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Announcements

Called Congregational Meeting - A brief Congregational meeting will be held immediately after the worship service on Sunday, July 30, 2023, for the purpose of filling the vacancy on the Session in the class of 2024, after Charles Graves' move to Kansas City. The Officer Nominating Committee has nominated Denna Grogan to fill that position, however the floor will be open for additional nominations. Nominations require the assent of the nominee, and if additional nominations are made from the floor, a later meeting will be scheduled to hold the vote.

New Church Directory is live! You can access it from the church website under the resources tab or in the Weekly Word eNews. If you have trouble logging in please email Jaclyn at office@fountaincitypres.org

The Ordination and Installation of Lyn Oakley will take place today, July 23rd, at 3pm at Washington Presbyterian Church. Lyn invites all who wish to attend this very important step in her calling toward ordained ministry. At this service Lyn will answer the Constitutional Questions of the PC(USA) for ordination and will officially become Reverend Lyn Oakley.

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Call to Worship

Leader: God's Spirit gathers us; we are not alone.

All: God's Spirit calls us; we discern God's will together.

Leader: God's Spirit sends us to shine like the sun,

All: bearing witness to Christ our Savior

Shelley Miller

Introit This Is The Day the Lord Has Made

FCPC Choral Ensemble

****Hymn #210 Praise To The Lord***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him;
Let the Amen sound from His people again,
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

Ritual of Friendship

Shelley Miller

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

Call to Confession 1 John 1:8

Shelley Miller

Leader: "If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." Sin is our stumbling block before God. Repentance clears our path to hear and receive God's truth. Let us confess our sins together.

Prayer of Confession

Shelley Miller

All: Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Shelley Miller

Leader: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to shine like the sun to the glory of God. In the name of 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***

Shelley Miller

Leader: As God has poured out the grace of forgiveness and love and peace through Christ, let us also share that grace among ourselves. The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Prayer of Illumination

Shelley Miller

Leader: Illuminate us, O God. Bless us with ears to hear your truth, vision to discern your path, and feet ready to move into action, responding to your call. Guide us and inspire us in this moment of proclamation. Amen

Psalm Reading Psalm 139:1-12

Shelley Miller

Solo Give Me Jesus

Allison Carroll

Traditional Spiritual/Hayes

Oh, when I come to die, Oh, when I come to die,
Oh, when I come to die, give me Jesus.

Refrain:

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus,
You may have all this world; Give me Jesus.

Dark midnight was my cry, dark midnight was my cry,
dark midnight was my cry, give me Jesus. [Refrain]

You may have all this world, with its' troubles and cares,
for of this I am sure, Give me Jesus. [Refrain]

Gospel Reading Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Sermon Wheat and Weeds

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

****Affirmation of Faith Apostle's Creed***

Shelley Miller

All: 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

****Hymn #186 Lord, Be Glorified***

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my home, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my home, Lord, be glorified today.

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified.
In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

Prayer & 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

Shelley Miller

Leader: God dwells among us making all things new. Let us participate in this new creation by offering our gifts to God.

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***

Shelley Miller

All: We present this offering to you, O God, grateful for your radical hospitality and steadfast love. Use them to further your will and transform our world into your new, redeemed creation. Amen.

****Hymn #581 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, and to take him at his word;
just to rest upon his promise, and to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

Refrain:

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
and in simple faith to plunge me neath the healing, cleansing flood! [Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace. [Refrain]

****Charge and Benediction***

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Leader: God's Spirit sends us. We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior. May the nourishment of God's Word, the bond of Christian community, and the guidance of God's Holy Spirit fortify us for faithful lives of discipleship. 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