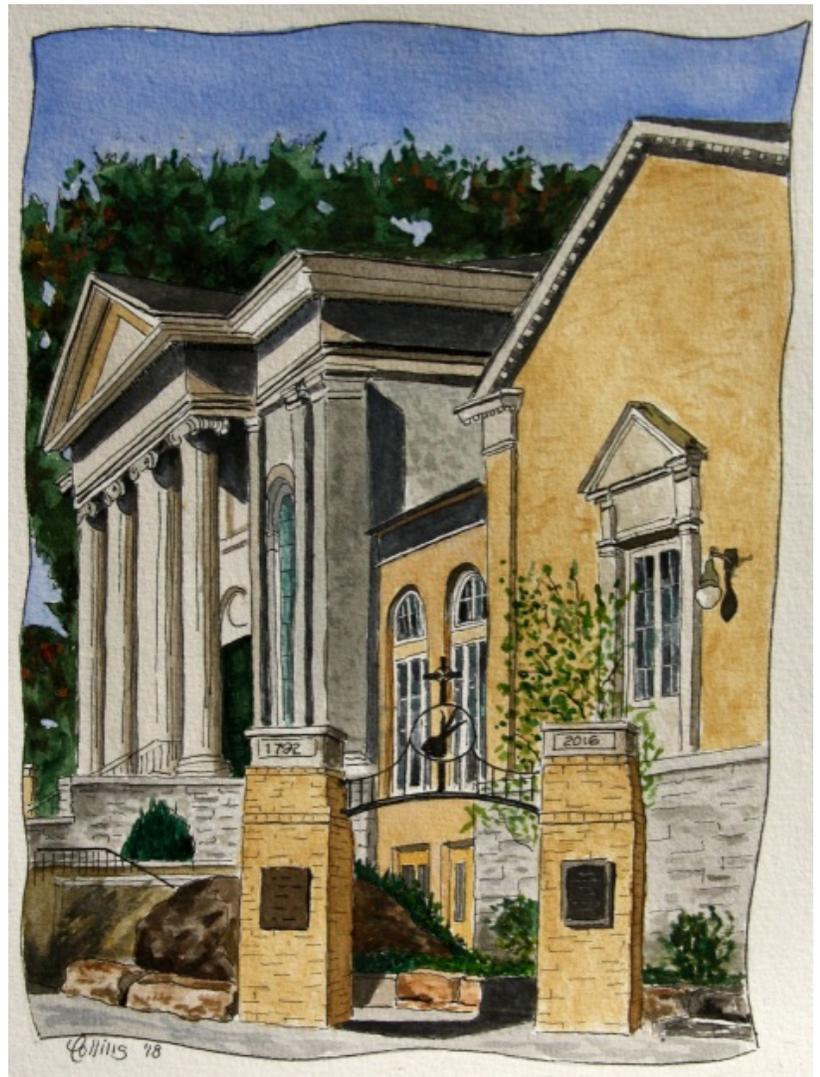




First Presbyterian Church  
KNOXVILLE, TENNESSEE  
- Founded 1792 -

*“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*



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FOR CHRIST IN THE HEART OF KNOXVILLE 

**LEADERS IN WORSHIP**

The Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory Jr., Transitional Pastor  
The Rev. Meredith Loftis, Associate Pastor  
Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster/Harpist  
Mr. Alex McGavic, Children and Youth Ministries Coordinator

**CHOIR MEMBERS**

Joan Holladay, Tracy Pace, Katrin Smith, Carrie Wright

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**  
**NOVEMBER 15, 2020**  
**❖THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE❖**

**PRELUDE**

*It is Well With My Soul*

Arr. Craig Phillips

**WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 72:5-19

Leader: May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

**People: May his foes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust.**

Leader: May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

**People: For he delivers the needy when they call,  
the poor and those who have no helper.**

Leader: May his name endure forever, his fame continue as long as the sun.

Let us worship Jesus where'er the sun does its successive journeys run.

**OPENING HYMN 265**

*Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*  
verses 1, 2, 5

Duke Street

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| <p>1. Jesus shall reign where'er the sun<br/>does its successive journeys run;<br/>his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,<br/>till moons shall wax and wane no more.</p> <p>2. To him shall endless prayer be made,<br/>and praises throng to crown his head;<br/>his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise<br/>with every morning sacrifice.</p> | <p>5 Let every creature rise and bring<br/>honors peculiar to our King;<br/>angels descend with songs again,<br/>and earth repeat the loud Amen!</p> |
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**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(All)*

Lord Jesus,

**You are king. We are tempted to put ourselves and others upon the throne. Through these past months we have confused politics with your Kingdom, serving those who cannot deliver, thinking that our nation or a new regime will save us. Forgive our misplaced loyalties. We want your will and not ours to be done, knowing that you alone are Savior and Lord. Cleanse us from idols that cannot and will not rescue.**

*(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**

Since God has forgiven us, we are free to forgive one another. You are invited to reach out to your neighbors with a smile or peace sign, or at home through phone calls, texts, faxes, carrier pigeons, or social media and greet each other with a virtual sign of Christ's peace.

**MUSICAL RESPONSE** 373                      *O Day of Peace*                      Jerusalem  
O day of peace that dimly shines through      May swords of hate fall from our hands,  
all our hopes and prayers and dreams,      our hearts from envy find release,  
Guide us to justice, truth, and love,      Till by God's grace our warring world shall see  
delivered from our selfish schemes.      Christ's promised reign of peace.

❖**THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD**❖

**FIRST SCRIPTURE**                      Romans 1:1-6 (See Insert)                      Katrin Smith

**SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES**

**ANTHEM**                                      *Sing the Lord's Song*                      Natalie Sleeth

Joan Holladay, Tracy Pace, Katrin Smith, Carrie Wright  
Sing the Lord's song, let the music sound. Sing the Lord's song all the world around.  
Sing the Lord's song, chant it high and low. Sing the Lord's song everywhere you go!  
Sing the Lord's song, share the melody. Sing the Lord's song joyfully.  
Oh, sing the Lord's song, sing it thru and thru. Sing the Lord's song every day anew.  
Sing the Lord's song, let it fill the air. Sing the Lord's song, sing it everywhere.  
Sing the Lord's song, tis a song of praise. Sing the Lord's song, thankful voices raise!  
Sing the Lord's song, follow in its way. Sing the Lord's song day by day.  
Oh, sing the Lord's song, sing it shore to shore. Sing the Lord's song now and evermore!

**SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON**                                      2 Samuel 7:1-12 (See Insert)  
Pastor: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**                                      *Choices and Kings*                      Rev. Dr. Jeff McCrory Jr.

❖**THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**❖

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (All)                      *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 8.14 and 8.15  
**As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness he is also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures.**  
**We reject the false doctrine, as though there were areas of our life in which we would not belong to Jesus Christ, but to other lords – areas in which we would not need justification and sanctification through him.**

**HYMN OF RESPONSE** 801                      *The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*                      Crimond

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| 1. The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;<br>he makes me down to lie<br>in pastures green; he leadeth me<br>the quiet waters by.     | for thou art with me; and thy rod<br>and staff me comfort still.  |
| 2. My soul he doth restore again,<br>and me to walk doth make<br>within the paths of righteousness,<br>e'en for his own name's sake. | 4. My table thou hast furnished<br>in presence of my foes;<br>my head thou dost with oil anoint,<br>and my cup overflows.     |
| 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,<br>yet will I fear none ill,   | 5. Goodness and mercy all my life<br>shall surely follow me,<br>and in God's house forevermore<br>my dwelling place shall be. |

**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 on the side aisles or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at [www.fpcknox.org/donate](http://www.fpcknox.org/donate).

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

*His Eye is on the Sparrow*  
Katrin Smith, Mezzo-Soprano

Arr. Mark Hayes

**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.**

**CLOSING HYMN 837***What A Fellowship, What a Joy Divine*

Showalter

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.
2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,  
leaning on the everlasting arms;  
O how bright the path grows from day to day,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**REFRAIN****REFRAIN**

Leaning, leaning, safe and  
secure from all alarms;  
leaning, leaning, leaning on  
the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
leaning on the everlasting arms?  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
leaning on the everlasting arms.

**REFRAIN****CHARGE AND BENEDICTION****POSTLUDE***Toccata*

Gaston Bélier

## SCRIPTURE FOR NOVEMBER 15, 2020

### FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

### ROMANS 1:1-6

<sup>1</sup> Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, <sup>2</sup> which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, <sup>3</sup> the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh <sup>4</sup> and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, <sup>5</sup> through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, <sup>6</sup> including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

### 2 SAMUEL 7:1-12

<sup>1</sup> Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, <sup>2</sup> the king said to the prophet Nathan, “See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.” <sup>3</sup> Nathan said to the king, “Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you.”

<sup>4</sup> But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: <sup>5</sup> Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? <sup>6</sup> I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. <sup>7</sup> Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, “Why have you not built me a house of cedar?” <sup>8</sup> Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; <sup>9</sup> and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. <sup>10</sup> And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, <sup>11</sup> from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house.

<sup>12</sup> When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.