

“If God loved us this way, we also ought to love one another”

1 John 4:11

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: By day the LORD commands His steadfast love,

All: **By night God’s song is with me.**

Leader: From where the sun rises to the place where it sets

All: **Let the Name of the LORD be praised!**

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymnal #215 (Verses 1-3)

Verse 1: When morning gilds the sky, my heart awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I Repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 3: The night becomes as day When from the heart we say,
May Jesus Christ be praised! The powers of darkness fear,
When this sweet song they hear: May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 4: Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised!

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Meghan Tidwell

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: The LORD says, “If you return to Me, I will take you back and let you stand before Me.” Let us repent and confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Heavenly Father, we could have shared words of hope but instead said hurtful things. We could have seen Your image in others, but instead disrespected them. Instead of feeling kindness or compassion, we felt disgust and scorn. Instead of helping we ignored, instead of making the situation better we dragged it down. We wait for others to ask forgiveness so we can hold a grudge. On top of it all, we expect You to bless us regardless of how we live. Help us, Lord! Only Your steadfast love can save us from ourselves. Save us from hearts and minds that go where they shouldn’t, give us new ones that follow You, for we pray in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: So then, if anyone is in Christ, they’re in the new creation. What’s old is gone and look - the new has come! 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

Meghan Tidwell

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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ANTHEM

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

Townend/Larson

*How deep the fathers love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give his only son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.*

*Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life. I know that it is finished.*

*Alas! And did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov'reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?*

*I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
but this I know with all my heart, His wounds have paid my ransom.
How deep the fathers love for us, how vast beyond all measure.*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 8th grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 33:1-17

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SERMON

"Formality"

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

*HYMN

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

Hymnal #221

Verse 1: All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by His grace,
and bids us, each to each restored, together seek His face.

Verse 2: He bids us build each other up; and, gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope, we hand in hand go on.

Verse 3: And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet,
what greater blessings shall we know when round His throne we meet!

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

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: Let's thank God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY

The Savior is Waiting

Carmichael

*DOXOLOGY

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

Love Lifted Me

Hymnal #508 (Verses 1 & 2)

Verse 1: I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—Now safe am I. *Refrain*

Verse 2: All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. *Refrain*

Refrain: Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted 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

East Tennessee Flood Response: Thank you to everyone who has donated food, water, cleanup supplies or given financially to the East Tennessee Flood Response. In the matter of a week, Fountain City Presbyterian Church has collected and sent seven truckloads of water, supplies and food donations to Greeneville, Tennessee. In partnership with the Presbytery of East Tennessee, the church has also filled fifty flood cleanup buckets to be sent to the disaster area. Thanks to your generosity, over \$9,000 has been raised to support those impacted by this catastrophic storm. Please continue to pray for our neighbors.

Sanctuary Flowers / Pastor Appreciation: This Sunday we give thanks for the ministry of our Interim Pastor, The Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse. Thank you, Pastor Carl for all you do to shepherd this congregation each and every day. Today's flowers are given in Pastor Carl's honor.

A Special Meeting of the Congregation will take place during today's worship service for the purpose of electing new officers. The Officer Nominating Committee recommends for congregational approval the following leaders to serve our church. Session Class of 2027: Johnny Biddle, Don Grogan, Pat Lipps, Leigh Mosley, Meghan Tidwell. FCPC Trustees for Class of 2027: Brett Miller, David Noel FCPC Foundation: Chris Rohwer (2028), Daryl Fansler (2029) Additionally, the following are recommended for approval by the Session and are presented to the congregation for the purpose to inform: Clerk of Session: Dan Rhea and FCPC Treasurer: Cathy Forester ONC members are appreciative to those who gave recommendations for consideration.



F3: Family, Faith, Food: F3 takes place every Wednesday from September 25 to October 30th. We are pleased to announce that there is no charge for the meal this fall! However, signups are required to account for the amount of food needed. The deadline to signup is the Monday of each week at noon. We will be studying "On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion." Come be with your church family, enjoy some good food and explore your faith this fall at F3.

FCPC Fall Festival: The online auction has begun- you can now bid on items using the link in the Weekly Word or visiting our Facebook page. Online auction will end noon on Wednesday, October 23, and will re-open for live silent auction the day of the festival. Check out more details about the festival in your bulletin insert.



UKirk Meal Sign Up: FCPC has committed to providing UKirk, the PCUSA campus ministry at UTK dinner on the following dates: October 23, 2024, February 26, 2025, March 26, 2025, and April 23, 2025. We need to provide a meal for 25 to 30 people plus drinks. No need to bring napkins, cups, plates, utensils. The meal needs to be delivered to UKirk between 5:30 and 6:00 PM. Scan the QR code to volunteer!

Trunk or Treat: It's spooky season! Join us as we invite the Fountain City Community to our parking lot on October 27th for a night of Trunk or Treat. We will provide hot dogs, chips, water and lemonade and would ask that the attendees bring dessert for a dessert buffet and candy to hand out. Want to contribute but can't make it out? Donations are appreciated.



Help Us Serve Family Promise Families: There will be many ways to serve Family Promise families during their stay with us from the afternoon of October 20 until the morning of October 27. Scan the QR code to sign up for your preferred task(s) or contact Tere McDonough at 865-406-6417 or ttmcdono@gmail.com.

Carol Smith's 90th Birthday Celebration will take place this Saturday, October 19th in the Fellowship Hall at 2:00 PM.

JARZHEIT

10/14/77 Olive Wood, 10/13/86 Helen Crosnoe, 10/15/87 Faye Webb, 10/13/03 Virginia Shrieves, 10/19/13 Edyth Rhea, 10/16/19 Betty Thacker

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/14 Phyllis Holladay, Amy Ogden, 10/16 Brenda Whitson, 10/17 Jearld-Dean Lucas

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Meghan Tidwell
 Greeters.....Susan Espiritu & Gail Giffin
 Ushers.....Denna & Don Grogan, Mike & Dana Lamb
 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

Our Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse, *Interim Pastor*
 Ashton Hicks, *Office Administrator*
 Bob Eubanks, *Choir Director*
 George Hill, *Organist*
 Nancy Wells, *Pianist*



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