



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

FEBRUARY 22, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 4:1-11

Carl Snow

Liturgist: People of God, on this wilderness journey, what will you eat?

All: **The word of the Lord is our daily bread.**

Liturgist: People of God, in this time of temptation, how will you live?

All: **Our faith is in the faithfulness of God.**

Liturgist: People of God, at this kingdom crossroad, whom will you serve?

All: **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Matthew 4:1-11

Carl Snow

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: **God of wilderness, as we devote these forty days to you, shape us by your Holy Spirit into the image of Christ our Lord, so that we may be ready, by your grace, to confront the power of death with the promise of eternal life. Amen.**

*HYMN 166

"Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days"

Glory to God Hymnal

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at-tain at last.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Psalm 32:1-5

Carl Snow

Liturgist: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7

All: Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil. You know the things that tempt us and the things that give us life. You know our nakedness, and you know our sin. We confess that we have disobeyed your word, denying your providence and care and relying on our own cleverness. Have mercy on us, we pray: cover us with your grace, feed us with the bread of life, and re-create us in your image; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Psalm 32:1,11

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

Carl Snow

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

All: And also with you.

ANTHEM

"10,000 Reasons"

Myrin/Redman

*The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.*

*[Chorus] Bless the Lord, Oh my soul, oh my soul, Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, Oh my soul. I'll worship Your holy name*

*You're rich in love And You're slow to anger. Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, 10, 000 Reasons for my heart to find. [Chorus]*

*And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come.
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending 10, 000 Years and then forever more. [Chorus]*

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Matthew 4:1,4

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*HYMN 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Glory to God Hymnal

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

*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

Romans 5:15

Carl Snow

Liturgist: As God so freely offers us the gift of life in Jesus Christ, let us respond with gratitude, offering our lives to God.

OFFERTORY

"Give Me Jesus"

Hayes

*DOXOLOGY 606

Glory to God Hymnal

All: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Romans 5:15-18

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: We give you thanks and praise, O God, for the free and abundant gift of grace you have given us in Jesus Christ. Let the simple gifts of our lives be a sign of our unending gratitude for your undying love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 833

"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

Glory to God Hymnal

1 O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2 O Light that fol-lowest all my way, I yield my
3 O Joy that seek - est me through pain, I can - not
4 O Cross that lift - est up my head, I dare not

wea - ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
flick - ering torch to thee; my heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray, that
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain - bow through the rain, and
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead, and

in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
from the ground there blos - soms red life that shall end - less be.

*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.

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Carl Snow
Greeters Barbara Riehl, Darlene Miller
Ushers..... Bedford Chapman, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller, Teresa Brittain
Music The Fountain City Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir
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 this congregation and the year ahead on the occasion of our annual meeting.

Office Update: Our Church Administrator, Ashton Hicks will be on vacation this week. Members of the church will be available to answer phones and the door Monday- Friday from 9:00 A.M. – 3:00 P.M.

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.

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

2/27/90 William Glenn, 2/24/91 Jason Huffaker, 2/27/94 Bernard Waller, 2/24/98 Guy Householder,
2/25/01 Mary Lynn Riddle, 2/25/02 Bill Smith, 2/25/03 Marjorie Goddard, 2/27/03 Louise Wheeler,
2/28/08 Dot Tarver, 2/23/13 Jacob deVente, 2/25/16 Sybil Johnson, 2/25/25 Amelia Henley, 2/27/25 Bill New

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2/23 Wanda Dye, 2/25 Bob Davis, 2/26 Dan Rhea, 2/27 Carl Snow, Matthew Chesney, Tamara Ownby