



FOUNTAIN CITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A SERVICE OF WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS AND HOLY COMMUNION August 4, 2024

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dan Rhea

Leader: LORD, You are my God and I will exalt You
All: I will praise Your Name for You have done wonderful things,
Leader: Wonderful things planned long ago,
All: For You are faithful and sure!

*HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (Verses 1, 2, 4)

Hymnal #648

Verse 1: Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down!
Fix in us, thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart.

Verse 2: Breathe, O breathe Thy loving spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit; Let us find the promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.

Verse 4: Finish then Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love and praise.

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

Dan Rhea

CALL TO CONFESSION

Dan Rhea

Leader: This saying is reliable and deserves full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”. Let us pray to the Lord and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, we need to step back from what we think You want. Too often we replace Your agenda with our own. The truth is, we don't pay attention to You enough to know what You want. We can start with what David learned: “A broken and contrite heart You will not despise.” When we offer that to You, real change begins. Heal us and help us with Your grace and love, so that we can testify to Your salvation the way Your true followers always have, for we ask in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON AND PEACE

Dan Rhea

Leader: Jesus said, “Whoever the Son sets free is truly free.” In Jesus Christ the guilt of our sin is forgiven.

*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

Dan Rhea

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

ANTHEM

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

Converse

FAITHFUL FRIENDS

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

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Corinthians 13

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SERMON

“Welcome to the Party”

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SERVICE OF WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS

Leader: We are part of something much bigger than Fountain City Presbyterian Church. In welcoming these people into our family here, we celebrate the providential hold God has on them, affirm the evidence of Jesus' love for them and their response to follow Him, and rejoice that together we share the profound gift of His grace.

As fellow travelers who, incompletely but with sincere intent, know that God loves us and that we want to follow His ways, these fine people are with us and we are with them.

With all the fellow travelers we call “the communion of saints”, let us affirm our common faith by saying the Apostles Creed together.

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.**

Leader: We approach membership as an opportunity to refresh the wonder of baptism, and to renew our response to Jesus’ invitation to come and follow Him. Therefore, on behalf of this congregation and the whole church, I ask you –
Do you confess Jesus Christ to be your only Lord and Savior, and trust that His grace and love will never leave you nor forsake you?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you believe that His death on the cross is God’s answer for the sins of the world, including yours and mine?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you believe that Jesus conquered death, and now lives to rule the Kingdom of God?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Do you believe that we have God’s Holy Spirit, and all the followers of Jesus, both on earth and in heaven, to help us know and live the way God wants us to?

Candidates: I do.

Leader: Will you try to follow Jesus, learn His guidance from the Bible, and more than anything else do what you can to show His love?

Candidates: I will.

Leader: Will you be faithful to your fellow church members, helping them follow Jesus and letting them help you, and working side by side with them to display the Kingdom of God to the world?

Candidates: I will.

Leader: Congregation, you have heard these people confess their faith in Christ and their desire to follow Him. What do you have to say to that?

All: **We love you and welcome you! God has richly blessed us today by showing us your faith and love for Him and for us! We stand with you to bless you and the world with the love Jesus pours out on us all!**

A renewal of baptism follows, using water from the font to remember our baptism

***HYMN**

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us (Verses 1, 3, 4)

Hymnal #688

Verse 1:

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast brought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast brought us, Thine we are.**

Verse 3:

**Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful, tho' we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.**

Verse 4:

**Early let us seek Thy favor; Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou has loved us, love us still.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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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 the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. AMEN.**

CALL FOR OFFERING

Dan Rhea

Leader: **Let's worship God with our tithes and offerings.**

OFFERTORY

O Mighty Cross

Baroni/Chisum/Fettke

***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**

They'll Know We Are Christians

Hymnal #429

Verse 1:

**We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored. *Refrain***

Verse 2:

**We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain***

Verse 3:

**We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *Refrain***

Verse 4:

**All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
All praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *Refrain***

Refrain:

**And they'll know we are Christian by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

***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

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

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Bob Eubanks, *Choir Director*

Nancy Wells, *Pianist*

George Hill, *Organist*

Jack Thomas, *Youth Director*

Ashton Hicks, *Office Administrator*

Thank You to Those Serving

Greeters.....Sue Wheeler, Pat Lipps

Ushers.....Barbara Riehl, David and Nancy Noel, Cathy Forester

Liturgist.....Dan Rhea

Music.....FCPC Choral Ensemble

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

Family Promise Fundraiser: To enjoy competition level pasta and live bluegrass, mark your calendar for the Family Promise Pasta and Bluegrass Festival. The event will be on Saturday, August 17 from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart School, 711 South Northshore Drive, 37919. To volunteer to help at this event; make pasta, cookies, or a cake; or buy tickets please contact Tere McDonough at 865-406-6417 or ttmcdono@gmail.com.

Save the Date! 2nd Annual FCPC Fall Festival October 26, 2024 hosted at the Robertson's Pavilion by the River and Co-Hosted by the Ownby and Nolen Families

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.

