

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: Declare God’s glory among the nations,
All: **Declare God’s wondrous works among all people,**
Leader: Because the LORD is great and so worthy of praise,
All: **The LORD is awesome beyond all other gods!**

*HYMN

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Hymnal #215 (V. 1, 3, 4)

Verse 1: When morning gilds the sky, my heart awaking cry:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Alike at work and prayer,
To Jesus I Repair; May Jesus Christ be praised!

Verse 3: Ye nations of mankind, In this your concord find:
May Jesus Christ be praised! Let all the earth around
Ring joyous with the sound: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Verse 4: Be this, while life is mine, My canticle divine;
May Jesus Christ be praised! Be this the eternal song
Through all the ages long: May Jesus Christ be praised!

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

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: “All the prophets testify about Jesus that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name.” Let’s turn to Jesus and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **Lord Jesus, coming here is so different from the world out there. In the world, it’s easy to think we aren’t so bad and the forgiveness You offer should probably go to others who need it more. Facing You here puts it all in a new light, a light that exposes our darkness. Forgive us for switching our standards for Your truth, help us to accept our unrighteousness so that we can fully receive Your forgiveness. Your cross wasn’t for nothing, we do not deserve that kind of love, but we welcome it as best we can, and we pray in Your Name, AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: Paul said, “Through Jesus everyone who believes is put in right relationship with God.” In Jesus Christ our sins are 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

Meghan Tidwell

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

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

God of Heaven

*God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky. Great Creator, Master of all nature.
Who gives birth to snow from heaven, Holds the waves at ocean's edge,
Gives the orders to the morning, Shows each dawn its place to shine?
God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky.*

*God of Ages, God who wrote the Book of Time. Sovereign Ruler, Alpha and Omega.
Saints before, He's guided safely. History's pages signed by Him.
Author of our days and hours; Things to come are held secure.
God of Ages, Alpha and Omega.*

*God of Power! God who breaks the darkness. Righteous Warrior, Champion of His children,
Goes before us into battle; Good and evil bow to Him,
Those in bondage freed forever, Victories won at His command!*

*God who heals us, God who gives us peace and hope.
God who listens, Carries all our fragile
Dreams and heartaches, Wins and failures;
Binds the broken; hides the weak. New beginnings freely offered;
Who can make us whole again? God who heals us, God of Power,
God of Ages, God of Heaven, God of all the earth and sky.*

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

Ezekiel 11:14-25

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SERMON

"Not Typical"

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***HYMN**

I Cannot Tell

Hymnal #354

Verse 1: I cannot tell why He, the King of heaven, Should leave the peace of all eternity,
Why God Himself should lay aside His splendor To leave the Father's side and come to me.
But this I know: Our silence filled with singing, And all our darkness fled from heaven's light
When Christ the Lord, so human, yet so holy, In love was born a Child for me that holy night.

Verse 2: I cannot tell why He the joy of heaven, Should give Himself to suffer for my sin,
Why Holy God should love me in my shamefulness, Why He should die to draw my soul to Him.
But this I know: That Christ the Lord is risen, And praise His name, He's risen now in me!
Because He lives I'll rise to life eternal! He took my guilty heart, and I'm forever free.

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Verse 3: I cannot tell when He will rule the nations, How He will claim His loved ones as His own;
And who can tell the holy jubilation When all His children gather 'round His throne.
But this I know: All flesh will see His glory, And skies will burst as all creation sings.
The Son will rise on one eternal morning When Christ the Savior of the world Is Lord and King!

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

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: Let's give thanks to God with our offerings.

OFFERTORY

In Christ Alone

Arr. Ron and Linda Sprunger

***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**

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***HYMN**

Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

Hymnal #237

Verse 1: Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace.
Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, trav'ling through this wilderness.

Verse 2: Thanks we give and adoration For Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation In our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful, To Thy truth may we be found.

***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

Announcements

Sanctuary Flowers are given in memory of John "Gramps" Biddle (9-23-1942 to 9-6-2016) by his loving family.

New Church Management Software: As part of the project to improve our organizational effectiveness, we're planning to migrate to a new church management software platform called Realm®. Ashton and Pastor Carl are leading the migration, along with support from the Finance Team. We'd appreciate additional help from anyone interested in software implementation. Please reach out to Ashton at office@fountaincitypres.org to follow up.



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. Contact Shelley Miller, Kyle Nolen, or any member of the Youth Committee for more details. Scan the QR code to sign up!

Women's Fellowship Craft: What a better way to celebrate autumn than crafting velvet pumpkins and hankie angels to decorate your home? Get into the harvest spirit and join the FCPC ladies on Sunday, October 6 following worship in the Fireside Room for an afternoon of crafting and fellowship. This event is BYOS, "Bring Your Own Sandwich." Drinks and dessert will be provided! Sign up by scanning the QR code here or clicking the link in the Weekly Word.



F3 Returns! We are excited to bring back our Wednesday night F3 programming. F3 will take place every Wednesday from September 25 to October 30th. We are pleased to announce that there is no charge for the meal this fall! However, signups are required to account for the amount of food needed. The deadline to signup is the Monday of each week at noon. We will be studying "On Purpose: Finding God's Voice in Your Passion." Come be with your church family, enjoy some good food and explore your faith this fall at F3. Scan the QR code to sign up!



Lunch Bunch will gather at Sonny's Original Southern Pub on Adair Drive in the old Sam and Andy's location this Thursday at 11:00 am. Let Susan Espiritu know if you are interested.

Trunk or Treat: It's spooky season! Join us as we invite the Fountain City Community to our parking lot for a night of Trunk or treat. We will provide hot dogs, chips, water and lemonade and would ask that the attendees bring dessert for a dessert buffet and candy to hand out. Want to contribute but can't make it out? Donations are appreciated.

Thank You to Those Serving In Worship

Liturgist.....Meghan Tidwell
Greeters.....Nancy & David Noel
Ushers.....Denna & Don Grogan, Dana & Mike Lamb
Music.....FCPC Chancel Choir
Tech Team.....Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller, Debbie Hawkins
Faithful Friends (Children's Worship).....Susan Espiritu, April Lamb
Nursery.....Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Marquez



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