

## PRELUDE

## WORD OF WELCOME

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Carl Snow*

*Liturgist:* Show us Your faithful love, O LORD!  
*All:* **Give to us Your great salvation!**  
*Liturgist:* God speaks peace to His people,  
*All:* **Salvation is very close to those who honor God!**

## \*HYMN

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

*Hymnal #11*

*Verse 1:* 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 His name I'm fixed upon it Name of God's redeeming love.

*Verse 3:* Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place;  
and I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Bo't me with His precious blood.

*Verse 5:* Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, 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.

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Carl Snow*

*Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front.*

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Carl Snow*

*Liturgist:* David prayed, "Have mercy on me, Lord, for I cry out to You all day long!" Let's also pray for God's mercy on our sin.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All:* **Almighty God, we admit that even as young as this year is, already we have gone off track from Your ways. We have said things we regret, done things we shouldn't have, and You know all about our thoughts. Where would we be without Your forgiveness and help? Thank You for being so kind to us. We truly want to do better and we know we need You. Give us the grace to learn Your ways and to live them, for we ask in Jesus' Name, AMEN.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Carl Snow*

*Liturgist:* God has forgiven His people's wrongdoings and covered all their sins. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

## \*GLORIA PATRI

*All:* **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 THE PEACE

Carl Snow

*Liturgist:* The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

*All:* **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

*In the Bleak Midwinter*

Shelby Wright, Soloist / Holst

*(Note: Though this text describes winter in England rather than in Palestine, the poet is using familiar surroundings as a means of making the Nativity more personal)*

*In the bleak midwinter frosty wind made moan,  
earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone:  
snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,  
in the bleak midwinter, long ago.*

*Our God, heaven cannot hold him, nor earth sustain;  
heaven and earth shall flee away when he comes to reign:  
in the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed  
the Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.*

*Angels and archangels may have gathered there,  
cherubim and seraphim thronged the air,  
but his mother only, in her maiden bliss,  
worshiped the Beloved with a kiss.*

*What can I give him, poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb,  
if I were a wise man I would do my part,  
yet what I can I give him, give my heart.*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*Children ages 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

## SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 2:13-15

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## SERMON

"Out of Egypt"

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## \*HYMN

*Change My Heart, O God*

Hymnal #654

*Verse 1:* Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

*Verse 2:* You are the Potter; I am the clay. Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

*Verse 3:* Change my heart, O God, make it ever true. Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

## ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

*The PC(USA) Book of Order*

*Moderator:* Paul reminds the believers in Corinth that the Holy Spirit empowers us all, but not all for the same tasks. Like a body with different parts working together as a whole system, we have different jobs to do but we do them for the good of all, that God may be glorified. In our Presbyterian tradition, Ruling Elders see that the people have the Word of God faithfully preached and taught, the Sacraments rightly administered, and church discipline carefully exercised. Part of carrying out those responsibilities includes making sure the necessary resources are in place for the church's ministry. We elected these people to serve as Ruling Elders believing the Holy Spirit has given them the proper gifts for that service, and now we confirm that election by ordaining and installing them to the office of Ruling Elder.

Let us affirm our common faith by saying the Apostles Creed together.

**All:** 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.

*Addressing the candidates, the Moderator says*

As a fellow servant of Christ, and on behalf of this congregation and the whole church, I ask you the following constitutional questions:

*Question:* Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Will you fulfill your ministry in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?

*Answer:* **I will.**

*Question:* Will you be governed by our church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?

*Answer:* **I will.**

*Question:* Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?

*Answer:* **I will.**

*Question:* Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the church?

*Answer:* **I do.**

*Question:* Will you pray for and seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?

*Answer:* **I will.**

*Question:* Will you be a faithful Ruling Elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service?

*Answer:* **I will.**

*Question:* Will you share in government and discipline, serving in councils of the church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

*Answer:* **I will.**

*Addressing the congregation, the Clerk of Session says*

Congregation, you have heard these people confess their faith in Christ and their desire to serve as Ruling Elders.

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*Question:* Do we, the members of the church, accept Johnny Biddle, Don Grogan, Pat Lipps, Leigh Mosely, and Carl Snow as Ruling Elders, chosen by God through the voice of this congregation to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

*Answer:* **We do.**

*Question:* Do we agree to pray for them, to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is Head of the Church?

*Answer:* **We do.**

*Current Session members shall lay hands upon those being ordained as the Moderator prays*

These people have been duly ordained and installed as Ruling Elders of Fountain City Presbyterian Church. May we all use the gifts the Holy Spirit has given us to share God's love in word and deed, working together to expand His kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven. **Amen!**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*All:* **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.**

## **CALL FOR OFFERING**

*Carl Snow*

*Liturgist:* Let us thank God with our offerings.

## **OFFERTORY**

*O Little Town of Bethlehem*

*Green/Leatherman*

## **\*DOXOLOGY**

*The Old Hundredth*

*All:* **Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost.**

## **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## **\*HYMN**

*More About Jesus*

*Hymnal #560 (Verses 1, 2, 4)*

*Verse 1:* More about Jesus would I know, more of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me. *Refrain*

*Verse 2:* More about Jesus let me learn, more of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be, showing the things of Christ to me. *Refrain*

*Verse 4:* More about Jesus on His throne, riches in glory all His own;  
More of His kingdom's sure increase; more of His coming, Prince of Peace. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* More, more about Jesus; more, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see, more of His love who died for me.

## **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## **\*CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION**

*All:* **Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let Your love flow so the world will know, we are one in You.**

## **POSTLUDE**