

Greeters *Diana Davis, Sue Wheeler*
Ushers *Barbara Riehl, Don Grogan, Teresa Brittain*
Liturgist *Carl Snow*
Music *Hunter Wilburn, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
Interim Pastor *Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

Announcements

Disciple Class will resume this Monday, October 2nd. Monday mornings 10:30am to 12pm and Monday evenings 6:30 to 8pm. The class will be studying Genesis to Exodus for 12 weeks of intensive Bible study. If you have questions please reach out to Carl Snow, carlsnow19@comcast.net.

Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for October 8, 2023, to receive and consider nominations for election to Session; the Officer Nominating Committee has nominated Susan Espiritu, Mike Lamb, Shelley Miller, Amy Ogden and Alyx Wheeler.

Church Work Day, October 7th at 9am! It is a BYE week for the Vols so bring that big orange energy and come on over to the church to help get the building and the grounds cleaned up! Snacks and a sandwich lunch will be provided! Please bring any yard tools you have and make sure your name is on them in case they are used by others. If you have any tasks at the church you think need attention please contact Mike Lamb so he can evaluate, lambdm@comcast.net

Community Pancake Breakfast October 21st 8:30 – 10am in the Fellowship Hall. This is a FREE breakfast open to the community. Bring your family, neighbors and friends!

Family Fall Festival at the Robertsons, November 11th at 2pm. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more information!



FOUNTAIN CITY
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World Communion Sunday
October 1, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Call to Worship

Carl Snow

Leader: All Your creations wait for You

People: You give them their food in time

Leader: When You give it to them, they gather it up

People: When You open Your hand, they are filled completely full!

***Hymn #63 All Creatures Of Our God And King (vs. 1, 4, 5)**

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care;
O praise Him, O praise Him! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,
O praise Him, O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Ritual of Friendship

*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: David said, “I love the LORD because He hears my cries for mercy.” Apparently love DOES mean having to say you’re sorry, so let’s confess our sin together that we might better know God’s love.

Prayer of Confession

Carl Snow

All: It’s an old story God: You give us good things and we mess it up. That’s how we’ve been, from Adam and Eve on down. Forgive us for thinking sin is other people’s problem. Help us to know what lane we should be in and to stay in it better, for we pray in Jesus’ name, AMEN.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Carl Snow

Leader: What can I give back to the LORD for all the good things He has done for me? I'll lift up the cup of salvation, I'll call on the LORD's Name.

****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 As Long As I Have Breath

As long as I have breath, I will praise Thee, Lord. As long as I have life, let my soul rejoice.
In times of sore distress; in times of loneliness; as long as I have breath, I will praise Thee, Lord.

As long as I have breath, I will bless Thee, Lord. As long as life is mine, I will sing Thy song.
Thy joy brings forth my praise; Thy peace fills all my days; as long as I have breath, I will praise Thee, Lord.

Let me know Thy loving kindness ev'ry day, as You walk beside me pointing out the way.
As long as I have being, I will trust in Thee; Thou art my God; I lift my soul to Thee!

As long as I have breath, I will serve Thee, Lord. As long as life is mine, I'll exalt Thy word.
And when this life shall pass, and I'm at home at last; Thru all eternity, I will praise Thee, Lord.

Prayer for Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Scripture Reading Matthew 12:15-30

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Sermon Attracting Gentiles

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Hymn #207 We Have Come To Join In Worship

We have come to join in worship And adore the Lord our God.
Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak His mighty Word.
All is vain unless the Spirit Of the Holy One comes down.
Christians, pray and holy manna Will be showered all around.

See them gather all around you, Those He bought at such a cost;
See the weary, see the hurting, See the lonely, see the lost.
Be His hand, and touch the needy; Be His gospel, let it sound!
Be His body, and sweet manna Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; Let us love each other, too.
Let us care for all His people Till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; At His banquet we'll sit down;
Christ Himself will rise and serve us Living manna all around.

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: If God has given us this church to do His work, let's support it with our gifts.

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 #429 They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other. We will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side
We will work with each other, we will work side by side
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, his only son,
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one.
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

****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