

***POSTLUDE** *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* Arr. Paul Manz

**Please stand if you are able.*

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FIRST PRESBYTERIAN....

There will be a **Called Congregational Meeting** on Sunday, August 6, following the 11:00 am worship service to elect elders and deacons.

Presbyterian Women have a new study book for the Fall. If you missed the July 28 deadline, you may order one yourself by calling 1-800-533-5371 (10 am - 5 pm).

The Presbyterian Women's retreat will be held Sept 8-10 in Montreat. RSVPs and payment need to be received no later than August 6th. Please contact Liz Key to register at lizkey1@gmail.com or 865-201-5310.

The PW Fall Coffee will be on August 12th.

Our Barnabas Program begins in August. We are in need of adults to support the youth in the year ahead. Please contact Kallee Pittenger if you would consider being paired with one lucky youth from our church. Your role would include anonymous letters or small gifts specifically chosen for your youth friend. Kallee will provide descriptions of each child to help you get to know them better. At the end of the school year, we will have a reveal event where the two of you can bond further.

- Parents, please let Kallee know if your child/ren would like to participate in the program.
- Kallee Pittenger at 865-387-4748 or kallee@purvisbuilders.com

We sponsor the third grade at Dogwood School, which numbers about ninety students. The Local Missions Committee is supplying each of the five third grade classrooms with \$100.00 each for the teachers to use for curriculum needs. We are collecting school supplies for students who are not able to provide their own. If you are not able to shop and want to give a monetary amount, Paulette and Gary Anderson will happily do the shopping for you. You can connect with them at ganders@bellsouth.net to do so. If you would like to give a monetary donation to Dogwood Elementary, you can designate a check or an offering envelope or give at fpcknox.org (please designate in the "Dogwood Elementary" category). Thank you so much for your generosity, love and support for the children at Dogwood School. School starts for students on Tuesday, August 8th and Paulette would like to take supplies over before then.

The Small and Mighty youth group will be at Soaky Mtn Water Park on August 20th. RSVP to follow for our youth who would like to participate.

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

WORSHIP MUSIC NOTES

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me One License # VT429
Come! Live in the Light! One License # 00174
Come to Me, O Weary Traveler One License #121427
Come, Thou Fount One License # 50-9770

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee One License #10-840.1

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

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023

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THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE Allegro Maestoso e Vivace from *Sonata II* Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In the morning when the sun rises,

we shall praise you, O God.

You have delivered us through every long night,

and given us safe passage across rivers of struggle.

The darkness is past; the Light has come.

In joy we raise our song and prayer to you, O Lord.

We come to worship God!

***OPENING HYMN** *The God of Abraham Praise* 49

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and uncontainable God,

for trying to contain you, forgive us.

Loving and limitless God,

for trying to limit you, forgive us.

Gracious and boundless God,

for trying to bind you, forgive us.

Thanks be to you, O God,

for meeting us where we are, and as we are,

and for struggling with us to make us what we can be...

(a moment for silent confession)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* 582

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son,

whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love

has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever

shall be. Amen.

World without end, without end. Amen. World without end,

without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***MUSICAL RESPONSE** *Come! Live in the Light! (v. 3)* 749

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be

one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters

and brothers united in love. We are called to act with justice;

we are called to love tenderly; we are called to serve one

another, to walk humbly with God.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 17:1-7, 15 Jane Luhn

¹ Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.

² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.

⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.

⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.

⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.

¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

ANTHEM *Alleluia* Bach/Narvik
*Alleluia, O praise be to God. Our songs to Him we raise with exultation. Thou
Lord, Our God, most holy God, we sing and praise Thy name with adoration.*

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES Dr. Andy Morgan

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 32:22-31

²² The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok. ²³ He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.

²⁴ Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.

²⁵ When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him. ²⁶ Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me." ²⁷ So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob." ²⁸ Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed." ²⁹ Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him. ³⁰ So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved." ³¹ The sun rose upon him as he passed Peniel, limping because of his hip.

SERMON "Left Limping" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

***HYMN OF RESPONSE** *Come to Me, O Weary Traveler* 183

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 *Come, Thou Fount* Eric Nelson
*Come, thou Fount of every blessing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise. Teach me
some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above; praise the mount!
I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love! Here I raise my
Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come; and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home. Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from
the fold of God; he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious
blood. O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that
grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee. Prone to wander,
Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart; O take and
seal it; seal it for thy courts above.*

***DOXOLOGY** *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.**

***CLOSING HYMN** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* 833

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION



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