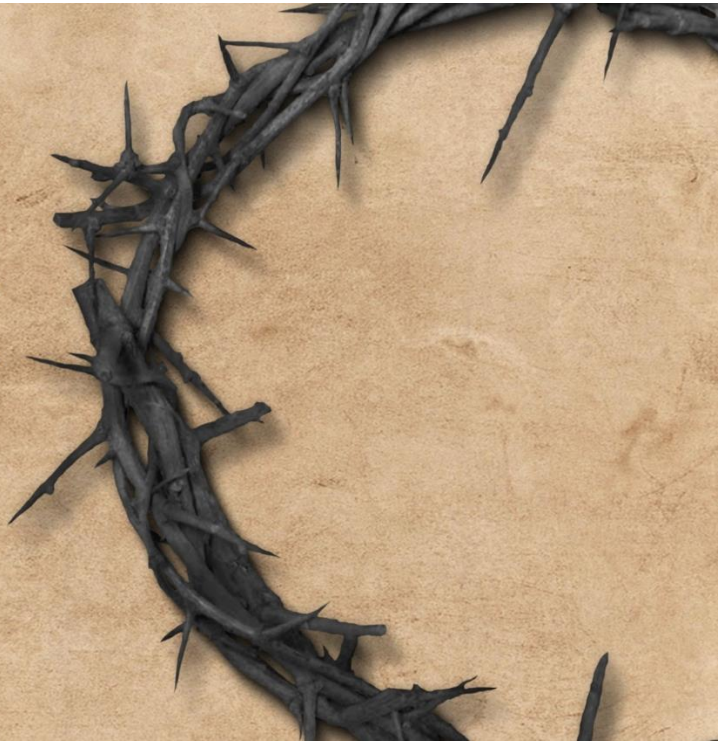


FIFTH SUNDAY OF

Lent



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

Harry Pennoyer, Crucifer

Maddie Pitt, Bible Bearer

ORDER OF WORSHIP
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

APRIL 3, 2022

✦ THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✦

PRELUDE

Prelude in Eb

William H. Harris

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

INTROIT

Prayer of St. Patrick

W.M. Schoenfeld

Wednesday Night Kids and Friends

(All children of the church are invited to join)

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to share in the gospel of Christ:

People: to lean on the story of God's great love.

Leader: We gather to answer the call of Christ:

People: to walk the road that leads to a cross.

Leader: We gather to be the body of Christ:

People: to serve the one who is our Head.

Leader: We gather to follow the way of Christ:

People: to sing praises to our God!

† OPENING HYMN 450

Be Thou My Vision

Slane

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| 1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. | 3. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
Thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art. |
| 2. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
Raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. | 4. High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all. |

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross. We find ourselves wanting to turn away: to choose glory over suffering, success over justice, comfort over peace, independence over discipleship. We want to believe that we will be loyal to Christ until the end, but we fear that we will join the crowd in screaming, "Crucify." Forgive us. Bind us in your love, free us by your grace, and enliven us by your Spirit to follow Christ once more. Fill us, our homes and our church, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new...

(a moment for silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

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 840*When Peace Like a River* (verse 1)

Ville Du Havre

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
 Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
 It is well with my soul; it is well; it is well with my soul.

✦ **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD** ✦**FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON**Isaiah 43:16-21 (*see insert*)

Jenny Eversole

ANTHEM*A Time for all Things*

Douglas E. Wagner

To everything there is a season, there is a time for all good things; A time to plant and a time to reap, a time to lose, a time to keep; A time to weep, a time to laugh, a time to mourn, a time to dance. A time to follow, a time to lead, a time to speak and a time to heed; A time to sleep, a time to wake, a time to give and a time to take. For all the blessings of our God are given us that we might have; A time for all good things.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

SERMON

"Poured Out Love"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✦ **THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦**† HYMN OF RESPONSE 366***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Hyfrydol

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| <p>1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
 Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 Fix in us thy humble dwelling;
 All thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion;
 Pure, unbounded love thou art;
 Visit us with thy salvation;
 Enter every trembling heart.</p> | <p>3. Come, Almighty, to deliver;
 Let us all thy life receive;
 Suddenly return, and never,
 Nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 Serve thee as thy hosts above,
 Pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
 Glory in thy perfect love.</p> |
| <p>2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
 Into every troubled breast;
 Let us all in thee inherit;
 Let us find the promised rest.
 Take away the love of sinning;
 Alpha and Omega be;
 End of faith, as its beginning,
 Set our hearts at liberty.</p> | <p>4. Finish then thy new creation;
 Pure and spotless let us be;
 Let us see thy great salvation
 Perfectly restored in thee:
 Changed from glory into glory,
 Till in heaven we take our place,
 Till we cast our crowns before thee,
 Lost in wonder, love, and praise.</p> |

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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

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

OFFERTORY

Agnus Dei

Mark Sullivan

Translation of Latin text: Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

† 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 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.

† SENDING HYMN 223

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

1. 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.
2. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.
3. 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?
4. Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor, BWV 558

Johann S. Bach

† - Please stand if you are able.



The Officer Nominating Committee requests prayers as they select nominees for the 2025 Class of elders and deacons. If you have a willingness to be considered or would like to recommend someone for either office, please contact any committee member or email Melanie Payne at mpayne@kcc.com. Committee Members include Melanie Payne, Brandon Spurlock, Jim Brown, John Whaley, Joanna Pennoyer, Sue Wrisberg and Virginia Stormer.

WORSHIP FOR APRIL 3, 2022

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

Jenny Eversole

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ 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.

EASTER FLOWERS



Much as Spring bursts forth with the beauty of nature's renewal, we celebrate Christ's resurrection this Easter. If you would like to make a floral donation 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 of the recipient, and how you would like the "given by" to be printed. **The deadline for your gift(s) inclusion in the insert is April 11th by NOON.**

IN MEMORY OF: _____

IN HONOR OF: _____

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE TO UKRAINE WAR

From the Global Missions Committee: Our ability to provide help for the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine is partly because of One Great Hour of Sharing. Working with a skilled, on-the-ground network, Presbyterian relief workers are providing emergency aid like food, shelter, medicines, diapers and hygiene products to a flood of displaced people inside Ukraine and to refugees in surrounding countries. UN figures show that up to 2 million Ukrainians have been forcibly displaced within the country and more than 3 million have fled over the borders. Relief is needed in so many other areas of the world too. Let us thank God for a way to help our hurting brothers and sisters.

GIVE: To support emergency relief for those fleeing Ukraine, choose one of the following giving options:

- Participate in the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering
Or make an offering directly to the Ukraine War humanitarian efforts:
- Make checks payable to First Presbyterian Church, designate gifts for “PDA-Ukraine” in the memo line, and place in the offering plate.
- Give online at <https://www.fpcknox.org/giving> (designate PDA-Ukraine).
- To give directly to the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance fund, use the code DR000156.
- Text PDAUKR to 41444 to donate.
- Call Presbyterian Disaster Assistance at (800) 872-3283.



ACT: Urge the U.S. government to support generous aid for refugees and civilians suffering in Ukraine, and call for engaging a diplomatic solution to the conflict.

PRAY: May we undergird our prayers with tangible resources to help. May we reach deeply, give generously, and welcome extravagantly. May we lift our voices in a strong and unified advocacy. May we all, even as we breathe in lament, breathe out mercy, hope and peace. -Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus, Director, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

LIFTING UP UKRAINE: PC(USA)'S HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE

Join Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Presbyterian World Mission, the Presbyterian Ministry at the United Nations and the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program for a webinar highlighting the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)'s humanitarian response to the crisis.

March 23 at 12 p.m. ET

live-streaming:  @PCUSA

 @presbyterianchurch



ACT/FCA/Antti Yrjönen

WATCH THE REPLAY OF THIS EVENT AT THE LINK BELOW.

To learn more about the Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and how they are aiding Ukrainian refugees, you can watch the webinar, Lifting Up Ukraine, on YouTube by going to <https://youtu.be/8LctXVv1RLY>.