Corpus Christi Procession Sunday, June 6, 2021, at 1pm

The feast of Corpus Christi, to be celebrated on Sunday, June 6, by the Catholic Church in the USA, is a very significant feast that honors the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. At the heart of the Catholic faith is the belief that the bread and the wine become the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ during the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. We believe the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, "This is my body…This is my blood," become effective by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As part of this celebration, the Basilica of Sts. Peter and Paul has in recent years joined faithful communities throughout the world in the historic tradition of having a Eucharistic Procession through the streets. Starting from the church at 214 East 8th Street, this year's procession will include the city blocks of Georgia Ave., McCallie Ave., and Lindsay St., and will return to the church for the Rite of Benediction.

The procession will begin at 1pm on Sunday, June 6. The Blessed Sacrament (the Holy Eucharist) will be displayed in a beautiful golden monstrance. The procession will also include a baldacchino (canopy) over the monstrance and two basilica symbols: the ombrellino (papal umbrella) and the tintinnabulum (papal bell). Knights of Columbus in formal regalia are also expected to participate, and the Basilica's youth and adult choirs will follow, singing hymns in Latin, English, and Spanish. Our young people who are receiving Holy Communion for the first time will also join, dressed in

their First Communion dresses and suits. This Corpus Christi procession is a beautiful way to celebrate the wonderful mystery of the Incarnation of our God who became man in the person of Jesus Christ and offered himself on the cross for our salvation.

To learn more, read The Origin of the Feast of Corpus Christi by Gregory Johnson:
https://www.traditioninaction.org/religious/a049rpCorpusChristi.html