

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

CALL TO WORSHIP

Carl Snow

Leader: The LORD is the strength of God's people

All: **Save Your people, O God!**

Leader: O LORD, bless Your possession

All: **Shepherd them and carry them forever!**

*HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Hymnal # 11

Verse 1: 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.

Verse 2: Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me Safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Bo't me with His precious blood.

Verse 3: O to grace how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wand'ring 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.

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: King David prayed, "Clear me of any unknown sin and save Your servant from willful sins. Don't let them rule me!" Let's also pray to the Lord and confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: **God, we have something to tell You. You have given us good words, right instructions, wise guidance, and loving care. We have eaten the junk food of our world, filled ourselves with toxic information, followed lost guides, until we can hardly tell up from down. We have no right to ask Your forgiveness. How amazing is it that You still offer mercy to us! We want to really follow Christ and not just pay lip service to You. As we're healed and cleansed by the atonement of Jesus, fill us with Your grace and love, so that we can do Your Word from now on, for we ask in Jesus' Name, AMEN.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Carl Snow

Leader: Jesus said, "Whoever the Son sets free is truly free." 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

Carl Snow

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

All: **And also with you.**

ANTHEM

Be Still

Luther/Hayes

Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
and I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Come unto Me, my child, be still and know that I will give you rest,
I am present in your pain and I always will remain your Comforter and Friend.

Be still and know that I am God, Be still and know that I am with you.
Be still and know that I will comfort you when you come to Me in your hour of need.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am here for you;
And I will wipe your tears; you will be renewed.

Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you Peace, Peace, Peace.

Be still and know that I am God. Be still and know that I am God.

Be still, be still. Be still.

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

John 21:15-17

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SERMON

"It's Just Sheep Food"

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THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Leader: We are part of something much bigger than Fountain City Presbyterian Church. In baptism, we not only welcome people into our church family here, but also into the huge family of God's people in all times and places. We celebrate the providential hold God has on them, affirm the evidence of Jesus' love for them, 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, we affirm God has brought them to us and by God's grace we are with them.

Because baptism signifies following Jesus along with all who have been baptized into Christ, in baptism we also 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?

Parent: 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?

Parent: I do

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

Parent: 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?

Parent: 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?

Parent: I will

Leader: Do you believe God loves your child as much as He loves you, and wants her to know that love every day of her life?

Parent: I do

Leader: Let us all 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.**

Remember your baptism as you see and hear the water from the font and the words of the sacrament.

Leader: Congregation, you have heard this parent confess her faith in Christ and affirmed your faith together with hers. We have placed the seal of baptism upon this child as a statement of faith in God's love. What do you have to say to her and her child?

***All:* 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 with the love Jesus pours out on us all! We love you and welcome you!**

***HYMN**

Break Thou the Bread of Life

Hymnal #413 Verses 1, 3, 4

Verse 1: Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Verse 3: Open Thy word of truth that I may see
Thy message written clear and plain for me;
Then in sweet fellowship, walking with Thee,
Thine image on my life engraved will be.

Verse 4: Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

SERVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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 worship God with our tithes and offerings.

OFFERTORY

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Luther/Hayes

*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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Hymnal #682

Verse 1: Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty, Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven, Feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.

Verse 2: Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer, Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

Verse 3: When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current, Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
I will ever give to Thee.

*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

Baptism: Today we celebrate the Sacrament of Baptism for Mila-Renee Roussel Guillory, infant daughter of Mei-Lei Gereau. Mei-Lei and Ashley Kromer go way back, and we're honored to show God's love to all of them in this special way.

Altar Flowers this week are given in honor of Paula Rhea for her quiet service behind the scenes keeping our church and sanctuary organized and functioning smoothly.

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. Thanks!

Disciple Class returns on Monday, September 9th at 6:30 pm with "Remember Who You Are: The Prophets and the Letters of Paul"

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.

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!



THANK YOU TO THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

- Liturgist.....Carl Snow
- Greeters.....Susan Espiritu & Gail Giffin
- Ushers.....Darlene & Jon Miller, Joe & Linda Schnorr, Amy Ogden
- 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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