

## Fountain City Presbyterian Church

*Faithfully Listening, Boldly Following*

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### Serving Today

**Greeters:** Diana Davis, Sue Wheeler

**Ushers:** Barbara Riehl, Nancy Noel, David Noel

**Liturgist:** Carolyn Gahan

**Music:** FCPC Choral Ensemble, Hunter Wilburn

**Tech Team:** Mac Holland, Thomas Rader, Brett Miller

**Faithful Friends** (Children's Worship): Susan Espiritu, April Lamb

**Nursery:** Laurismar Wrinkle, Laura Wrinkle

### **Announcements**

**Pastor Carl will be out of the office March 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Women's Fellowship**, Easter Painting, March 17<sup>th</sup> after worship. No painting skills - no problem! Ashley Kromer will help guide us through the process and you'll leave with a piece of work to call your own! Lunch and all supplies will be provided. Please RSVP to Shelley Miller by Monday, March 11th.

**Annual Community Egg Hunt and Lunch**, Mark your calendars for March 24<sup>th</sup> immediately following the Palm Sunday Worship Service.

**Food, Faith, Fellowship – F3**, our new Wednesday Evening Program! We will gather each Wednesday from March 20<sup>th</sup> through April 24<sup>th</sup> from 6:00pm to 7:45pm for dinner and a lesson. More information to come so, stay tuned!

**Holy Week, March 24<sup>th</sup> – March 31<sup>st</sup>**

**Palm Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>** – Palm Sunday Service, 10:30am and Community Easter Egg Hunt and lunch after worship

**Maundy Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Service with Communion, 7:00pm

**Good Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>** – Worship Service, 7:00pm

**Easter Sunrise Service, March 31<sup>st</sup>** – Worship and Breakfast at the Robertson's, 7:00am. Please bring a chair or blanket.

**Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>** – Worship Service, 10:30am



**Third Sunday in Lent**

*March 3, 2024*

### **Prelude**

### **Word of Welcome**

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

### **Call to Worship**

Leader: God has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich empty away

**All: God has helped His servant Israel, remembering His mercy**

Leader: Just as He promised our ancestors

**All: To Abraham and to Abraham's descendants forever**

### **\*Hymn #182 For The Beauty of the Earth**

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain:

Lord of all, to Thee we Raise., this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,  
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain ]

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

### **Ritual of Friendship**

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

*Carolyn Gahan*

### **Call to Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God.

*Carolyn Gahan*

### **Prayer of Confession**

Leader: Lord, on Sinai you gave the law to Moses and completed it through Christ; write your law in our hearts that we may not stray from Your ways, but be faithful to your covenant.

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May Your church not be known for scandal and hypocrisy, but for love and truth

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May we create communities not of anger and inequity, but where people care for each other and work for the good of all.

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May children grow up free from anxiety and fear, knowing safety and nurture

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May youth learn to bless the world with who they are, not create false worlds to feel accepted

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May workers produce value with meaning and dignity, not grind out profits for the wealthy

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May aging bring perspective and a richness of blessing others

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May we live in ways that make this world better when we leave it than it was when we entered it

**All: Lord, have mercy on us**

Leader: May Your mercy be upon us O God, and the grace of Jesus Christ cleanse us, and the comfort of the Holy Spirit fill us

**All: Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

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

Leader: God is rich in mercy. He brought us to life with Christ while we were dead as a result of those things we did wrong. He did this because of His great love for us. You are saved by grace!

*Carolyn Gahan*

### ***\*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: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

**All: And also with you**

*Carolyn Gahan*

### ***Anthem Before The Throne of God Above***

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great high Priest whose Name is Love, Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands. My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heaven He stands, No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there the risen Lamb, My perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself, I cannot die, My Soul is purchased be His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.

One with Himself, I cannot die, My Soul is purchased be His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

### ***Children are dismissed at this time for Faithful Friends (Children's Worship)***

*Children age 5 through 8<sup>th</sup> grade*

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

***Scripture Reading Matthew 16:5-12***

***Sermon Whole Grain***

### ***\*Hymn #413 Break Thou the Bread of Life (verses 1, 3, 4)***

Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee, Lord;  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word!

Open Thy word of truth that I may see  
Thy message written clear and plain for me;  
Then in sweet fellowship, walking with Thee,  
Thine image on my life engraved will be.

Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, my all in all.

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

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**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***

*Carolyn Gahan*

Leader: Let's worship God with our tithes and offerings.

### ***Offertory "Intermezzo Sinfonico"***

*Hunter Wilburn -Violin, Nancy Wells – Piano*

*P. Mascagni*

### ***\*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 #560 More About Jesus (vs. 1, 2, 3)***

More about Jesus would I know, More of His grace to others show;  
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

Refrain:

More, more about Jesus, More, more about Jesus;  
More of His saving fullness see, More of His love who died for me.

More about Jesus let me learn, More of His holy will discern;  
Spirit of God, my teacher be, Showing the things of Christ to me. [Refrain]

More about Jesus in His Word, Holding communion with my Lord;  
Hearing His voice in ev'ry line, Making each faithful saying mine. [Refrain]

### ***\*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***