### **\*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	The Lord Is God	63
		One License #96898

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Concerto in G Minor Karl Heinrich Graun

\*Please stand if you are able.

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

**A Season of Peace** PCUSA devotional this week focuses on the intersection of poverty and racism. You may sign up for free daily devotionals at pcusa.org/subscribeSOP.

Middle School Pool Party today from 1-3 p.m. at the Buchanan house, 109 Saint Andrews Dr. Pizza will be provided. Please RSVP to Emily Smith at memilysmith@gmail.com or Sarah Buchanan at sarahbuchanan1@yahoo.com. Both are able to give rides after church so that parents can pick up at 3pm. Just send a suit and change of clothes!

Fighting Turnips Softball Game at 7 and 9 p.m. on September 20. Contact Preston Smith at prestonsmith07@gmail.com.

**Missionary Jeff Boyd** from the Congo will speak during the Sunday School hour and in Worship September 25.

Congo Mission Network Conference is September 29 - Oct 1. Register online by following the link in the newsletter.

## **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 are available for use during the service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

## **O**FFERING

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.



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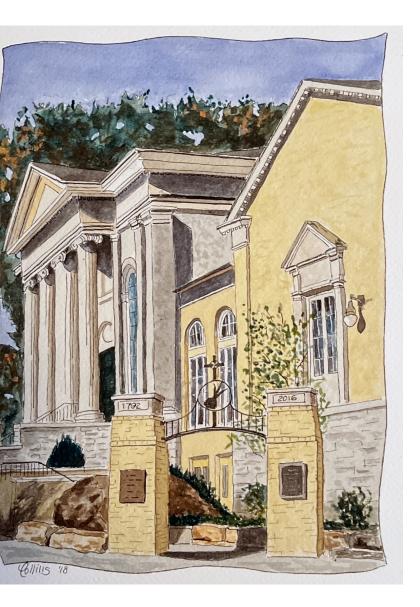
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## FOR OUR YOUNGER WORSHIPPERS

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).







**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST SEPTEMBER 18, 2022** 11 A.M. SERVICE

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#### THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Timothy 2

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This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, that we lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity.

For there is one God,

who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. There is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all.

Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN** The Mighty God with Power Speaks

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of all.

you have entrusted us with much treasure, and commissioned us to use it wisely and diligently,

for the sake of your kingdom.

But we have shown ourselves unfaithful,

even with small things you have entrusted to us.

Forgive our carelessness with your treasures. Stir us up by your Spirit to offer back to you all that you have so richly bestowed upon us. Keep us mindful that all that we have, and all that we are, comes from you and belongs to you, through the redeeming work of Jesus Christ our Lord... (a moment for silent confession)

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,

and to the Holy Ghost;

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One License #89379

As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** May the God of Hope Go With Us

765 One License #65250

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race. Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 79:1-9 Bill Myers O God, the nations have come into your inheritance; they have defiled your holy temple; they have laid Jerusalem in ruins. <sup>2</sup>They have given the bodies of your servants to the birds of the air for food, the flesh of your faithful to the wild animals of the earth. <sup>3</sup>They have poured out their blood like water all around Jerusalem, and there was no one to bury them. <sup>4</sup>We have become a taunt to our neighbors, mocked and derided by those around us. <sup>5</sup>How long, O Lord? Will you be angry forever? Will your jealous wrath burn like fire? <sup>6</sup>Pour out your anger on the nations that do not know you, and on the kingdoms that do not call on your name. <sup>7</sup>For they have devoured lacob and laid waste his habitation. <sup>8</sup>Do not remember against us the iniquities of our ancestors; let your compassion come speedily to meet us, for we are brought very low. <sup>9</sup>Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins, for your name's sake.

## ANTHEM There is a Balm in Gilead Arr. Gerald Near One License #AE140 There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole: there is a balm in Gilead to heal the sin sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged, and think my work's in vain, but then the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you can't preach like Peter, if you can't pray like Paul, just tell the love of lesus, and that he died for all. SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 16:1-13

Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. <sup>2</sup>So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. <sup>4</sup>I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How

SERMON

## **RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

#### OFFERTORY

**\*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.

much do you owe my master?' 'He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' <sup>7</sup>Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' <sup>8</sup>And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. <sup>9</sup>And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes. <sup>10</sup>Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. <sup>11</sup>If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? <sup>12</sup>And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? <sup>13</sup>No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

> "Shrewd Accounting" Rev. Mark R. Curtis

## THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

**\*HYMN OF RESPONSE** God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants Martin How One License #113600 Bless, O Lord, us thy servants, who minister in thy temple. Grant that what we sing with our lips, we may believe in our hearts, and what we believe in our hearts, we may show forth in our lives. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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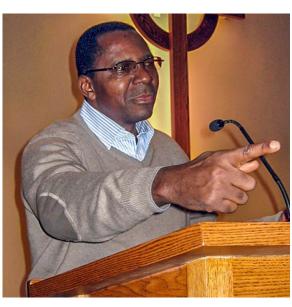
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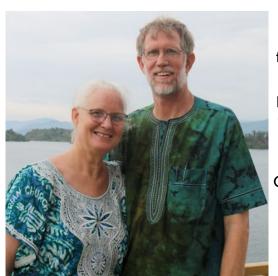
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Dr. Samuel Mampunza

Empowerment of youth in DR Congo and the U.S. and the role of the church in helping them are the focal points of the annual **Congo Mission Network** Conference Sept. 29 -Oct. 1. Speakers will include Dr. Samuel Mampunza, vice president of the Protestant University of Congo and founding dean of its Medical School. Join in! The event is at Myers Park

Presbyterian Church in Charlotte, NC. You can attend virtually for free, but you must register. Visit https://congopartners.org/ for more information and to register.



As regional liaison for Central Africa, Jeff Boyd facilitates support for the relationships and programs of Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) partners in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Cameroon, and Equatorial Guinea. He also mentors PC(USA) mission personnel and resources PC(USA) congregations that want to be involved in ministry with partner churches in the region.

Jeff and Christi Boyd

Besides the Congo, Christi works in Madagascar, Niger, Rwanda, and South Sudan. She accompanies global partners as they seek to remedy the marginalization of women and children in their communities and engages with Presbyterians in the US who wish to come alongside and promote those efforts.