



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

APRIL 26, 2026 | 10:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

** Please stand as you are able*

WORD OF WELCOME

The Rev. Susan Balfour

CHORAL INTROIT

“Come, Christians, join to sing”

Glory to God Hymnal #267

CALL TO WORSHIP

Acts 2:42-47

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: Sisters and brothers, let us gather together with glad and generous hearts.

All: **For many signs and wonders are being done among us.**

Liturgist: Let us break bread together and share our lives in common.

All: **Let us give what we can to all who have needs so that all people, no matter who they are, may regard us with good will.**

Liturgist: Let us devote ourselves to our prayers and to the gospel.

All: **For in this way God will add to our numbers every day.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Acts 2:42, John 10:1-10

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: Let us pray:

All: **Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.**

*HYMN 234

“Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Glory to God Hymnal

1 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um-phant glad - ness!
 2 'Tis the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on,
 3 Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,
 4 Nei - ther could the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark por - tal,

God has brought forth Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,
 and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en.
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;
 nor the watch - ers, nor the seal hold you as a mor - tal:

loosed from Pha-raoh's bit - ter yoke Ja-cob's sons and daugh-ters;
 All the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing
 comes to glad Je - ru - sa - lem, who with true af - fec - tion
 but to - day, a - mong your own, you ap - pear, be - stow - ing

led them with un-moist-ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.
 from the Light, to whom we give laud and praise un - dy - ing.
 wel-comes in un - wea - ried strains Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!
 your deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know-ing.

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

Psalm 23:1,3

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: Friends, in as much as God is our shepherd, let us not fear, but confess our sin that God may restore our souls.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

1 Peter 2:19-25

All: Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Come, lift your hearts on high"

Glory to God Hymnal #267

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 Peter 2:19-25

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Liturgist: Friends, the promise of our faith is that if we entrust ourselves to the One who judges justly, we need not feel threatened, for we will be returned to righteousness. Having been brought back into the safety of God's fold, let us share our peace with one another.

All: Thanks be to God.

***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

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”

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

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 5th grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Acts 2:42, John 10:4

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: **Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:42-47

Minister: This is the word of the Lord.

Psalms 23

All: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

SERMON

The Rev. Susan Balfour

*HYMN 187

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”

Glory to God Hymnal

1 Sav - ior, like a shep-herd lead us; much we need your ten-der care.
2 We are yours: in love be - friend us; be the guard-ian of our way.
3 You have prom-ised to re - ceive us, poor and sin-ful though we be;
4 Ear - ly let us seek your fa - vor; ear - ly let us do your will.



In your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us; for our use your fold pre-pare.
Keep your flock: from sin de-fend us; seek us when we go a-stray.
you have mer-cy to re-lieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.
Bless-ed Lord and on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.

Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, ear-ly let us turn to you.
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us; love us still.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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

Psalm 23:5, Acts 2:45, 47

Meghan Tidwell

Liturgist: Church, our God has prepared a table before us and our cup overflows. So let us give generously from our common wealth, as our way of praising God and giving to those in need.

OFFERTORY

“Amazing Grace”

Hayes

*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

Psalm 23:2,5

The Rev. Susan Balfour

Minister: Let us pray:

All: **Holy and generous God, you have anointed us and we are yours. Bless these tithes and offerings that they may become green pastures and still waters for any and all who need your comfort and restoration. Amen.**

*HYMN 239

“Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

Glory to God Hymnal

1 Good Chris-tians all, re - joice and sing! Now is the tri - umph
 2 The Lord of life is risen to - day! Death's might - y stone is
 3 Praise we in songs of vic - to - ry that love, that life which
 4 Your name we bless, O ris - en Lord, and sing to - day with
 of our King! To all the world glad news we bring:
 rolled a - way. Let all the earth re - joice and say:
 can - not die, and sing with hearts up - lift - ed high:
 one ac - cord the life laid down, the life re - stored:
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

*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 memory of Barbara Smith-Manis.

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.

Women of Hope Bible Study will begin a new book, “Living Like You belong to God” on May 5th. To celebrate the completion of their latest study, a brunch will be held this Tuesday at 10:30.

F3 will take break this week for our community concert. Join us next week as we continue to study Father Abraham led by Rev. Susan! Scan the QR code to sign up for remaining classes.

Fountain City Community Concert: Join us on Wednesday, April 29th at 6:00 PM for a community concert featuring the Fountain City Ramblers. Food and beverages are being sponsored by KnoxTN Today and will be served from 6:00-6:30 PM. This event is “BYOC” (bring your own chair) and will be rain or shine with the Fellowship Hall serving as backup. We can’t wait to see you there!

Honor Fountain City- Memorial Day: FCPC will be present at this year’s Honor Fountain City Day at F.C. Park on Monday, May 25th! Come and represent your church in our community.

Fifth Sunday Breakfast: Join us each fifth Sunday for a potluck breakfast and featured speaker. This month’s breakfast will feature Joe and Linda Schnorr and the work they are doing through Threads of Hope in Belize on May 31st at 9:30 A.M. during the Sunday School Hour in the Fellowship Hall.

JAHREZEIT

May their memory be for a blessing.

4/29/78 Mae Rose Busch, 4/30/79 Mildred Fisher, 4/26/90 William Jack, 5/1/90 Taubbie Lee Johnson Capps, 4/27/91 Clarice Bell, 4/30/98 J. Roy McMillan, 4/28/09 Reba French, 5/2/19 C.R. Hollingsworth

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

4/26 David Lufkin, 4/27 Debbie Hawkins, 5/2 Connie Ramsey

THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

Liturgist Meghan Tidwell
Greeters Barbara Riehl, Darlene
Ushers..... Bedford Chapman, Brett Miller, Shelley Miller, Teresa Brittain
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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