



# FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

### APRIL 12, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

### PRELUDE

*\* Please stand as you are able*

### WORD OF WELCOME

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*1 Peter:3-9*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Blessed be the God of our Savior, Jesus Christ!

*All:* **God has given us a new birth in the living hope of the resurrection.**

*Liturgist:* God has given us an inheritance that is imperishable and unfading.

*All:* **In this we rejoice, even when we suffer trials.**

*Liturgist:* For though we have not seen Jesus, we love him; and though we have not seen him, we believe in him.

*All:* **For the outcome of our faith is the salvation of our souls.**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

*John 20:30-31*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* Let us pray:

*All:* **God of signs and wonders, you have revealed to us that Jesus Christ is your son and our Savior. Strengthen our faith, that we may have life in Christ's name. Amen.**

### \*HYMN 251

*"That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright"*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

### RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

*Marjorie Ford*

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

### CALL TO CONFESSION

*Acts 2:22, 27*

*Marjorie Ford*

*Liturgist:* God has been made known to us in deeds of power, signs, and wonders, and will not abandon us if we confess the truth about our lives.

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Acts 2:28, Psalm 16*

*All:* **God, you have made known to us the ways of life. Yet, too often, we put other things above you and turn away from the ways of life and toward the ways of death. Forgive us and guide us back into your presence, that we may know the fullness of joy. Amen.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*Psalm 16*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Liturgist:* My friends, God is our refuge and will not abandon us. In Jesus Christ, we are reconciled to God. That is a promise of peace and joy; share that peace with one another.

### \*GLORIA PATRI

*Glory to God Hymnal #581*

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## \*PASSING THE PEACE

Marjorie Ford

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

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

## ANTHEM

*“In Christ Alone”*

Getty/Hayes

*In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all Here in the love of Christ I stand.*

*In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live.*

*There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ.*

*No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the pow'r of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand!*

## FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Psalm 16:11*

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

*Minister:* Let us pray:

*All:* **Guiding God, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word that it may serve to show us the path of life and lead us into your presence where there is fullness of joy. Amen.**

## SCRIPTURE READING

*Acts 2:14a,22-32*

*Minister:* This is the word of the Lord.

*Psalm 16*

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

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

*John 20:19-31*

## SERMON

*The Rev. Susan Balfour*

## \*HYMN 250

*“In the Bulb There is a Flower”*

*Glory to God Hymnal*

## \*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

*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

Marjorie Ford

*Liturgist:* Sisters and brothers, we have no good apart from God. Therefore let us keep God at the forefront of our minds and give generously from all that we have been given, that others may also receive from the fullness of God.

## OFFERTORY

“Lord, Be Glorified”

Kilpatrick/Wagner

## \*DOXOLOGY

Glory to God Hymnal #609

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures  
high and low. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise  
God, in Je - sus ful - ly known: Cre - a - tor, Word, and Spir - it  
one. Al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia!

## \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*Minister:* Let us pray:

*All:* Generous God, you are our portion and our cup. In you our hearts are glad, our souls rejoice, and our bodies rest. Bless and multiply our offerings and pledges that they may bring the joy of your presence more deeply into the world. Amen.

## \*HYMN 254

“Christ Has Risen, Alleluia”

Glory to God Hymnal

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

The Rev. Susan Balfour

## \*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** are given to the glory of God in honor of Paula Rhea and the entire F3 team.

**Gift of the Month:** This month our community outreach and engagement committee is seeking donations for Four Fountain City schools of snacks (not nuts) including small waters, granola bars, etc. Donations may be brought to the church office during regular business hours.

**Belize Mission Trip:** Registration for the 2026 Belize Mission trip is now open! For more information and registration, scan the QR code above or see Tom and Tere McDonough.

F3 resumes this week at 6:00 PM. Dinner is provided at no charge- but sign-ups are required to prepare food for everyone. Join us as we study Father Abraham led by Rev. Susan! Scan the QR code to sign up by this Monday.

**The Lunch Bunch** will travel to the Golden Girls restaurant in Clinton this Thursday. The van will depart FCPC at 12:30 PM with lunch at 1:00 PM.

**Family Promise:** FCPC will provide a place of refuge and rest for families experiencing homelessness this week.

**Free Pancake Breakfast!** Our monthly community pancake breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 – 10:30 AM. As always, there is no cost to attend, and all are welcome.

**Fountain City Community Concert:** Join us on Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM for a community concert featuring the Fountain City Ramblers. Food and beverages are being sponsored by KnoxTN Today. This event is “BYOC” (bring your own chair)

## JAHREZEIT

*May their memory be for a blessing.*

4/16/77 Azee Noe, 4/18/86 William Puryear, 4/12/97 David Smith, Maude McCampbell, 4/15/97 Marshal Ward, 4/14/98 Wilma Hines, 4/14/08 Robert Crail, 4/15/10 Chuck Tarver, Kathryn Gilpatric, 4/13/15 Virginia McFadden, 4/13/20 Max Ramsey

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/14 Brad Spencer, 4/18 Janice Hickman, Jerry Sluder

## THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Liturgist** ..... Marjorie Ford  
**Greeters** ..... Gail Giffin, Susan Espiritu  
**Ushers**..... Amy Ogden, Jon & Darlene Miller, Linda & Joe Schnorr  
**Music**..... FCPC Chancel Choir  
**Organist** ..... George Hill  
**Tech Team** ..... Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins, April Lamb  
**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  
**Accompanist** ..... Angela Bell  
**Nursery** ..... Brittany Smith, Laurismar Wrinkle

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