

The Fred S. McCorkle Chapel

In June of 1923 the church purchased the triangular piece of property, on which it currently stands, for \$7,500. The lot included a house which was “to be used as a manse and the site for a church building or for such other purpose as might in the judgment of the officers and members seem expedient for the best interest of the Church.”

The Rev. Dr. D.M. Larson, Home Missions Superintendent for Knoxville Presbytery, served as supply pastor until January 22, 1928, when the Rev. Fred S. McCorkle began his pastorate. In September of that year, ground was broken for the construction of a church building; although it did not make significant progress until the spring of 1929, “that open hole in the ground lay there on the hillside through a long winter as a silent but effective witness that Fountain City Presbyterians had made a beginning and seriously expected to erect a church building.”

The formal opening of the new building was held October 30, 1929. The cost of the facility was \$15,000 and there were 125 members at this time; the building is now known as McCorkle Chapel. Rev. McCorkle served as pastor nearly 18 years; these were years of growth and outreach, struggle and difficulty, for they encompassed the depression years and the war years. Sunday Schools were started in Raccoon Valley and the Halls Crossroads area in the mid 1930’s. Crossroads Chapel, built in 1937, continued as an extension of the congregation of the Fountain City Presbyterian Church for several years.

Dr. McCorkle was characterized as “a Southern Gentleman, tireless worker, a man of great vision and patient determination... as near all things to all people as it is possible to be.. a true servant of God.” He left FCPC in July of 1946.

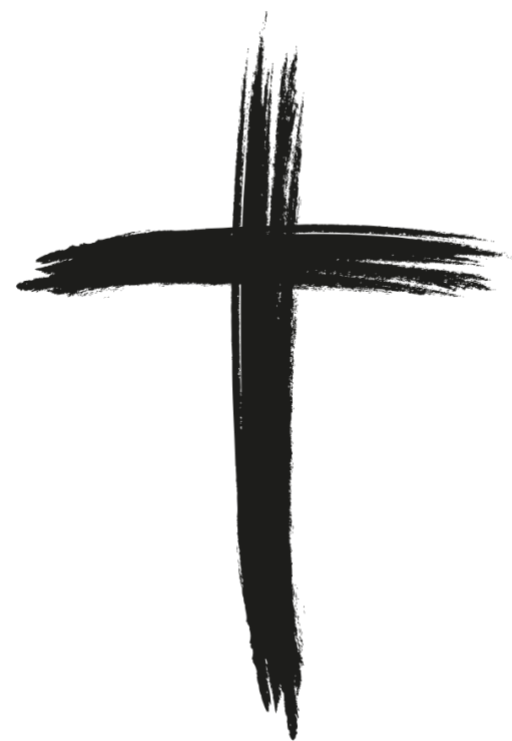
December 1, 1946, Dr. J. Witherspoon Dunlap became the pastor. During Dr. Dunlap’s years and a building/planning committee was named to build a new facility. The cornerstone was laid on May 21, 1950 and the formal opening of the new sanctuary was held on Sunday, January 21, 1951. (fountaincitypres.org)



FOUNTAIN CITY
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

ASH WEDNESDAY

March 5, 2025 | 6:00 PM



Dust thou art,
and to dust thou shalt return
– Genesis 3:19

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Isaiah 64

Leader: You, oh LORD, look after those who gladly do what's right

All: **They will praise You for Your wonderful deeds!**

Leader: But You were angry when we sinned

All: **You hid from us when we did wrong.**

Leader: We have all become unclean

All: **Our own "righteousness" is like filthy rags.**

Leader: All of us wither like a dried leaf

All: **Our sins carry us away like the wind**

Leader: But now, LORD, You are our father

All: **We are the clay and You are our potter**

Leader: Don't hold our sins against us forever

All: **Look on Your people, all of us**

HYMN *Change My Heart, O God (#654)*

Verse 1: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

Verse 2: You are the potter, I am the clay;
Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.

Verse 3: Change my heart, O God, make it ever true;
Change my heart, O God, may I be like You.

SCRIPTURE READING

Jonah 3

RESPONSIVE PENITENCE

from Isaiah 58

Leader: God says, "Is this the kind of fast I choose,
a day of self-affliction,

All: **A day of bowing your heads like reeds in the wind and
lying down in sackcloth and ashes?"**

Leader: "This is the kind of fast I choose, releasing wicked restraints

All: **Undoing shackles and setting the mistreated free**

Leader: Sharing your bread with the hungry and making sure people
have homes

All: **Making sure people have clothes and not hiding from
your own family."**

Leader: "Stop doing things your way, seeking what you want

All: **Stop doing whatever you think is right, going along with
business as usual**

Leader: Then you will delight in the LORD!"

All: **The mouth of the LORD has spoken**

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

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HYMN *Just As I Am (#488)*

Verse 1: Just as I am without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for
me and that Thou bidd'st come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Verse 2: Just as I am and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

Verse 3: Just as I am Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

CALL TO PRAYER

Leader: Let us pray for God's help to live out our repentance.

All: **God of Righteousness and Truth, we confess to each other
and to You that we have not loved You with our whole hearts. We
have strayed from Your word and wandered from Your ways,
bringing harm to our neighbors and ourselves. Yet You have made
atonement for us in Jesus, and in Him alone we have pure and holy
forgiveness for all our sins. Our words alone can't thank You
enough, so we pledge our lives to You, agreeing to live as our Lord
and Savior commanded us. And we begin that pledge by praying as
Jesus taught us saying:**

**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.**

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