

***Prayer after Offering**

Carolyn Gahan

All: God of all righteousness, receive these gifts of gratitude, the offerings of our lives. Purify them with your refining fire so that they may serve your purposes and shine with your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn #245 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer our spirits by Thine advent here.
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night, and death's dark shadows put to flight.

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to you, O Israel.

O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, and order all things far and nigh.
To us the path of knowledge show and cause us in her ways to go. [Refrain]

O come, desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind.
Bid envy, strife, and quarrels cease; Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.[Refrain]

***Charge**

Jack Thomas

About that day and hour no one knows. Therefore keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. Be ready, for the Lord will come at an unexpected hour.

***Benediction**

Andy Morgan

***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 *Monty Montgomery, Sue Wheeler*
Ushers *Barbara Riehl, Bob Davis*
Liturgist *Carolyn Gahan, Jack Thomas, Maggie, April and Ben Lamb*
Music *Bob Eubanks, Krista Heilmeier, George Hill, Carl Snow, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
Minister *Dr. Andy Morgan*

Announcements

UKirk (meaning "University Church") at the University of TN, is a mission of the Presbytery of East Tennessee, the Presbyterian Church (USA), and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. Located right on campus in a beautiful brick house, UKirk provides a "home away from home" for students. It is a space to study, fellowship, serve, explore their faith, and just be. At UKirk UTK, we believe that every person, without qualification, should have the opportunity for God's amazing love to be made known to them. We believe all people are invited to Christ's table, not to fit in, but rather to bring their honest, authentic, and, at times, broken selves to experience the grace of God. UKirk UTK is a place where everyone belongs and students know they are loved by God and others.

Fountain City Lions Club is now holding its annual bicycle drive for Mission of Hope's service project in Northeastern Tennessee and Southeastern Kentucky. The Club has done this for a number of years in memory of Bill and Wanda William's son Michael. The Club's goal is to furnish 60 each girl's and boy's bike with the cost of \$50 each. FCPC has always set the "gold standard" in the Fountain City church community for this project. Checks can be mailed to Fountain City Lions Club, PO Box 5276, zip code 37928-0276 or to the Church office. Please contact Dan Rhea, Don Grogan or Bob Davis if you have questions. The Club sincerely appreciates your support of this project.

Don't think you have the skills to serve in Belize? Think again. Your talents soon become revealed, and God has big ways to use you. Can you hug, make a sandwich, listen, hammer, pray, read, paint, hug, smile, and hug some more? You are qualified! Come to the informational meeting Jan 10 at 6pm to learn more.



**Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022**

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Andy Morgan

Minute for Mission – UKirk UTK

Zach Wright

Choir

O come, O come, Emmanuel
And ransom captive Israel
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the Son of God appear

Lighting of the Candle of Peace

Maggie, April, and Ben Lamb

One: We are a people who walk in darkness.

All: We long for Christ's light.

One: We are a people who are weary.

All: We long for a world filled with peace.

One: We are a people whose hearts break under the weight of a hurting and unjust world.

All: Comfort us. Awaken us. Help us watch for the coming of Christ.

Leader: Watch and wait for Christ's coming! Light candles of hope, peace, joy, and love, remembering the promises of God with prayer.

Hear God's promise of a coming world of peace from the prophet Isaiah:

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

Today we light the second candle of Advent. And we light this candle for peace.

All: O God, awaken us to your emerging peace, that we may become the peacemakers that you have created and called us to be. God of promise, God of Peace, into our darkness come. Amen.

Congregation

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel**

Carolyn Gahan

Call to Worship

Leader: A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots.

All: We watch and we wait.

Leader: The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

All: We watch and we wait.

Leader: He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor and decide with equity for the meek of the earth.

All: We watch and we wait, longing for the world the Prince of Peace will bring.

Leader: With expectant hearts, let us worship God.

Prayer of the Day

Leader: Speaking God, In a world that is so busy and loud, it's hard to hear anything over the chaos. We are desperate for the hope, peace, joy, and love that you beckon us to hear. In this hour of worship, quiet our minds and still our hearts that we may hear and respond to your still speaking Word today. In the name of Jesus Christ, the Word incarnate, we pray. Amen.

Jack Thomas

****Hymn Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates***

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

Redeemer, come, I open wide; my heart to thee; here, Lord abide.
let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me, reveal..

Ritual of Friendship

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

Andy Morgan

Call to Confession

Leader: God desires that we experience the peace of Christ's redemptive love, a love that breaks through our facades and walls and frees us from shame and guilt. Trusting in God's love for us, let us open ourselves to God's peace as we confess who we are and our need for God's forgiveness.

Carolyn Gahan

Prayer of Confession

All: God of Peace, We are a weary people who long for your peace but are unwilling to let your peace disrupt the placid waters of our lives. We have become complacent to injustice in our world, hunger and pain in our communities, brokenness in our families. We dare not speak up for the voiceless because a word of justice might startle. We hide our gaze from those who are hungry and hurting as their plight might cause us discomfort. Our energies are spent keeping our waters calm, rather than working as your called and equipped peacemakers. Trouble our waters and help us to recognize the good news of your peace as we work for justice and joy in all areas of our lives. Amen.

Carolyn Gahan

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Leader: Siblings in Christ,
May God's forgiveness trouble our waters of shame, disrupt the pools of guilt in our lives, and unsettle our acceptance of lives devoid of conflict over the peace God calls us to accept and embody. May you know that you are forgiven and live disruptive lives of peace.

Jack Thomas

****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: Beloved, we are all claimed by God and our sins are forgiven, for God is merciful and just.
All: Therefore, may we be reconciled to the Lord and to one another, walking in the light of Christ.
Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
All: And also with you.

Jack Thomas

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: Holy One, through your Holy Spirit instruct us by the light of your prophets. Illumine our hearts, that we may hear your call to become your path into the world. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Carolyn Gahan

Old Testament Reading Isaiah 11:1-10

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Epistle Reading Romans 15:4-13

Children's Sermon

Worship - Anthem

[Refrain]

Wade in the water, Wade in the water, children,
Wade in the water, God's a-going to trouble the water

See that host all dressed in white, God's a-going to trouble the water
The leader looks like the Israelite, God's a-going to trouble the water [Refrain]

Kobe Wheeler - solo

See that band all dressed in red, God's a-going to trouble the water
Looks like the band that Moses led, God's a-going to trouble the water [Refrain]

Evelyn Spencer - solo

Look over yonder, what do you see? God's a-going to trouble the water
The Holy Ghost a-coming on me, God's a-going to trouble the water [Refrain]

Ethan Hogan - solo

If you don't believe I've been redeemed, God's a-going to trouble the water
Just follow me down to the Jordan's stream, God's a-going to trouble the water [Refrain]

Gospel Reading Luke 3:1-5

Andy Morgan

Sermon Hope in Unexpected Places

Andy Morgan

****Affirmation of Faith (Confession of 1967 9.25)***

Carolyn Gahan

All: The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But they have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Their strength is in their confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.

****Hymn On Jordan's Bank The Baptists Cry***

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry announces that the Lord is nigh.
Awake and harken, for he brings glad tidings of the King of kings!

Then cleansed be every life from sin: make straight the way for God within,
and let us all our hearts prepare for Christ to come and enter there.

We hail you as our Savior, Lord, our refuge and our great reward.
Without your grace we waste away like flowers that wither and decay.

Stretch forth your hand, our health restore, and make us rise to fall no more.
O let your face upon us shine and fill the world with love divine

Prayer & The Lord's Prayer

Andy Morgan

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

Jack Thomas

Leader: Present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Give with pure hearts.

Offertory Wade In The Water – Carl Snow, Guitar

****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**