



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 25, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 9:2, Matthew 4:16

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness- on them light has shined.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: **God, our light and our salvation, Jesus announced the nearness of your kingdom and called his disciples to be fishers of women and men. Give us courage to follow in the way of Jesus, that our lives may bear witness to the good news of the kingdom at hand and our vocation serve to draw people to your salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*HYMN 721

“Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

Glory to God Hymnal

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

from 1 Corinthians 1:10

All: **Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

from Isaiah 9:4

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: God offers forgiveness to those who turn to God in true repentance. Therefore, trust in God, who breaks the bonds of our oppression, and covers us in mercy.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI 581

Glory to God Hymnal

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

Meghan Tidwell

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

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM

“Ten-Thousand Reasons”

Myrin/Redman

*Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, oh my soul, Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your holy name*

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, ten-thousand reasons for my heart to find.*

*And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending ten-thousand Years and then forever more.*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 8 are invited to children's worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: **God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord

*Isaiah 9:1-4
1 Corinthians 1:10-18*

All: **Thanks be to God**

Matthew 4:12-23

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*HYMN 170

“You Walk Along Our Shoreline”

Glory to God Hymnal

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ecumenical Apostles Creed

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Traditional Version

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

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: God, the source of all good things, has given us what we need. In joyful response, let us offer our gifts, the fruit of our labors, and the dedication of our hearts for loving service in the name of Christ.

OFFERTORY

“Our Great Savior

Pritchard/Ferrin

*DOXOLOGY 609

Glory to God Hymnal

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, word, and spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: God of our salvation, receive these gifts we offer and bless them for the work of your kingdom, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 726

“Will You Come and Follow Me”

Glory to God Hymnal

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*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

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Meghan Tidwell
Ushers..... Barbara Riehl, Darlene Miller
Greeters Bedford Chapman, Teresa Brittain, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller
Music..... The Fountain City Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
Accompanist Angela Bell
Organist George Hill
Tech Team Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins
Faithful Friends (Children’s Worship)..... Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

Pastor The Rev. Susan Balfour
Church Administrator..... Ashton Hicks
Director of Music Bob Eubanks
Nursery Staff Laurismar Wrinkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CORE Donations: This week our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Gresham Middle School of snack for students (no nuts.) Donations may be placed in the bin located in the office hallway during normal church hours.

Installation of The Rev. Susan Balfour has been postponed to March 1, 2026 at 2:00 P.M. due to inclement weather. Come and show your support as we officially welcome Rev. Susan and Greg!

Free Community Pancake Breakfast: Join us this Saturday (rescheduled) as we welcome the Fountain City Community in for our monthly free community pancake breakfast. Spread the news and invite a friend to come eat some delicious pancakes. There is no cost to attend and everyone is welcome!

Dinners for Eight: Sign up for our next iteration of Dinners for Eight by scanning the QR code. Dinners will take place throughout the coming month and your host, who has already volunteered, will then reach out to you to schedule a dinner time. Please let your host know if you have any allergies or food restrictions.

Annual Congregational Meeting: Our annual meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 1st following worship in the fellowship hall. All members are encouraged to attend.

JARZHEIT

1/28/85 Buna Howell, 1/30/85 Lucille McGonagill, 1/31/06 Julia Stewart, 1/31/17 Don Schiesswohl,
1/29/20 Carr Hagan, 1/30/20 Earl Whitson, 1/30/25 Jay Brandon

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/27 Lucy Miller, 1/28 Tracye Robertson, 1/30 Harry Ogden, JD Sullivan, 1/31 Grace Feld, Jim Coppock

