

Greeters *Diana Davis, Sue Wheeler*
Ushers *Barbara Riehl, Nancy Noel, David Noel*
Liturgist *Carl Snow*
Music *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
Interim Pastor *Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

Announcements

**Pastor Carl will be out of the office January 10th through 14th.
 Rev. Ann Myers will be preaching on Sunday, January 14th.**

Grandma's Pajamas is back this Wednesday at 9am in the Fireside Room.

Second Friday Presbyterians will meet at Local Smokey on January 12th at 6pm

If you haven't taken the Vision Task Force's Congregational Survey please do so soon! There is an insert in your bulletin if you prefer to hand write your responses or you can scan the QR code to take it electronically.

2024 Lunch Bunch Dates and Locations are here! Want to join them sometime? They meet in the church parking lot at 10:30am on the scheduled day to ride the van over or carpool together. Anytime you plan

to join just let Susan Espiritu know so she can make the reservation, susanespiritu86@gmail.com
 Reminders will be in the Weekly Word as well!

January 18th – Conner's in Turkey Creek

February 15th – El Chicos on Merchants

March 21st – Lakeside Tavern

April 18th – Seasons on Parkside Dr.

May 16th – Emmas Southern Kitchen

June 20th – Picnic at Norris State Park Pavilion (families welcome!)

July 18th – Chop House

August 15th Calhouns in Oak Ridge

September 19th – Tupelo Honey

October 24th – Mama's Farmhouse in Pigeon Forge

November 21st – Olive Garden

December 12th – Second Annual Lunch Bunch Christmas

It's not too late to turn in your pledge! Please turn your pledges in to the offering plate or scan this QR Code to submit it electronically! We have received 57 pledges of our 155 family units for a total of \$380,360. We need everyone's participation in order to reach our asking budget of approximately \$500,000. Big or small, when we come together we can achieve our goal. Thank you for your faithful support of Fountain City Presbyterian Church, here's to the next 100 years!



**Baptism of the Lord
 January 7, 2024**

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Stewardship Moment

Brett Miller

Call to Worship

Carl Snow

Leader: A voice is calling, "Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness!"

All: Grade and smooth the road!

Leader: Then the glory of the LORD will appear, and all will see it together!

All: For the mouth of the LORD has said it.

***Hymn #12 Praise Him! Praise Him!**

Praise Him, Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer! Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!

Hail Him, hail Him! Highest archangels in glory! Strength and honor give to his holy name!

Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children. In His arms He carries them all day long.

Refrain:

Praise Him, Praise Him! tell of His excellent greatness. Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.

Praise Him, Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer! For our sins, He suffered, and bled, and died.

He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation, hail Him, hail Him! Jesus, the crucified.

Sound His praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows, love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong. [Refrain]

Praise Him, Praise Him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer! Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!

Jesus, Savior, reigneth forever and ever! Crown Him, crown Him! prophet, and priest, and king!

Christ is coming, over the world victorious. Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong. [Refrain]

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 says, "I, even I, am the LORD; and there is no savior besides Me." Let's pray to the One who alone can save us from our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Carl Snow

All: Heavenly Father, we want to start this year out on a good path. Help us understand Your salvation better, to know more of what makes Your grace so amazing. And as our understanding and experience of Your steadfast love grows, help us to live in ways that show it, for we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, AMEN.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Carl Snow

God says, "I have removed your offenses like a thick cloud, and your sins like a heavy fog. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you!"

****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***

Carl Snow

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

All: And also with you

Anthem I Wonder How I Wander Appalachian Tune

Solo, Jacob Altrock

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
for poor or'ry people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

When Mary birthed Jesus, 'twas in a cow's stall with wise men and farmers and shepherd and all.
but high from God's heaven a star's light did fall, and the promise of ages it did then recall.

If Jesus had wanted for any wee thing, a star in the sky, or a bird on the wing,
or all of God's angels in heaven for to sing, he surely could have it, 'cause he was the King.

I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die
for poor or'ry people like you and like I; I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Scripture Reading Matthew 3:1-4

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Sermon What do you see?

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Hymn #688 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us***

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.

We are Thine, do Thou befriend us, Be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, Seek us when we go astray:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Hear, O hear us when we pray.

Thou hast promised to receive us, Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, Grace to cleanse, and pow'r to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to Thee.

Early let us seek Thy favor, Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior, With Thy love our beings fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Thou hast loved us, love us still.

****Affirmation of Faith - The Apostles' Creed***

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

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.

The Invitation

Holy Communion

Words of Institution

Serving of the Bread and Cup

Prayer after Communion & 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 worship God with our tithes and offerings.

Offertory

****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 #562 Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

****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