

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

LIGHTING OF THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Chamblee and Forester Families

One: What God gives us truly lights up the world
All: **Because of God we have Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love**
One: And now we await His greatest gift of all
All: **For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl Snow

Leader: You who seek God – let your hearts beat strong again!
All: **The LORD will most certainly save us!**
Leader: The children of God’s servants will inherit the kingdom,
All: **Those who love God’s Name will dwell there.**

*HYMN

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

Hymnal #403 (Verses 1, 2, 4)

Verse 1: Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the church in one,
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

Verse 2: To this temple, where we call Thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
with accustomed lovingkindness, hear Thy people as they pray;
and Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls alway.

Verse 4: Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three, and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Carl Snow

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Snow

Leader: The letter of Hebrews says, “Let’s throw off any extra baggage and get rid of the sin that trips us up so we can focus on Jesus, the founder and finisher of faith”. Let us pray to God and confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Dear Lord, in the indulgent excess we call Christmas, it’s easy to think this is our world and You’re there to serve us by giving us what we ask for. Like spoiled kids, if we don’t get what we want we tend to throw a hissy fit and blame You. If we remember right, this is Your world, and we are here to do Your will on earth as it is in heaven. It’s easier to adjust our memory rather than face up to reality. For this moment, help us to face You and let Your love forgive our deep and heavy sin. Help us to trust You with all of it, so that all of it can stop holding us back. We want to live for You and be part of Your plan for peace on earth and good will toward all. Thank you Jesus, AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Carl Snow

Leader: As the Lord has forgiven you, you also forgive each other. And over all this put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity. 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

Carl Snow

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

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Pie Jesu

Allison Carroll & Evelyn Spencer

*Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona eis requiem*

*Merciful Jesus, Father, who takes away the sins of the world,
Grant them rest*

*Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi, Dona eis requiem,
Requiem sempiternam*

*Lamb of God, Father, who takes away the sins of the world
Grant them rest*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 1:1-17

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SERMON

"14 and Me"

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*HYMN

Of The Father's Love Begotten

Hymnal #240

Verse 1: Of the Father's love begotten, Ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending, He
Of the things that are, that have been,
And that future years shall see, evermore and evermore.

Verse 2: O ye heights of Heav'n adore him; Angel hosts his praises sing;
Pow'rs, dominions, bow before him and exalt our God and King;
Let no tongue on Earth be silent; Every voice in concert ring,
evermore and evermore.

Verse 3: Christ! to thee with God the Father, And O Holy Ghost, to thee,
Hymn and chant and high thanksgiving And unwearied praises be,
Honor, glory, and dominion And eternal victory,
Evermore and evermore.

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

Leader: Let us thank God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY

Ding Dong Merrily on High

Arr. Hayes/Wagner

*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

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hymnal #648 (Verses 1&3)

Verse 1: Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation; Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Verse 3: Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all Thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

*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

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist.....Carl Snow
Greeters.....Darlene Miller, Barbara Riehl
Ushers.....Shelley Miller, Brett Miller, Teresa Brittain, Bedford Chapman
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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sanctuary Flowers this week are given in honor of the Pastor Nominating Committee, which is diligently working together to fulfill its mission, bringing a diverse range of perspectives and skills to the table, with a shared commitment to their faith and values. Their collective efforts reflect a dedication to service, unity, and the pursuit of a common purpose to ensure they are listening to the will of our Lord.

Christmas Eve at FCPC: We will offer two services at 5:30 pm and 7:00 pm. Our 5:30 service will be geared toward the youngest members of our congregation with the telling of the story of Jesus and carol singing. The 7:00 service is our traditional candlelight service. We hope that you and your family will join us as we celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Office Hours This Week: In observance of the Christmas holiday, our office will be closed the week of December 23rd. Both our office administrator, Ashton and Pastor Carl will be available remotely or by appointment. If you have a pastoral emergency or need to something from the office, please call us at 865.688.2163. You may also email the church office at office@fountaincitypres.org.

Pilsner Presbyterians will gather at Fountain City Social this Friday at 2:30 PM.



Family Promise is Coming: From January 19 – 26, 2025, FCPC will have the opportunity to shelter, feed, and welcome up to 4 families with children, who recently became homeless. Family Promise of Knoxville is helping these families address the issues that lead to homelessness and get back into housing. Families in the program are often experiencing homelessness for the first and hopefully the last time in their lives. Signup by scanning the QR code or visiting the link in the weekly word.

JAHREZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing

12/28/90 Lona Elliott, 12/24/91 Ruth Huffaker, 12/27/98 Gordon Hutchins, 12/27/15 Bob Holsaple,
12/22/22 Phyllis Donison

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

12/26 Marjorie Ford, Carolyn Sharpe, 12/27 Jim & Martha Coppock



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