

## PRELUDE

## WORD OF WELCOME

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Isaiah 45*

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* Turn to God and be saved, all you upon the earth

**All: The LORD is God, there is no other**

*Liturgist:* Every knee will bow and every tongue will confess,

**All: Righteousness and strength come only from the LORD!**

## \*HYMN

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Hymnal #210 (Verses 1, 3, 4)*

*Verse 1:* Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration.

*Verse 3:* Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.

*Verse 4:* Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;  
Let the Amen sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Shelley Miller*

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*from Ezekiel 33*

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* God says, “If the unrighteous turn from their ways, they will live”. Let’s turn to God and ask for mercy.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**All: Heavenly Father, You know us through and through. There isn’t anything we can hide from You. Since there are sins we know about and probably ones we don’t know about, we throw ourselves on Your mercy. Forgive our wrongs and help us to make them right, according to Your standards and not our own. Wash our souls clean with the righteousness of Christ, for we pray in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Psalm 103*

*Shelley Miller*

*Liturgist:* As far as east is from west, that’s how far God has removed our sins from us. 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

Shelley Miller

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

## ANTHEM

*"I Then Shall Live"*

Sibelius/Kirkland/Gaither

*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child and I am not afraid.  
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother; The law of love I gladly will obey.*

*I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through.*

*Your Kingdom come around and through and in me; Your power and glory, let them shine through me.  
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor, And may Your living Kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, And may You feed a hungry world through me.*

## 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 3:1-12

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## SERMON

*"A New Sheriff"*

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

## \*HYMN

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

Hymnal #581 (Verses 1, 3, 4)

*Verse 1:*        'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;  
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord." *Refrain*

*Verse 2:*        Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. *Refrain*

*Verse 3:*        I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end. *Refrain*

*Refrain:*        Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

## 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

Shelley Miller

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

## OFFERTORY

*Lobe Den Herren*

*Arr. Fred Bock*

## \*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

*The Wonder of it All*

*Hymnal #738*

*Verse 1:* There's the wonder of sunset at evening, the wonder as sunrise I see;  
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul Is the wonder that God loves me. *Refrain*

*Verse 2:* There's the wonder of springtime and harvest, the sky, the stars, the sun;  
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul is the wonder that's only begun. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* O, the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all - Just to think that God loves me.  
O, the wonder of it all, the wonder of it all - Just to think that God loves 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sanctuary Flowers** this week are given in memory of Miller Sullivan and his lifelong impact on Fountain City Presbyterian Church and his community.

**Thank You** to the many volunteers who make Family Promise possible at FCPC.

**Sleeping Bag Donations Still Needed:** With the drop in temperatures, many of our neighbors experiencing homelessness are exposed to the conditions without shelter. Consider donating your old sleeping bag- in good condition to help warm our neighbors in need. Donations may be brought to FCPC or by contacting Tony Mosley.

**Davis Center Board** meeting will take place tomorrow, Monday January 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 PM

**Faith Formation** will meet this Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

**GriefShare Support Group** resumes on Tuesday, February 4<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM. Griefshare is a weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. We know it hurts, and we want to help. Contact Susan Espiritu for more information and how to register.

**Congregational Meeting:** The bylaws of Fountain City Presbyterian Church state that a meeting of the congregation is to be held annually. The Session of Fountain City Presbyterian Church has scheduled this year's Congregational Meeting for Sunday, February 9, 2025, during the Sunday School hour at 9:30 AM. Committee moderators should submit their reports to the church office no later than Friday, January 31, 2025.

**Disciples Class Returns!** Carl Snow will lead the next edition of Disciples Class beginning Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. This class meets every Monday at 6:30 and will be studying the letters of Paul. If you want to deepen your relationship with God, and learn more about His Son Jesus this is the class for you. Contact Carl Snow or Pastor Carl with any questions.

## JAHRZEIT

*May their memory be for a blessing.*

1/28/85 Lucille McGonagill, 1/30/85 Gus Davies, 1/31/06 Julia Stewart, 1/29/20 Earl Whitson, 1/30/20 Max Ramsey

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/27 Lucy Miller, Jack Hill 1/28 Lloyd Bales, Tracye Robertson, 1/30 Harry Ogden, JD Sullivan, 1/31 Jim Coppock, 1/31 Grace Sullivan, 2/1 Jared Riehl

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**.....Shelley Miller

**Greeters**.....Darlene Miller & Barbara Riehl

**Ushers**.....Shelley Miller, Brett Miller, Teresa Brittain, Bedford Chapman

**Music**.....FCPC Chancel Choir

**Tech Team**.....Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins

**Faithful Friends** (Children’s Worship).....Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

**Nursery**..... Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez



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