

**PRELUDE**

**WORD OF WELCOME**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

**INTROIT**

*Praise The Lord*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*from Psalm 68*

*Meghan Tidwell*

*Liturgist:* Let the righteous be glad and celebrate before God

*All:* **Let them rejoice with gladness!**

*Liturgist:* Sing to God, sing praises to The Name!

*All:* **Celebrate before the LORD!**

**\*HYMN**

*Rejoice, the LORD is King*

*Hymnal #370*

*Verse 1:* Rejoice, the Lord is King: Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing, And triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Verse 2:* Jesus, the Savior, reigns, The God of truth and love;  
When He has purged our stains, He took his seat above;  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Verse 3:* His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell Are to our Jesus giv'n:  
Lift up your heart, Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

*Verse 4:* Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge shall come  
And take His servants up To their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart; Lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

**RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

*Meghan Tidwell*

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

*from Psalm 86*

*Meghan Tidwell*

*Liturgist:* Our God is a God of compassion and mercy, very patient and full of faithfulness. The opportunity is here for us, so let's confess our sins to God.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

*All:* **Dear Lord, only in the light of Your love and Your judgment can we see the difference between what we are and what we should be. We confess we have let in only a little of that light, and so we have just a vague notion of falling short of Your ways. Forgive us and help us with what we do know. Please give us Your Spirit to help us get on track. In turn, we will try to do better at learning Your ways and following them, leaning hard on the grace of Jesus Christ, for we pray in His Name, AMEN.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*from Psalm 37*

*Meghan Tidwell*

*Liturgist:* The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; God is their refuge in times of trouble! Friends, in Jesus Christ our sins 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

*Meghan Tidwell*

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

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

## ANTHEM

*At The Name of Jesus*

*Arr. Berry*

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

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

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that Jesus Christ is Lord!*

*At the name of Jesus! At the name of Jesus!*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

*Children ages 5 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.*

## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## SCRIPTURE READING

*John 3:1-21*

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## SERMON

*"Sympathy for Nicodemus"*

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

## \*HYMN

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

*Hymnal #393 (Verses 1-3)*

*Verse 1:* Breathe on me, Breath of God, Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love, And do what Thou wouldst do.

*Verse 2:* Breathe on me, Breath of God, Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will, To do and to endure.

*Verse 3:* Breathe on me, Breath of God, Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me Glows with Thy fire divine.

## 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

*Meghan Tidwell*

*Liturgist:* Let us thank God with our offerings.

## OFFERTORY

*Trust and Obey*

*Arr. Towner/Ferrin*

## \*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

*More About Jesus*

*Hymnal #560 (Verses 1-3)*

*Verse 1:* More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me. *Refrain*

*Verse 2:* More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. *Refrain*

*Verse 3:* More about Jesus in His Word, Holding communion with my Lord;  
Hearing His voice in ev'ry line, Making each faithful saying mine. *Refrain*

*Refrain:* More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

## \*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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sanctuary Flowers** this Sunday are given in honor of the volunteers who generously serve the needs of our church family and community. We have 115 individual volunteers in our church who volunteer in multiple capacities.

**FCPC Youth Spotlight:** The youth of Fountain City Presbyterian Church have kicked off 2025 with a busy start! It has been a time of “Spreading and Feeling the Love” that comes with fellowship, worship, and serving with one another inside and outside of our church community. Check out the latest youth update in the Weekly Word and stop by the greeting Room to see pictures from their recent Youth Summit.

**Belize Mission Trip:** Have you ever wondered what it would be like to serve God in another country? The trip will be from Saturday May 31 to Saturday June 7. Some scholarship funds are available to help with expenses, if needed. If you can envision yourself serving the sweet children in Belize or to learn more, please reach out to Tere McDonough for more information.

**Lunch Bunch** has been rescheduled for this Thursday at El Chico’s on Merchant’s Drive.

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

**Ash Wednesday:** Join us as we begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM in the chapel.

## JAHREZEIT

*May their memory be for a blessing.*

2/27/90 William Glenn, 2/24/91 Jason Huffaker, 2/24/93 Gladys Godsey, 2/27/94 Bernard Waller, 2/24/98 Guy Hoseholder, 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

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

2/23 Wanda Dye, Kobe Wheeler, 2/25 Bob Davis, Laura Connelly, 2/26 Ed Reed, Dan Rhea, 2/27 Matthew Chesney, Tamara Ownby, 2/28 Ron Thomas, Ethan Hancock, 2/29 Annabell Limbaugh

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist**..... Meghan Tidwell  
**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, April Lamb  
**Faithful Friends** (Children’s Worship)..... Susan Espiritu, April Lamb  
**Nursery**..... Laura Marquez & Laurismar Wrinkle



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