



# FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 4, 2025 | 10:30 A.M.

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## PRELUDE

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Ephesians 1*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Grace to you and peace in this new year.

**All: We will bless God who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing.**

*Liturgist:* In Christ we have obtained an inheritance.

**All: We have been redeemed as God's own people. Praise be to God!**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

*from Ephesians 1*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Let us pray:

**All: Giving God, you have adopted us as your children, sisters and brothers of your beloved, Jesus Christ. Empower us to be holy and blameless witnesses to your glorious reign of peace and love now come into this world. Amen.**

## \*HYMN 119

*"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Marjorie Ford*

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Let us confess our sins, for God is gracious and always ready to forgive.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*from John 1*

**All: God of love and compassion, you have come into the world and yet we have not recognized you. Forgive our lack of insight and open our eyes to see you here and now, that we may receive your grace through Jesus our Christ. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Ephesians 1*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Friends, hear the good news of your salvation: God freely bestows God's grace on us through Jesus Christ. In Christ we receive redemption and forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of the grace that God lavishes on us. So be reconciled to God and one another.

## \*GLORIA PATRI 582

*Glory to God Hymnal*

**All: Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me, and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me, and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. World without end. Amen. World without end, without end. Amen. As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

Marjorie Ford

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

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

## ANTHEM SOLO

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*from John 1*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Let us pray:

*All:* **Illuminating God, by the power of your Holy Spirit reveal to us through the reading of these words your Word become flesh, living among us full of grace and truth. Amen.**

### SCRIPTURE READING

*Minister:* The Word of the Lord

*All:* **Thanks be to God**

*Jeremiah 31:7-14*

*Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-19a*

*Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

### \*HYMN 154

*“Jesus Entered Egypt”*

*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.**

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

### THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Book of Common Worship (p.387)*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you

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

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks a praise...Therefore we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister:* We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table...With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

*Minister:* Pour out your Holy spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us and remember them now before you. In life and death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

**All:** Amen.

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Ecumenical Version*

**All:** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

## CALL FOR OFFERING

*from John 1*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* From God's generous mercy we have all received grace upon grace. Therefore let us give in gratitude for our lives and our inheritance as part of the family of Christ. Amen.

## OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY 609

*Glory to God Hymnal*

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*from Jeremiah 31*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Let us pray:

**All:** Gathering God, you have brought us together from many backgrounds and conditions to be this church together. Therefore, we praise you with songs, shouts, and these offerings and gifts. Multiply them for your service, that they might become your presence in the world. Amen.

### \*HYMN 153

*"In Bethlehem a Newborn Boy"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

### \*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



**CORE Donations:** This week we are collecting donations of snacks for students of Ftn. City Elementary. Donations of snacks (no nuts) may be placed in the donation bins in the office hallway.

**Sanctuary Flowers** this week are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of Bill Phifer who served as choir director of Fountain City Presbyterian Church for many years,

**Twelfth Night Celebration:** Join us after worship for a farewell to Christmas celebration in our Fellowship Hall. This afternoon is sure to be a great time with food, drinks, games and of course king cake!

**Family Promise:** This week up to four families will be joining us for shelter from the cold wintery conditions. Thank you to everyone that signed up to volunteer and for making this life saving ministry possible.

## JARZHEIT

1/7/82 Helen Jack, 1/4/86 Francis Bowditch, 1/10/05 Minnie Mae Taylor, 1/5/07 Dottie Brandon,  
1/5/14 Dierks Limbaugh, 1/10/14 John Dowling Jr, 1/10/15 Joan Suneson, 1/4/24 Marcia Cartledge

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

1/4 Sandy Hodsdon, 1/5 Jim Hickman, 1/7 Nancy Noel, Denna Grogan, 1/8 Susan Espiritu, 1/10 Jonathan Hickman,  
1/9 Jim & Kathleen Thompson

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**..... Marjorie Ford  
**Greeters**..... Pat Lipps, Sue Wheeler  
**Ushers**..... Barbara Riehl, Cathy Forester, David & Nancy Noel  
**Organist**..... George Hill  
**Tech Team**..... Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins  
**Faithful Friends (Children's Worship)**..... Susan Espiritu, April Lamb  
**Nursery**..... Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez

## OUR CLERGY AND STAFF

**Pastor**..... The Rev. Susan Balfour  
**Church Administrator**..... Ashton Hicks  
**Director of Music**..... Bob Eubanks  
**Accompanist**..... Nancy Wells  
**Nursery Staff**..... Laura Marquez & Laurismar Wrinkle

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