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Liturgist *Carl Snow*
Music *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
Bridge Interim *Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

Announcements

WOW is BACK for two weeks! Mark your calendar for Welcome on Wednesday, November 29th and December 6th. These two weeks of WOW will focus on Advent and Christmas. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm, \$10 per person with a \$30 max per family. Stay tuned for how to RSVP for dinner in the coming weeks!

Help us build a handicap ramp for a neighbor in need! A Fountain City neighbor has recently had a leg amputated. The Mission Team is seeking volunteers to help build a desperately needed wheelchair ramp for this family on Friday, December 1 and Saturday, December 2. There will be a morning shift (9:00AM to noon) and afternoon shift (1:00PM to 3:00PM) on both days. The Friday crews will install posts, beams and joists. The Saturday crews will install decking boards and railings. Volunteers should bring work gloves, a water bottle (additional water for refills will be available at the work site), sunscreen, a hat, and lawn chair to use at lunch. If you have them, bring a tool belt or pouch, battery powered drill, or impact driver with T-25 (Torx or star) bits. This will be a family friendly event. There will be tasks for both skilled and unskilled volunteers. There will be tasks that children can help with. Children under 13 must be accompanied by their parents. Volunteers are also needed to provide lunch, snacks, and water. Sign up on the website by clicking on "Serve" in the top menu.

Renew. Reconnect. Reimagine. Recreate. As we embark on our 2nd century in service to the congregants of Fountain City Presbyterian Church and the members of the Fountain City community, we find ourselves at a time of transition and one of incredible opportunity. The theme for this year's campaign is *Renew. Reconnect. Reimagine. Recreate.* We feel that this theme captures the excitement of the opportunity laid before us, and challenges us to rise to the occasion with the creativity, openness, and positive attitude necessary to achieve the needs of the moment. Please complete and return your pledge card to the church by either placing it in an offering plate, returning it to the church office, or completing the online form available through the QR code by December 10th. Please prayerfully consider your contribution to the general fund, knowing that it will not only help fund the creative vision of the future, but also support the congregational and pastoral care, worship services, and missions we have come to know and love as part of Fountain City Presbyterian Church.



November 26, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Call to Worship

Carl Snow

Leader: How good is the God we adore,
People: Our faithful, unchangeable Friend!
 Leader: God's love is as great as His power,
People: And neither has measure nor end!

*Hymn #365 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise:
 sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
 He, who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
 Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Now the iron bars are broken, Christ from death to life is born,
 glorious life, and life immortal, on the holy Easter morn.
 Christ has triumphed, and we conquer by His mighty enterprise;
 we with Him to life eternal by His resurrection rise.

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: But God shows His love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us confess our sin to God.

Prayer of Confession *(adapted from a poem by Bryan Jeffrey Leech)*

Carl Snow

**All: Kind and merciful God, we've neglected Your Word
 And the Truth that would guide us aright;
 We have lived in the shade of the dark we have made,
 When You willed us to walk in the Light.
 To redeem us from loss, in Christ's death on the cross
 You provided a cleansing from sin.
 Speak the words that forgive, that henceforth we may live
 By the urge of Your Spirit within, AMEN.**

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Pardon

Carl Snow

Leader: But now, thanks to Christ Jesus, you who were once shut out have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

****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

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Anthem Every Valley

Scripture Reading Psalm 100

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Sermon Cause and Effect

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Hymn #169 Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart***

Rejoice, Ye pure in heart, rejoice, give thanks, and sing;
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain:

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

With all the angel choirs, with all the saints on earth,
Pour out the strains of joy and bliss, True rapture, noblest mirth! [Refrain]

Yes, on through life's long path, Still chanting as ye go; ,
From youth to age, by night and day, In gladness and in woe; [Refrain]

Still lift your standard high, Still march in firm array;
As warriors through the darkness toil till dawns the golden day. [Refrain]

Praise God, who reigns on high, the Lord whom we adore:
the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, one God forevermore. [Refrain]

Prayer & 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: Since God loves us so much, we too ought to love one another. Let's show it 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 #797 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come***

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home;
all is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin.
God our Maker doth provide for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit as praise to God we yield;
wheat and tares together sown are to joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear;
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the harvest home;
from the field shall in that day all offenses purge away,
giving angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast;
but the fruitful ears to store in the garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
there, forever purified, in thy presence to abide;
come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

****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