



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

NOVEMBER 9, 2025 | 10:30 AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

from 2 Thessalonians 2:13

Carl Snow

Liturgist: God chose you as the first fruits of salvation,
Calling you to receive the good news of Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God for such extravagant grace!

All: Praise the Lord!

HYMN

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

Hymnal #97

Verse 1: Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled and every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory.

Verse 2: The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory.

Verse 3: Thus all my toilsome way along, I sing aloud thy praises,
that earth may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Verse 4: Let all who name Christ's holy name give God all praise and glory;
let all who own his power proclaim aloud the wondrous story!
Cast each false idol from its throne, for Christ is Lord, and Christ alone:
To God all praise and glory.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Carl Snow

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

PSALM READING

Psalm 17:1-9

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Snow

Liturgist: The psalmist tells us that the Lord is near to all who call on God in truth. Therefore, let us now turn to God in prayer, trusting in the nearness and compassion of the Holy One.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, we call upon you, for you will answer us. We confess that we have transgressed in our speech and have not always avoided the ways of the violent. Our steps have not always held to your paths. Try us, forgive us, and heal us, dear God. Set us on your right ways, and guard us as the apple of your eye, embracing us once more in your steadfast love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Through grace Christ gives us eternal comfort and good hope. I declare to you, in the name of 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

Carl Snow

Liturgist: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Shine On Us

Smith

Lord, let Your light, Light of Your face Shine on us.

Lord, let Your light, Light of Your face Shine on us.

*That we may be saved, That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night. Let Your light shine on us.*

Lord, let Your grace, Grace from Your hand Fall on us.

Lord, let Your grace, Grace from Your hand Fall on us.

*That we may be saved, That we may have life.
To find our way in the darkest night. Let Your grace fall on us.*

Lord, let Your love, Love with no end Come over us.

Lord, let Your love, Love with no end Come over us.

*That we may be saved. That we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your love come over us. Let Your light shine on us.*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Job 19:23-27a

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

HYMN

Seek Ye First

Hymnal #713

Verse 1: Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Verse 2: Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

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

Carl Snow

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

Jesus Loves Me

Bradbury/Payne

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

Find Us Faithful

Hymnal #456 (Sung 3 times)

All: Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful;
May the fire of our devotion light their way.
May the footprints that we leave lead them to believe,
And the lives we live inspire them to obey.
Oh may all who come behind us find us faithful.

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 2026 stewardship campaign, and everyone who submitted a pledge card to support the mission of Fountain City Presbyterian Church.

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

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 this Tuesday, November 11th for this free event. All are welcome to attend, please register by scanning the QR code below.

Second Friday Presbyterians will gather at Schulz Brau this Friday, November 14th at 6:30 PM

Free Community Pancake Breakfast: Join us for pancakes on Saturday, November 15th. Invite a friend!

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.

JAHREZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing.

11/10/95 F. Paul Ledbetter, 11/13/97 Jo Lowman, 11/9/99 Marjorie Goddard, 11/12/06 Sara Hollingsworth, 11/12/10 Sarah Lawson, 11/10/13 Lou Riddle, 11/14/16 Lou Thacker, 11/15/16 Beth Holland

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

11/10 Jim Bell, 11/11 Leigh Mosley, 11/11 Janice Bell, 11/13 Tom McDonough, Bowen Holland, 11/14 Sue Kennard

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Carl Snow
Greeters Gail Giffin, Susan Espiritu
Ushers..... Amy Ogden, Darlene & Jon Miller, Linda & Joe Schnorr
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

