

***\*Charge and Benediction***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

Leader: Go out into the world in peace; have courage; hold onto what is good; return no one evil for evil; send no one away; instead, feed all those who are hungry; support the weak; help the suffering; honor all people; love thy neighbor as thyself; love and serve the gracious and merciful Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***\*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***

- Greeters***            ***Diana Davis, Sue Wheeler***
- Ushers***             ***Barbara Riehl, Nancy Noel, David Noel***
- Liturgist***          ***Dan Rhea***
- Music***              ***Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble***
- Bridge Interim***   ***Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins***

***Announcements***

**First Day of School!** Good luck to all of our K-12 students and educators as they begin a new school year this week!

**The deadline for photos to be included in the printed version of the Church Directory is August 25th.** You can still upload photos after that but they will not be in the printed copies. If you need your photo taken or are having trouble uploading a photo please contact the office, [office@fountaincitypres.org](mailto:office@fountaincitypres.org). If you don't have a photo in the online directory by the 25<sup>th</sup> you will be a smiley face in the printed directory.

**Second Friday Presbyterians** will meet at The Local Smokey on Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



***August 6, 2023***

***Prelude***

***Word of Welcome***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

***Call to Worship***

*Dan Rhea*

Leader: Though there is strife in the world,

**All: Let us turn to the Lord.**

Leader: When our hearts grow heavy and the burdens are overbearing,

**All: Let us cast our cares upon the Lord.**

Leader: Our God is with us in all things.

**All: Let us trust in the God of love and hope.**

***\*Hymn #104***

O worship the King all-glorious above, and gratefully sing His wonderful love:  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

Thy bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail.  
Thy mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

***Ritual of Friendship***

*Dan Rhea*

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

***Call to Confession***

*Dan Rhea*

Leader: Our hearts long for God, and we know we fall short of God's glory, so let us now confess to God the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short of God's Grace.

***Prayer of Confession***

*Dan Rhea*

**All: O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, but very often we are blinded by our selfish desires. We have forgotten to trust you to provide, so we hoard what we have and neglect the needs of others. Forgive us, O Lord. Open our eyes to the abundance of our grace and love. We pray in Christ's name. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

### ***Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace***

*Dan Rhea*

Leader: Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

### ***\*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***

*Dan Rhea*

Leader: As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other. The peace of Christ be with you..

**All: And also with you!**

### ***Prayer of Illumination***

*Dan Rhea*

Leader: Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

### ***Psalm Reading Psalm 105:1-5***

*Dan Rhea*

### ***Blessing of the Backpacks (students and educators please come forward)***

*Don Grogan*

### ***Anthem At The Name Of Jesus***

Jesus, though He was God did not cling to His rights as God,  
but laid aside His mighty power, His mighty power and glory.  
Taking the form of a servant, and becoming like man.  
He humbled Himself, He humbled Himself,  
and became obedient unto death, even death on the cross!

At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,  
every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.  
At the name of Jesus, at the name of Jesus,  
every knee shall bow in heaven and in earth.

That every knee shall bow, and every tongue shall confess that Jesus Christ is Lord!  
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At the name of Jesus! At the name of Jesus!

### ***Gospel Reading Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***Sermon The Kind-dom of God***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***\*Affirmation of Faith from a Brief Statement of Faith***

*Dan Rhea*

**All: We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen**

### ***\*Hymn #462***

In remembrance of Me, eat this bread. In remembrance of Me, drink this wine,  
In remembrance of Me, pray for the time When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of Me, heal the sick. In remembrance of Me, feed the poor.  
In remembrance of Me, open the door And let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted; Drink and remember, too,  
That this is My body and precious blood Shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of Me, search for truth. In remembrance of Me, always love.  
In remembrance of Me, don't look above, But in your heart, look in your heart,  
Look in your heart for God. Do this in remembrance of Me.

### ***Communion***

#### ***Prayer after Communion & The Lord's Prayer***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

**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 2 Corinthians 9:7***

*Dan Rhea*

Leader: God loves a cheerful giver. Let us give with an open heart in order that God would bless and multiply it according to our needs. May we present our offerings to God.

#### ***Offertory Holy, Holy, Holy***

#### ***\*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***

*Dan Rhea*

**All: Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

#### ***\*Hymn Here in this Place (see insert)***

Here in this place, the new light is streaming; now is the darkness vanished away,  
see, in this space, our fears and our dreamings, brought here to you in the light of this day.  
Gather us in the lost and forsaken; gather us in the blind and the lame;  
call to us now, and we shall awaken; we shall arise at the sound of our name.

We are the young - our lives are a mystery. we are the old - who yearns for you face.  
we have been sung throughout all of history, called to be light to the whole human race.  
Gather us in the rich and the haughty; gather us in the proud and the strong;  
give us a heart so meek and so lowly; give us the courage to enter the song.

Here we will take the wine and the water; here we will take the bread of new birth.  
here you shall call your sons and your daughters, call us anew to be salt of the earth.  
Give us to drink the wine of compassion; give us to eat the bread that is you;  
nourish us well and teach us to fashion lives that are holy and hearts that are true.

Not in the dark of buildings confining, not in some heaven, light years away:  
but here in this place, the new light is shining; now is the kingdom, now is the day.  
Gather us in and hold us forever; gather us in and make us your own;  
gather us in all peoples together fire of love in our flesh and our bone.