

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

Faithfully Listening, Boldly Following

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Serving Today

Greeters: Susan Espiritu & Gail Giffin

Ushers: Darlene Miller, Jon Miller, Amy Ogden

Liturgist: Shelley Miller

Music: FCPC Choral Ensemble

Tech Team: Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller

Faithful Friends (Children's Worship): Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

Nursery: Laurismar Wrinkle, Basil Buckaloo

Announcements

Lunch Bunch: Join us this Thursday, May 16th at Emma's Southern Kitchen- meet at FCPC at 10:30 am. A picnic is planned for June 20th at Norris Dam State Park from 12:00-5:00. Bring your family and friends for a great day by the lake.

2025 Belize Mission Trip Information Session will take place on Sunday, May 19th following worship in the Fireside Room. Come be a part of this awesome ministry!

Dinners for Eight: We just completed our first series of "Dinners for Eight" with great success! If you would like to attend the next set of small group dinners please reach out to the church office via email or phone. Be sure to let us know how many will be attending and if you are single or a couple. Also, please mention whether or not you and your guest have any food allergies. If you would like to host a Dinner for Eight in your home please include that in your response.

Graduates: Do you have a family member graduating as a part of the class of 2024? If so, please email the office with their name and the school they are graduating from. We will be recognizing them in the weeks to come!

Calling All Gardeners: Do you have a green thumb? If so, contact Gail Giffin about helping to weed our flower beds and trim our shrubs. Help us keep FCPC beautiful! You can reach her at 865-705-3768 or by email at jgiffin07@comcast.net.

A Word of Gratitude: With humble hearts and gratitude, the family of H.E. Leach would like to thank the FCPC family for their prayers, cards, food and love during his illness and death. A special thanks to Pastor Carl for all the visits, care and love; thank you.



Mother's Day, May 12, 2024

Sunday of the Ascension

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Call to Worship

Leader: O clap your hands, all you people,

People: Shout unto God with a voice of triumph!

Leader: For the LORD Most High is awesome,

People: God is the Great King over all the earth!

Shelley Miller

**Hymn #210 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!

All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;

Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,

Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!

Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been

Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!

All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;

Let the Amen sound from His people again,

Gladly for forever adore Him.

Ritual of Friendship

Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front

Shelley Miller

Call to Confession

Leader: God says "Call upon Me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you will glorify Me."

Let us pray to God and confess our sins.

Shelley Miller

Prayer of Confession

Shelley Miller

People: Thank you God for letting us have this time with You. That You would hear us at all is amazing, that You would listen to our awkward confession is completely undeserved. We have people we can tell some things, but no one can handle our thoughts like You. Not only do You keep everything in the strictest confidence – no one can hack You, but You also offer forgiveness and help. Because of Jesus, we know we’ve come to the right place. We lay ourselves before You and throw ourselves on Your mercy, trusting that You will do what’s best for us. Cleanse us from our sin and help us to live right, for we ask in Jesus’ Name, AMEN.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Shelley Miller

Leader: “Being made free from sin, you are now servants of righteousness.”

****Gloria Patri***

**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***

Shelley Miller

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

All: And also with you

Anthem “10,000 Reasons”

Myrin/Redman

(Congregation Is Invited To Sing with Choir)

[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.

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]

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]

Children are dismissed at this time for Faithful Friends (Children’s Worship)

Children Ages 5 through 8th grade

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Scripture Reading Acts 1:6-11

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Sermon “A Throne, No Games”

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Hymn #668 I’ll Go Where You Want Me to Go***

It may not be on the mountain’s height, Or over the stormy sea;
It may not be at the battle’s front My Lord will have need of me;
But if by a still, small voice He calls To paths I do not know,
I’ll answer, dear Lord, with my hand in Thine, I’ll go where You want me to go.

Refrain: I’ll go where you want me to go, dear Lord, O’er mountain, or plain, or sea;
I’ll say what you want me to say, dear Lord, I’ll be what you want me to be.

Perhaps today there are loving words Which Jesus would have me speak;
There may be now, in the paths of sin Some wand’rer whom I should seek.

O Saviour, if Thou wilt be my Guide, Tho' dark and rugged the way,
My voice shall echo the message sweet, I’ll say what you want me to say. [Refrain]

Prayer & The Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

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

Shelley Miller

Leader: As an expression of our love for God and others, let’s worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Offertory “O Loving Father”

Gounod/Bach/Sprunger

****Doxology***

**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 #562 Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

****Charge and Benediction***

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Congregational Benediction***

**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