



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 25, 2024

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl Snow

Leader: We put our hope in the LORD,
All: **God is our help and our shield.**
Leader: Our heart rejoices in God,
All: **We trust in the LORD's holy name.**

*HYMN

My Hope Is In The Lord (Verses 1, 3, 4)

Hymnal #540

Verse 1: My hope is in the Lord Who gave Himself for me
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary. *Refrain*

Verse 2: And now for me He stands Before the Father's throne;
He shows His wounded hands and names me as His own. *Refrain*

Verse 3: His grace has planned it all, 'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize His work of love and Christ receive. *Refrain*

Refrain: For me He died For me He lives
And everlasting life and light He freely gives

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Carl Snow

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

Carl Snow

Leader: John the Baptist proclaimed, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near!" Let's pray and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Lord, when Your people humbled themselves and prayed, and turned from their wicked ways, You heard from heaven and forgave their sins and healed their land. We can count on You to fulfill Your end of the covenant. It's we who have a hard time with faithfulness. Maybe we don't know all the details, or have the Bible memorized, but we haven't lived true to the little we do know. Honestly, we mess up and need Your help. Thank You for Your patient love and wide forgiveness, thank You for Your wise guidance, and thank You for kind people who help us stay on the right path. Thank You for giving us exactly what we need in Christ to cleanse us from sin and set us in the right direction. We believe You hear us and are doing Your wonderful work in our hearts, minds and souls, for we pray in Jesus' Name, AMEN. *A period of silent reflection follows.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Carl Snow

Leader: “The one whose wrongdoing is forgiven, whose sin is covered over, is truly blessed!”. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and cleansed from our sin!

*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

Carl Snow

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

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Come Thou Fount

Evelyn Spencer, Soloist arr. Hayes

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;

streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.

Praise His name I'm fixed upon it Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place;

And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace

Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;

He, to rescue me from danger, Bo't me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!

Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:

prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

Children ages 5 through 8th grade are dismissed at this time for children's worship.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

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SCRIPTURE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

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SERMON

“What's good for the gods”

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*HYMN

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Hymnal #393

- 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.
- Verse 4:* Breathe on me, Breath of God, So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life Of Thine eternity.

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

Carl Snow

Leader: Let's thank our God by giving our offerings.

OFFERTORY

The Longer I Serve Him

Gaither

*DOXOLOGY

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

The Longer I Serve Him

Hymnal #520

- Verse 1:* Since I started for the Kingdom, Since my life He controls,
Since I gave my heart to Jesus, The longer I serve Him, The sweeter He grows. *Refrain*
- Verse 2:* Ev'ry need He is supplying, Plenteous grace He bestows;
Ev'ry day my way gets brighter, The longer I serve Him, The sweeter He grows. *Refrain*
- Refrain:* The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows,
The more that I love Him, more love He bestows;
Each day is like heaven, my heart overflows,
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

*CONGREGATIONAL BLESSING

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

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

If God loved us this way, we also ought to love one another

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The Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse, *Interim Pastor*
Bob Eubanks, *Choir Director*
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Ashton Hicks, *Office Administrator*
Nancy Wells, *Pianist*
Jack Thomas, *Youth Director*

Thank You to Those Serving In Worship

Greeters.....Shelley Miller, Brett Miller, Teresa Brittain, Bedford Chapman
Liturgist.....Carl Snow
Music.....Evelyn Spencer, Soloist
Tech Team.....Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins
Faithful Friends (Children's Worship).....Susan Espiritu, April Lamb
Nursery.....Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez

Announcements

Sanctuary Flowers: The altar arrangement is given in honor of Gail Giffin and the "Gardening Club" that is keeping our grounds beautiful!

Women of Hope will gather on Tuesday, September 10th for brunch as they celebrate the completion of their most recent study, *Forgiving What You Can't Forget* by Lisa Terkeurst. They will begin a new study on September 10th.

Grandma's Pajamas: Join the Grandma's Pajamas sewing group as they kick off a new year on Wednesday, September 4, 2024 with a group lunch at Sweet Peas in Fountain City- please RSVP to Joan by September 3rd. Sewing will begin on Wednesday, September 11th and they would love to have some new faces to come sew, socialize or just hang out with a group of fun ladies. If you would like more information or have questions, feel free to call Pat Wyrick at (865) 254-1191 or Joan Biddle at (865) 659-3850.

Youth Volunteers Needed: Want to hang with the cool kids? Have a knack for making dinner or just eating dinner? Then come volunteer with the Youth Group! We're currently needing helping hands to make meals for Sunday evenings and hang out with our teens on Sundays. There will be a link to sign up in next week's Weekly Word. Contact Shelley Miller, Kyle Nolen, or any member of the Youth Committee for more details.

Calling All Artists: FCPC is collecting submissions of arts and crafts for our silent auction to be held at this year's Fall Festival on October 26th. All proceeds will benefit the FCPC general fund. Deadline for submissions is September 15th. See Tamara Ownby for more details.

Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) is currently working to prayerfully determine our new slate of ruling elders for our Session to be installed in January. If you have suggestions the ONC team could consider, please send the person's name and your reason(s) for recommendation to the ONC moderator, Darlene Miller, by calling 865-661-8902 or email darlene.h.miller@gmail.com. Recommendations are due by August 24th.