

***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**

All: Accept our lives, O God, as well as our gifts. Let the spirit in which we give them be your Spirit. May they be used according to your will. Amen.

***Hymn** *The Church's One Foundation*

Anthem *Glorious Everlasting*

Glorious, Glorious, Glorious, Everlasting. I will praise Thee, O Lord among the people,
I will sing unto Thee among the nations.

I will praise, I will praise Thee, O Lord, I will sing, I will sing unto Thee.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, I will sing unto Thee. I will praise Thee, O Lord, I will sing unto Thee
Glorious, Everlasting!

I will praise Thee, praise Thee, praise Thee among the people. I will praise Thee, praise Thee, praise Thee among the people.

I will sing unto Thee, O Lord. Be Thou exalted, O God, Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens,
Be Thou exalted, O God, Be Thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, Let Thy glory be above the earth, Let Thy glory be
above the earth. Glorious, Glorious, Glorious, Everlasting! Amen!

***Charge and Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Leader: This morning we have celebrated 100 years of ministry. May that ministry continue, in this week, in the life you live, in your thoughts, words, and deeds. And through it all, may God's will be done. 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 *Carl Snow, Cindy Snow*
Ushers *Denna Grogan, Don Grogan, Dana Lamb, Mike Lamb*
Liturgist *Joan Biddle, Meghan Tidwell, Laurel Mosley*
Music *Bob Eubanks, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble, Allison Carroll, Ethan Hogan, Austin Carroll, Hunter Wilburn*
Interim Pastor *Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse*
Preacher *Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

Today's flowers are given in memory of John "Gramps" Biddle by his wife and family

Announcements

Please join us in the fellowship hall after worship for lunch and fellowship as we continue the celebration of our Centennial Homecoming Sunday!

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.

Come say farewell to Bill Phifer! Bill is moving on September 23rd to an assisted living facility in Birmingham to be close to his daughter. The family is having a Farewell Party on Thursday, September 21 from 6-8pm at his house and they invite his FCPC family to come by then or anytime before he moves to say your farewells! Bill's address is 6005 Weems Road, Knoxville, TN 37918.



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Centennial Homecoming Celebration
September 17, 2023

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Centennial Moment

Dana Lamb

***Call to Worship**

Joan Biddle

Leader: We gather, looking back to see the paths taken,

All: Looking forward to see our path.

Leader: We honor those who have gone before us,

All: Learning from their successes and failures.

Leader: We celebrate who we are today,

All: And welcome the possibilities and opportunities before us.

Leader: We gather to worship God,

All: the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Introit *Praise The Lord*

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

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 *from Ephesians 4:32*

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you." Let us confess our lack of love, and our need for grace.

Prayer of Confession

All: Lord Jesus, we confess that we have fallen short of your desire for us. On this day of celebration of our 100th year as the body of Christ in this place, we pray that you will give us a new heart and a new spirit. Breathe your Spirit upon us, making us into your new creation. Have mercy on us, and may your forgiveness and love come upon us in all our days. In Christ we pray. Amen.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins. Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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: Before the foundation of the world Christ forgave us, and forgives us still today. Let us forgive as we have been forgiven and share the peace of Christ. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you!

Anniversary Litany of Thanksgiving

Leader: We give you thanks, O God, for drawing us into the community of this church,

All: This place that so many have called home.

Leader: We give thanks for those who came before us, who sought to follow you;

All: May their lives inspire us in our own lives of faith.

Leader: We give thanks for this community of welcome for those who travel through life;

All: May our welcome continue to guide our future.

Leader: We give thanks for your word that has comforted and challenged those who came before us;

All: May your word continue to empower our ministry into the future.

Leader: We give thanks for the voices of our ancestors in this place, who recognized that the miracle of grace abides here.

All: May we be moved by that grace and join our voice to their voice in the great song that is your love. Amen.

Anthem Psalm 150

Prayer of Illumination

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Love Litany

Laurel Mosley

Leader: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.

All: Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart.

Leader: Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.

All: Church, this place that so many have called home.

Leader: We give thanks for those who came before us, who sought to follow you;

All: May their lives inspire us in our own lives of faith.

Leader: We give thanks for this community of welcome for those who travel through life;

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All: May your word continue to empower our ministry into the future.

Leader: We give thanks for the voices of our ancestors in this place, who recognized that the miracle of grace abides here.

All: May we be moved by that grace and join our voice to their voice in the great song that is your love. Amen. O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Leader: I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live.

All: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise.

Leader: Give thanks to him, bless his name.

All: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Anthem I speak Jesus

Allison Carroll & Ethan Hogan, solo and Austin Carroll, keyboard

I just want to speak the name of Jesus Over every heart and every mind.

Cause I know there is peace within Your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the name of Jesus till every dark addiction starts to break.

Declaring there is hope and there is freedom, I speak Jesus

Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life.

Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus over fear and all anxiety.

To every soul held captive by depression, I speak Jesus

Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life.

Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.

Shout Jesus from the mountains, and Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy.

Jesus for my family, I speak the holy Name Jesus.

Shout Jesus from the mountains, and Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy.

Jesus for my family, I speak the holy Name Jesus.

Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life.

Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.

Your name is power, Your name is healing, Your name is life.

Break every stronghold, shine through the shadows, burn like a fire.

I just want to speak the name of Jesus over every heart and every mind. Cause I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus. Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy.

Jesus for my family, I speak the holy Name Jesus.

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy.

Jesus for my family, I speak the holy Name Jesus.

Gospel Reading Ecclesiastes 3:1-13

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins

**Affirmation of Faith (from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

Meghan Tidwell

All: In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles and rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

**Hymn 10,000 Reasons*

Prayer Litany & The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Leader: Today we give thanks for the 100 years of faith and witness of Fountain City Presbyterian Church.

All: We remember with gratitude.

Leader: Our mothers and fathers in the faith sought to live out God's word in this place. By their courage and commitment our church here was gathered and given life.

All: We remember with gratitude.

Leader: Let us be thankful for their Christian witness.

All: We remember with gratitude.

Leader: As we remember those Christians who have gone before us, let us follow as they followed in the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ.

All: We dedicate ourselves anew to the faith that is Jesus Christ.

Leader: Knowing that God has called the Church to minister to the world in all generations,

All: We dedicate ourselves anew to witness to Jesus Christ.

Leader: Trusting that God will continue to call the Church to proclaim God's love for all people,

All: We dedicate ourselves anew to being the Church

Leader: So let us pray together boldly as our Lord has taught us to pray,

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

Meghan Tidwell

Leader: For 100 years the congregation of Fountain City Presbyterian Church has given gifts of sacrifice and love. These gifts, given with joy, have been used to proclaim God's love for all the world. May we continue in that ministry of service to God and others as we give of our time, talents, and resources.

Offertory