

**\*Charge and Benediction**

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

Leader: May you be strengthened for the week ahead by the joy we have shared this day. May the words of hope resonate the whole weeklong. May you live for the glory of God. And may the triune God surround us with love and care our whole lives long. 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** Susan Espiritu, Gail Giffin  
**Ushers** Darlene Miller, Joe Schnorr, Linda Schnorr, Brian Cartledge  
**Liturgist** Meghan Tidwell  
**Music** Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble  
**Bridge Interim** Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

**Announcements**

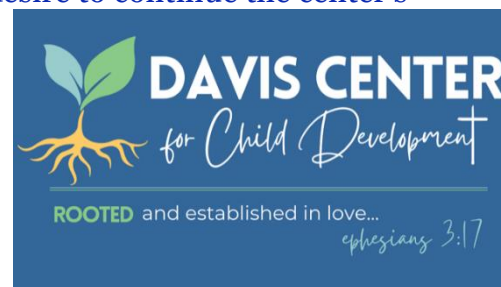
**Swing Time in the Summer, July 15<sup>th</sup> 5-7pm** on the church lawn. There will be free food, live music from the Ensemble Swing Time Band, fellowship and lots of fun! Bring a lawn chair or blanket! We will be collecting canned goods, peanut butter, cereal and school supplies for the Fountain City Ministry Center.

**Davis Center for Child Development:** Over the past few years, little has remained consistent in the center apart from unwavering support from the church and a strong desire to continue the center's mission established 28 years ago.

We are always looking for volunteers to read to our children, and can always use a helping hand in our classrooms. Any member with a special talent they would like to share with our children is welcome as well, from playing an instrument to teaching new words in another language. We also have monthly themes like community helpers in October and transportation in November, that could always use volunteers to come speak to our kids.

If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to Jessica at [davis.center.cd@gmail.com](mailto:davis.center.cd@gmail.com) or call the center at 865-687-0815. Anyone who plans on volunteering more than 12 hours per year should undergo a background check, contact Jessica for more information. No volunteer is ever left alone with children so please do not have any concern about being responsible for the children when volunteering.

**New Church Directory** Our church directory is available to view on your computer or via an app on your smart phone! Instant Church Directory - the program we used to build our church directory - has a member website and app! There is a link in the weekly word or you can go to the church website under resources and click on "Church Directory". If you have trouble logging in email [office@fountaincitypres.org](mailto:office@fountaincitypres.org) for help.



FOUNTAIN CITY  
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CHURCH  
1923-2023

*July 9, 2023*

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

**Minute for Mission**

*Susan Espiritu*

**Call to Worship**

*Meghan Tidwell*

Leader: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

**All: We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.**

Leader: As we worship, we remember,

**All: that we are the family of faith together!**

**\*Hymn #56 To God Be The Glory**

To God be the glory, great things he hath done: so loved he the world that he gave us his son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the lifegate that all may go in.

Refrain:

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he hath done.

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to ev'ry believer the promise of God.  
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon receives. [Refrain]

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. [Refrain]

**Ritual of Friendship**

*Meghan Tidwell*

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

**Call to Confession**

*Meghan Tidwell*

Leader: When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Relying on God's abundant grace, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

### ***Prayer of Confession***

*Meghan Tidwell*

**All: Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

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

*Meghan Tidwell*

Leader: Hear the Good News! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**All: Thanks be to God! 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***

*Meghan Tidwell*

Leader: God's love for us is the foundation of our lives as people and as a people. Let us respond to this love by sharing it with one another, assured of God's everlasting love in our lives and in our midst. The peace of Christ be with you all.

**All: And also with you!**

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

*Meghan Tidwell*

Leader: Gracious God, for generations, your Word has brought love and life to your people. Speak to us now; we pray that we may hear, and in hearing, we may be transformed. Amen.

### ***Epistle Reading Romans 7:15-25a***

*Meghan Tidwell*

### ***Anthem Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Hayes***

*Solo, Evelyn Spencer*

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.  
Praise His name I'm fixed upon it Name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto Thy love has blest me; Thou hast brought me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger, Bo't me with His precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;  
here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above.

### ***Gospel Reading Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***Sermon Heavy Burden***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***\*Affirmation of Faith (from the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith)***

*Meghan Tidwell*

**All: Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.**

### ***\*Hymn #89 Jesus, The Very Thought of Thee***

Jesus, the very thought of Thee With sweetness fills the breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, And in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem'ry find  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind!

O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

Bur what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show;  
The love of Jesus, what it is, None but His loved ones know.

Jesus, our only joy be Thou, As Thou our prize will be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, And through eternity.

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

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***Call for Offering***

*Meghan Tidwell*

Leader: In response to God's gracious action in our lives, we are called to give an offering to God. Our offering to God is our whole lives, including a part of what we have. Let us give an offering to God for God's purposes in our community and the world.

### ***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***

*Meghan Tidwell*

**All: Thank you, God, for all that we have and all that we are. We take these gifts given today and dedicate them ever and only to you. Amen.**

### ***\*Hymn #526 The Solid Rock***

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain:

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand: all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;  
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood;  
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found:  
dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]