



# FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

### MARCH 1, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

### PRELUDE

### WORD OF WELCOME

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

### INTROIT

*To Abraham and Sarah*

*Glory to God Hymnal Hymn 51*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Genesis 12, John 3, 1 Peter 2*

*Dan Rhea*

*Liturgist:* As God set Abram, Sarai, and Lot on a journey, God calls us to follow in trust.

**All:** God is able to make us more than we have been and blesses us on the way.

*Liturgist:* As Jesus invited Nicodemus to be born again, Christ invites us to become a new creation.

**All:** Christ calls us out of darkness into his marvelous light, and we are saved through him.

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*Psalm 121, Romans 4*

*Dan Rhea*

*Liturgist:* Let us pray:

**All:** God our helper, our shade, our protector, you are able to give life to the dead, to call into being things that do not exist. We trust in your power to make all things new; to keep us in sunlight and moonlight, along rocky paths and pathways unknown; until all our going and coming brings us at last to your kingdom promised in Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

### \*HYMN 12

*"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

## RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

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

## CALL TO CONFESSION

*Romans 4*

*Dan Rhea*

*Liturgist:* We cannot earn God's grace or favor. It comes to us, not as something owed, but as a gift freely given. Confident in God's love for us, even when we are ungodly, we confess our sins in faith.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*All:* Gracious God, we come before you in need of forgiveness and grace. You call us to trust in you completely, but we do not. We are timid and fearful as we follow your lead. We justify our actions and words, though we know they are not what you require. We struggle to understand the new life Christ offers, preferring old habits to risky change. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to be born again into the life of Christ, trusting that you have included us by grace in the family of faith. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

## CHORAL RESPONSE

*From Abraham and Sarah*

*Glory to God Hymnal Hymn 51*

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*John 3*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Friends, God is for us and not against us! For that very reason, God sent the Son into the world not to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Believe the good news, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **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

*Dan Rhea*

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

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

## ANTHEM

*"I Then Shall Live"*

*Hayes*

*I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.  
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child and I am not afraid.  
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother; The law of love I gladly will obey.*

*I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.  
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view.  
And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through.*

*Your Kingdom come around and through and in me; Your power and glory, let them shine through me.  
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor, And may Your living Kingdom come in me.  
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, And may You feed a hungry world through me.*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*John 3*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*All:* God of signs and wonders, we come to your word again and again, seeking understanding and the new life it offers. By the power of your Holy Spirit, illumine our hearts and minds so that we may believe this testimony and have eternal life. In the name of Jesus Christ, our teacher and Savior, we pray. Amen.

## SCRIPTURE READING

Minister: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5,13-17

Matthew 17:1-9

## SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

## \*HYMN 494

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Glory to God Hymnal

1 Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of  
2 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est  
3 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to  
4 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our  
5 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; make all our

life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that  
those that on thee call; to them that seek thee  
feast up - on thee still; we drink of thee, the  
change - ful lot is cast, glad when thy gra - cious  
mo - ments calm and bright. O chase the night of

earth im - parts we turn, un - filled, to heed thy call.  
thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.  
foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.  
smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.  
sin a - way; shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

*Book of Common Worship (p.387)*

*Minister:* The Lord be with you

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

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

*All:* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*All:* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks a praise... Therefore we praise you joining our voices with angels and archangels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

*All:* **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

*Minister:* We give you thanks for Jesus Christ, our host and our guest at this table... With thanksgiving, we take this bread and this wine, gifts of the earth through which you bless us, and we offer ourselves in your service. Great is the mystery of faith:

*All:* **Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*Minister:* Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, and upon these gifts of fruit and grain, that we may taste your goodness, see your presence, and become one with you and your body. Gathered at your table, we join all your saints who have gone on before us and remember them now before you. In life and death, we belong to you, our Alpha and Omega. All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy Three-in-One, now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

## THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND 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

*Romans 5*

*Dan Rhea*

*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

*"O Mighty Cross"*

*Fettke*

### \*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*

*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 645**

*"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud

cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song

the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be

heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*We of this Generation*

*Glory to God Hymnal Hymn 51*

**\*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

**Flowers this week** are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Susan Balfour and her husband Greg on the occasion of the installation of her as the next Pastor of Fountain City Presbyterian Church.

**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.

**Installation of The Rev. Susan Balfour** will take place this afternoon at **3:00 P.M.** Come and show your support as we officially welcome Rev. Susan and Greg!

**Disciple Class** returns tomorrow, 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

3/7/82 Austin Read, 3/2/87 Doris Miller, 3/4/97 Alice Davisson, 3/2/10 Steele McFadden

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3/2 Kathleen Thompson, 3/6 Patty Collier

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist** ..... Dan Rhea  
**Ushers**..... Barbara Riehl, Cathy Forester  
**Greeters** ..... Pat Lipps, Sue Wheeler  
**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

