

Fountain City Presbyterian Church

Faithfully Listening, Boldly Following

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Serving Today

Greeters: Darlene Miller, Barbara Riehl

Ushers: Shelley Miller, Brett Miller, Teresa Brittain, Bedford Chapman

Liturgist: Carl Snow

Music: FCPC Choral Ensemble, Hunter Wilburn

Tech Team: Mac Holland, April Lamb, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller

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

Nursery: Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Wrinkle

Announcements

Congregational Meeting: The Congregation of Fountain City Presbyterian Church will meet during worship today to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee. The Session, through the Officer Nominating Committee, recommends the following members be placed in nomination for the PNC: Don Grogan, Robin French, Mike Lamb, Darlene Miller, Laura Nolen, Harry Ogden, Dan Ownby, Linda Sullivan.

Family Promise: Family Promise will be onsite at FCPC beginning at 5:00 PM every night this week. The Mission Team appreciates all people who have stepped up to give us a full slate of volunteers when Family Promise children and their parents arrive for a week starting on Sunday evening. We are blessed to have servant-hearted people and a good facility to offer children and their parents safe shelter next week on the 3rd floor of our church.

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.

Women of Hope: The Women of Hope will begin a new book, "ForgivingWhat You Can't Forget" by Lysa Terkeurst this coming Tuesday. All women of the church are welcome to join. They meet each Tuesday at 10:00 AM.

Ladies Brunch: Join us for brunch on Saturday, May 11th at 10:00AM in the Fellowship Hall! Grab your girlfriends, bring a dish to share and get ready for a good time! Drinks will be provided.



April 28, 2024

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Call to Worship

Leader: Behold our God for whom we have waited

All: And now our God has saved us!

Leader: This is the LORD, for whom we have longed

All: Be glad and rejoice in God's salvation!

Carl Snow

**Procession and Hymn #63 All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1,4,5)*

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care;

O praise Him, O praise Him! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,

O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ritual of Friendship

Carl Snow

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

Call to Confession

Carl Snow

Leader: "God will once again have compassion on us, the LORD will tread down our iniquities. God will hurl all our sins into the depths of the sea!" Let's pray and admit our sins to our loving God.

Prayer of Confession

Carl Snow

All: Merciful God, we confess to You our sinful nature, prone to do evil and slow to do good. You alone know how often we have sinned, by wandering from Your ways, wasting Your gifts, and forgetting Your love.

Have mercy on us, cleanse us from our secret faults, teach us the error of our ways, forgive our many sins.

Help us to live in Your light and walk in Your truth, for we ask in Jesus' Name, AMEN.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Carl Snow

Leader: The Lord freely pardons all who repent and turn to Him. Our sins are forgiven and atonement has been made through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ our Lord.

***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**

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

All: And also with you

Carl Snow

Anthem “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all Here in the love of Christ I stand.

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In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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

Children age 5 through 8th grade

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Scripture Reading Romans 6:1-14

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Sermon “Alive for a Reason”

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Hymn #508 Love Lifted Me

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry,
From the waters lifted me—Now safe am I.

Refrain: Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me;
Love lifted me, Love lifted me,
When nothing else could help, Love lifted me.

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling,
In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. [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

Carl Snow

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

Offertory “This is My Father's World / How Deep the Father's Love”

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 #221 All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord

All praise to our redeeming Lord, who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored, together seek his face.

He bids us build each other up; and, gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope we hand in hand go on.

And if our fellowship below in Jesus be so sweet,
what greater blessings shall we know when round his throne we meet!

***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