.
Thine is the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.**

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 4 Zee Troutman

¹ Answer me when I call, O God of my right! You gave me room when I was in distress. Be gracious to me, and hear my prayer. ² How long, you people, shall my honor suffer shame? How long will you love vain words, and seek after lies? ³ But know that the LORD has set apart the faithful for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him. ⁴ When you are disturbed, do not sin; ponder it on your beds, and be silent. ⁵ Offer right sacrifices, and put your trust in the LORD. ⁶ There are many who say, "O that we might see some good! Let the light of your face shine on us, O LORD!" ⁷ You have put gladness in my heart more than when their grain and wine abound. ⁸ I will both lie down and sleep in peace; for you alone, O LORD, make me lie down in safety.

ANTHEM Greater Love Hath No Man John Ireland

*Many waters cannot quench love,
Neither can the floods drown it. Love is strong as death.
Greater love hath no man than this,
that a man lay down his life for his friends.
Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree,
that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness.
Ye are washed, ye are sanctified,
Ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus.
Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation;
that ye should show forth the praises of him
who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.
I beseech you brethren, by the mercies of God,
that you present your bodies, a living sacrifice,
holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service.*

BAPTISM OF ANDERSON MURPHY HONEYCUTT son of
Martha & Ethan Honeycutt

SECOND SCRIPTURE Luke 24:36-48

³⁶ Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷ They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸ He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹ Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰ And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹ While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?"

⁴² They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³ and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶ and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Dr. Meredith Loftis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** The Strife is O'er 236

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Mark R. Curtis

**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 This Joyful Eastertide Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow.

My Love, the Crucified, hath sprung to life this morrow. (To refrain)

Refrain:

*Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain: but now hath Christ arisen.*

My flesh in hope shall rest, and for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west shall wake the dead in number. (To refrain)

Death's flood hath lost his chill, since Jesus crossed the river:

Lover of souls, from ill my passing soul deliver. (To refrain)

***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.**