



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 16, 2025 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 98

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

All: Sing to the Lord an new song, for God has done marvelous things!

HYMN

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

Hymnal #101

Verse 1: All people that on earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice.
Him serve with fear, His praise forth tell; Come ye before Him and rejoice.

Verse 2: The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid He did us make;
We are His folk, He doth us feed, And for His sheep He doth us take.

Verse 3: O enter then His gates with praise; Approach with joy His courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless His name always, For it is seemly so to do.

Verse 4: For why? the Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

Verse 5: To Father, Son and Holy Ghost, The God whom Heaven and earth adore,
From earth and from the angel host Be praise and glory evermore.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Shelley Miller

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

PSALM READING

Psalm 98

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO CONFESSION

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: Trusting in God's goodness to us, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: God of mercy, we confess that we have not been obedient sons and daughters. We have grown idle in the work of discipleship and weary in doing what is right. We have been selfish in our actions and insistent in claiming our rights. We have not honored the tradition of the apostles, or imitated the example of your saints. Forgive us, we pray. Show us the way of repentance, free us from our idle ways, and strengthen us to be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, through whom we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Hear the good news: Christ is merciful to all who turn to him in repentance. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

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 the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

At The Name of Jesus

Berry

*Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God,
but laid aside His mighty power,
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like man.
He humbled Himself, and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross!*

At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.

*That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!
At the name of Jesus!*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

from 2 Thessalonians 3:13

All: **Almighty God, as the scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, reveal to us the way of salvation
by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may not grow weary in doing what is right. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The word of the Lord.

Malachi 4:1-2a

All: **Thanks be to God.**

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-9

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

HYMN

My Hope is Built on Nothing Less

Hymnal #526

Verse 1: My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. *Refrain*

Verse 2: When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *Refrain*

Verse 3: His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *Refrain*

Verse 4: When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *Refrain*

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.

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

Shelley Miller

Liturgist: Let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God, with gratitude and praise.

OFFERTORY

As The Deer

Hunter Wilburn, Violin

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

All: Loving God, before we give to you, you have given to us. All we offer we have received from you. We thank you for your goodness, and we praise you for your bountiful works, through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Hymnal #355

Verse 1: There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there's a kindness in His justice which is more than liberty.

Verse 2: There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in His blood.

Verse 3: For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

Verse 4: If our love were but more simple, we should take Him at His word;
and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

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

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for our veterans- thank you for your service.

Sleeping Bags Needed! Tony Mosley is collecting sleeping bags for our neighbors experiencing homelessness. Donations may be brought to FCPC during regular business hours.

Thanksgiving at FCPC: Count your blessings! It's almost time for our annual Thanksgiving lunch following worship on Sunday, November 23rd. Turkey and dressing will be provided by FCPC. We are asking that last names A-M bring a side dish to share, and N-Z bring desserts.

Free Community Pancake Breakfast: Join us for pancakes on Saturday, December 6th at 8:00 AM before the Fountain City Christmas parade until 10:30 AM. Come eat before, during or after the parade and as always, invite a friend!

Advent at FCPC begins on Sunday, November 30th, join us for the season of expectation as we prepare to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas.

Cookie Swap: Bring your favorite homemade treats to share with others on Sunday, December 7th - whether it's cookies, sweets, or candy. It doesn't have to be just cookies; get creative and spread some Christmas cheer with your delicious creations. We can't wait to see what you bring!

Longest Night Service: For many, the holidays can be difficult. This year FCPC will offer a Longest Night service on Sunday, December 21 at 4:00 PM. Come experience the love of God during the coldest and darkest time of year.

Yuletide Tales and Treats: Come and join us for a joyful and exciting evening on Friday, December 19 at 6:00 PM as we celebrate the birth of Jesus! There will be games, singing, pizza, and a telling of the story of Jesus' birth with birthday cupcakes. Feel free to wear your coziest pajamas and join us for a fun-filled celebration of the season with wonderful company! This event is open to all, especially the youngest saints among us.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Shelley Miller
Ushers..... Denna & Don Grogan
Musicians FCPC Chancel Choir
Violin Hunter Wilburn
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

