



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 26, 2025 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 84

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of Hosts!

All: **My soul longs for the courts of the Lord. My flesh sings for joy to the living God.**

Liturgist: Happy are those who live in the house of the Lord, ever singing your praise, O God.

All: **Happy are those whose strength is in you, in whose heart are the highways to Zion.**

HYMN

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come

Hymnal #797

Verse 1: Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

Verse 2: All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

Verse 3: For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
give His angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Verse 4: Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Dan Rhea

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

PSALM READING

Psalm 84:1-7

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: Longing for rescue from the weight of our failures, let us confess our sin to God who hears our pleas and waits in mercy to forgive.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Merciful God, hope of your people in every age, we confess that we have sinned against you. We have wandered from your pathways, turned toward idols, lived without compassion, and disregarded the well-being of your creation. Do not turn away from us, O Lord, but renew your covenant, for only in you will our lives be healed. Guide us and lead us in your ways, for happy are those who live in your house. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: In the name of the One who yearns to crown all people with righteousness and whose mercy exalts the humble, your sins are forgiven. May you be strengthened to live in the freedom of God's holy and eternal generosity. Amen.

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

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All: **And also with you.**

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are dismissed during the passing of the peace for children's worship.

ANTHEM

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Hayes

*What a fellowship, what a joy divine, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.*

*What have I to dread, what have I to fear, Leaning on the everlasting arms;
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning, Leaning on the everlasting arms.
I'm leaning on Jesus! Yes, I am leaning on the everlasting arms!*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22

Minister: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

EPISTLE READING

2 Timothy 4:6-8,

Minister: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:9-14

Minister: The Word of the Lord
All: **Thanks be to God**

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

HYMN

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Hymnal #128

Verse 1: I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at His command, and all the stars obey.

Verse 2: I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye,
if I survey the ground I tread or gaze upon the sky!

Verse 3: There's not a plant or flow'r below but makes Thy glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
and everywhere that man can be, Thou, God, are present there.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Rev. Susan Balfour

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

Dan Rhea

Liturgist: With humility for all that God has given us, let us gratefully give for the work of the church and the healing of this world.

OFFERTORY

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Messiter/Voss

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

The Rev. Susan Balfour

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Hymnal #562

Verse 1: Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Verse 2: Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Verse 3: Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

Verse 4: High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

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

Sanctuary flowers are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Tom and Susan Dillard in celebration of their 51st wedding anniversary.

2026 Stewardship Campaign: The theme for this year's stewardship campaign is from First Corinthians 12, "Many Gifts One Body." You should have received a pledge card and letter from the Finance and Stewardship committee. We ask that you return the card with your pledge information for 2026 or submit an online pledge card using the QR Code below by November 2, 2025.

Congregational Meeting: There will be a called congregational meeting to be held following today's worship service for the purpose of approving the new officers for our Session and the FCPC Foundation member.

Trunk or Treat: Get ready for a spooky good time! Our annual Trunk or treat will be this evening from 5:00 - 7:00 PM.

Pasta with the Pastor: Join us for a meet and greet opportunity with FCPC's new Pastor, The Rev. Susan Balfour. Come and get to know her over a meal of delicious pasta this Wednesday, October 29th at 6:00 PM. Sign up using the QR code below!

GriefShare Surviving the Holidays: Experiencing loss? The holidays can be an especially difficult time. This free luncheon event will provide you tools on how to survive the holidays. Join us on November 11th for this free event. All are welcome to attend, please register by scanning the QR code below.

Davis Center Art & Silent Auction: Join us as we celebrate thirty years of shared ministry with the Davis Center for Child Development on Saturday, November 8 from 2:00-5:00! Consider donating items for the silent auction to benefit a great organization!

JAHREZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing.

10/27/79 Jessie Gouffon, 10/26/81 Mabel Bettis, 10/28/81 Paul Johnson, 10/28/92 Edwin Shelley, 10/29/03 Bonnie West, 10/31/10 Mary Weatherly, 10/27/11 Mary Marshburn, 10/31/21 Jim Giffin

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

10/27 Ben Cartledge, 10/28 Lori Lufkin, Bob Eubanks, Shelley Miller, 10/31 Tony Mosley, 11/1 Cheryl Lambert

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....	Dan Rhea
Ushers.....	Mike & Dana Lamb, Denna & Don Grogan
Musicians.....	FCPC Chancel Choir
Organist.....	George Hill
Tech Team.....	Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins, April Lamb
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
Accompanist.....	Nancy Wells
Nursery Staff.....	Laura Marquez & Laurismar Wrinkle



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