



# FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

### FEBRUARY 15, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

#### PRELUDE

#### WORD OF WELCOME

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 119:1-2*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Happy are those who walk in the way of the Lord,

*All:* who seek God with their whole hearts.

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Deut. 30:16,19; Matt. 5:21-37*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Let us pray:

*All:* **God of blessing, you call us to be one with you and your creation in love, faithfulness, and truth. Help us to carry out the vows we make: to adore you with our whole heart, to live in mutual support of one another, and to love as if your reign has fully come. Amen.**

#### \*HYMN 410

*“God is Calling Through the Whisper”*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

1 God is call-ing through the whis-per of the Spir - it's deep-est sighs,  
 2 God is call-ing through the voic-es of our neigh-bors' ur-gent prayers,  
 3 God is call-ing through the mu-sic of sub-lime and hu-man arts,  
 through the thrill of sud-den beau-ties that can catch us by sur-prise.  
 through their long-ing for re-demp-tion and for res-cue from de-spair.  
 through the hymns of earth and an-gels, and the car-ols of our hearts.  
 Flash of light-ning, crash of thun-der; hush of still-ness, rush of won-der:  
 Place of hurt or face of need-ing; stri-dent cry or si-lent plead-ing:  
 Lift of joy and gift of sing-ing; days and nights our prais-es bring-ing:  
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—can you hear? God is call - ing—can you hear?  
 God is call - ing—and we hear! God is call - ing—and we hear!

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Deut. 30:19-20*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Our God is a loving God. Therefore, let us confess our sins that we may choose life and live.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Deut. 30:15-20*

*All:* **Holy God, we confess that we bow down before other gods; we have turned our hearts away from you. Our worship of work and devotion to consumerism disorders our love of you and each other. Forgive us, God, and mend what is broken, that we may be one with you. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 119:7-8*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Sisters and brothers, by the mercy of Christ, our sins are forgiven. Sing praises with an upright heart as we learn the ways of God.

*All:* **Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI 581

*Glory to God Hymnal*

*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

*Marjorie Ford*

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

*All:* **And also with you.**

## ANTHEM

*"Holy is He"*

*Cloniger/Clydesdale*

*[Chorus] Holy is He and great is His glory. Holy is He and worthy of our praise.  
I stand in His presence amazed and crown Him with worship and praise.  
Holy is He, holy is He, holy is He.*

*Who pardons my iniquities, who heals me from within,  
Who lifts my fallen life and sets me on my feet again,  
Who leads me like a shepherd when I've gone astray--  
My Lord, my God, my Jesus, the One I praise today. [Chorus]*

*Who hears me in my loneliness, who finds me where I hide,  
Who knocks outside my broken heart till I let him inside,  
Who's life deserves the honor laid before his throne--  
My Lord, my God, my Jesus, my Savior and my all. [Chorus]*

**(Congregation Join Choir)**

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty.*

*All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Merciful and mighty! God In three persons, blessed Trinity.*

**(Choir Only)**

*Holy is He. Amen! Amen!*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*Children ages 5 through 8 are invited to children's worship.*

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Psalm 119:1-8*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Let us pray:

**All:** Loving God, anoint us with your Holy Spirit, as we hear your Word this day. Fill us with your truth that we may walk in the ways of God and to the glory of your realm. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

**Minister:** The Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

*Psalms 119:1-8*

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

*Matthew 5:21-37*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

## \*HYMN 444

*"Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

Capo 5: (Am) (Dm) (Am) (C) (Em) (Am)  
Dm Gm Dm F Am Dm

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give," you taught us, Lord, to pray,  
2 How can your par - don reach and bless the un - for - giv - ing heart  
3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the truth we dim - ly knew:  
4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls and bid re - sent - ment cease.

(F) (Em) (C) (Dm) (Em)(Am)  
B $\flat$  Am F Gm Am Dm

but you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.  
that broods on wrongs and will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?  
what triv - ial debts are owed to us, how great our debt to you!  
Then, by your mer - cy rec - on - ciled, our lives will spread your peace.

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Ecumenical Apostles Creed*

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended to the dead; the third day He rose again; he ascended into heaven, and he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

*Traditional Version*

**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

*Matt. 5:23, 24*

*Marjorie Ford*

**Liturgist:** Jesus said, If you remember that a brother or sister has something against you, first be reconciled to them, and then come and offer your gift. In peace, let us bring our offerings to God.

# OFFERTORY

“A Mighty Fortress is Our God”

Hayes

## \*DOXOLOGY 609

Glory to God Hymnal

**All:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, word, and spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

1 Cor. 3:1-9

The Rev. Susan Balfour

**Minister:** Let us pray:

**All:** Holy God, we offer you these gifts with thanks, so that together we may plant and water the seeds of your new world. May we be your faithful servants as we cultivate your love, knowing that in all we accomplish, it is you who gives the growth. Amen.

## \*HYMN 441

“Hear The Good News of Salvation”

Glory to God Hymnal

1 Hear the good news of sal - va - tion: Je - sus died to show God's love.  
 2 All the sins I have com - mit - ted, to my Sav - ior now I bring.  
 1 Wo - tan - in wa - ste na - hon po, Je - sus he wa - i - hdu - sna:  
 2 Wo - a - hta - ni kin e - ca - mon, hdu - ha Je - sus si - ha en,

Such great kind - ness! Such great mer - cy! Come to us from heaven a - bove.  
 I bow down with tears of an - guish; Christ for - gives and so I sing:  
 to - wa - o - si - da kin tan - ka, he de - han i - yo - ma - hi.  
 kun i - wa - hpa - mda wa - ce - ya, Je - sus on - ši - ma - da ce.

Je - sus Christ, how much I love you! Je - sus Christ, you save from sin!  
 Je - sus Christ wa - ste - wa - da - ka, Je - sus Christ ni - ma - yan: han, wa -

How I love you! Look up - on me. Love me still and cleanse with - in.  
 ste - wa - da - ke a - ma - ton - we is e - ya wa - ste - ma - da.

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*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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**THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP**

**Liturgist** ..... Marjorie Ford  
**Ushers**..... Denna & Don Grogan, Dana & Mike Lamb  
**Music**..... The Fountain City Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir  
**Accompanist** ..... Angela Bell  
**Organist** ..... George Hill  
**Tech Team** ..... Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins  
**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  
**Nursery Staff** ..... Laurismar Wrinkle

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Flowers this week** are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the birth of Trinity Lynn Biddle, daughter of Andrew and Ashley Biddle, granddaughter of Johnny and Laura Biddle, and great-granddaughter of Joan Biddle.

**Gift of the Month:** This month our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Fountain City Ministry Center of Single-serving snacks and/or pop-top foods (food bars, Vienna Sausage, tuna pouch, peanut butter crackers, water, fruit/pudding cups.) Donations may be placed in the bin located in the office hallway during normal church hours.

**Nursery Volunteers Needed:** Do you have a passion caring for the youngest saints in our congregation? Consider volunteering to be a nursery volunteer. In this role, you will work alongside our paid nursery staff person to ensure our children are cared for in a safe environment. We are seeking multiple volunteers to serve on Sunday mornings during our 10:30 worship service. Let us know you're interested using Realm or reach out to Susan Espiritu.

**Annual Congregational Meeting:** Rescheduled for Sunday, February 22 at 9:30 AM during the Sunday School hour. All members are encouraged to attend.

**Ash Wednesday:** The season of Lent is fast approaching. Join us on Wednesday, February 18 at 5:30 P.M. in the McCorkle Chapel as we begin this holy season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

**Installation of The Rev. Susan Balfour** has been postponed to March 1, 2026 at **3:00 P.M.** due to inclement weather. Come and show your support as we officially welcome Rev. Susan and Greg!

**Disciple Class** returns on Monday, March 2nd at 6:30 P.M. and will run for six weeks. We will be studying "The Difficult Words of Jesus" by Amy Jill Levine. Books are free and all are welcome!

## JARZHEIT

2/16/83 Harold Roberts, 2/20/86 Harry Metcalf, Jr, 2/21/02 Mildred Walker, 2/20/23 Chuck Bowers, 2/20/24 Danny Flaherty

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2/16 Paula Rhea, 2/18 Barbara Riehl, 2/19 Kay McIntosh, 2/21 Elaine Jerviss, 2/20 Daid & Lori Lufkin

