

**Greeters** Susan Espiritu, Gail Giffin  
**Ushers** Darlene Miller, Joe Schnorr, Linda Schnorr, Brian Cartledge  
**Liturgist** Shelley Miller  
**Music** Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble  
**Interim Pastor** Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

### Announcements

**Community Pancake Breakfast October 21<sup>st</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> at 2pm.** Do you think your pumpkin pie recipe is the best? What about your chili? Do you love to bake and want to share the wealth with other bakers? Do you love bluegrass music and hayrides? If you answered yes to any of those questions then you are going to love our Family Fall Festival! We are having a pumpkin pie contest, chili cookoff and cookie swap as well as hayrides, bluegrass music, lots of fellowship and the UT vs. Mizzou game streaming on the TV! There is a sign up form on the website if you click on “events” in the top menu bar and a link to the sign up sheet in the Weekly Word.

**Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting for today, October 8, 2023,** immediately after the service. This meeting has been scheduled in order 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.

**Did you know you can tithe online?** Scan this QR code with your smart phone camera and it will take you straight to our online tithing. Don't know how to scan it? Ask a friend around you!

**Davis Center Fall Fest, Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30pm**  
Music, games, food and prizes! If you can volunteer to help please see Susan Espiritu. Thanks in advance!

**Presbytery of East Tennessee Small & Mighty Youth Board Game Olympics, October 15<sup>th</sup>**  
from 5-7:30 at Farragut Presbyterian Church. Dinner will be served!



**October 8, 2023**

**Prelude** Holy, Holy Holy

Laura Gustafson – Bells, Nancy Wells - Piano

**Word of Welcome**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

**Call to Worship**

Shelley Miller

Leader: Help us Thy holy law to learn

**People: To mourn our sin and from it turn**

Leader: In faith to Thee and to Thy Son

**People: And Holy Spirit, Three in One**

**\*Hymn #370 Jesus Shall Reign**

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,  
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.

**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**

Shelley Miller

Leader: God shows real love to us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us turn to that love and confess our sins.

***Prayer of Confession***

*Shelley Miller*

**All: Almighty God, there are no secrets from You. Your gaze cuts through our best defense. It’s time to stop pretending, and to throw ourselves on Your mercy. The truth is that we are somewhere on the spectrum between slipping and outright face plant in our walk with You and our neighbors. May the blood of Jesus wash the dust off, may Your Holy Spirit give us proper strength, and may we walk forward in line with Your Word and Will for our lives. AMEN.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

***Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace***

*Shelley Miller*

Leader: Therefore, being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus 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***

*Shelley Miller*

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all

**All: And also with you**

***Anthem “I Surrender All”***

***Prayer of Illumination***

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

***Scripture Reading Isaiah 2:1-5***

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

***Sermon Productive Work***

*Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*

***\*Hymn #549 Higher Ground***

I’m pressing on the upward way, New heights I’m gaining ev’ry day;  
Still praying as I’m onward bound, “Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.”

Refrain:

Lord, lift me up, and let me stand By faith, on heaven’s tableland;  
A higher plane than I have found, Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay Where doubts arise and fears dismay;  
Though some may dwell where these abound, My prayer, my aim, is higher ground. [Refrain]

I want to live above the world, Though Satan’s darts at me are hurled;  
For faith has caught a joyful sound, The song of saints on higher ground. [Refrain]

I want to scale the utmost height, And catch a gleam of glory bright;  
But still I’ll pray till heav’n I’ve found, “Lord, lead me on to higher ground.” [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***

*Shelley Miller*

Leader: In gratitude to God, let’s support this church with our gifts.

***Offertory In Awe of You***

*Laura Gustafson – Bells, Nancy Wells - Piano*

***\*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 #550 I Want To Be Like Jesus (vs. 1 &4)***

I have one deep supreme desire, That I may be like Jesus.  
To this I fervently aspire, That I may be like Jesus.  
I want my heart His throne to be, So that a watching world may see  
His likeness shining forth in me I want to be like Jesus

O perfect life of Christ, my Lord! I want to be like Jesus.  
My recompense and my reward, That I may be like Jesus.  
His Spirit fill my hung’ring soul, His power all my life control;  
My deepest pray’r, my highest goal, That I may be like Jesus.

***\*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***