

Greeters *Darlene Miller, Barbara Riehl*
Ushers *Shelley Miller, Brett Miller, David Noel, Bedford Chapman*
Liturgist *Diana Davis*
Music *Hunter Wilburn, Nancy Wells, George Hill, FCPC Choral Ensemble*
Bridge Interim *Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*



September 24, 2023

Announcements

Disciple Class will resume on 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.

Last Call for Pianos! If you are interested in one of the pianos that are in various rooms here at the church please grab it before they are gone. Infrastructure will be getting getting rid of the pianos at the end of September.

Grandma's Pajamas is beginning its 12th year as an organized group of Fountain City Presbyterian Church. In the past 12 years we have had the opportunity to sew items for more than 16 organizations. If you sew and are looking for a way to get plugged into church, consider joining this wonderful group of women each Wednesday from 9am to 2pm.

You are invited to an Open House and Silent Auction at UKirk UTK on September 29th at 5pm. You will have the opportunity to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about the campus ministry. If you have any questions please see Don Grogan, Don is FCPC's representative to the UKirk UTK Board of Directors. UKirk is located at 1831 Melrose Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917

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.

Prelude

Word of Welcome

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Minute for Mission

Grandma's Pajamas

Call to Worship

Diana Davis

Leader: Lift up the mighty gates, open the ancient doors!

People: Let the King of Glory enter!

Leader: Who is this King of Glory?

People: The LORD, strong and mighty, is the King of Glory!

***Hymn #43 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
 Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,
 Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.
 Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
 To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.
 To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!
 We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.
 We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ritual of Friendship

Diana Davis

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

Call to Confession

Diana Davis

Leader: Our hearts call us to seek God's face. Let's join together in pleading for mercy, for our sins are many.

Prayer of Confession

Diana Davis

All: LORD, hear us when we call out to You, and have mercy on us! How many times last week did we do what we felt like, even when we knew it wasn't good? Do not even trust our count, You know the real number! More than that, you know what harm was done, the ripple effect of each incident. Yes, we need mercy for ourselves and those affected by our wrong. What we really need is repair, so that our lives make the world a better place, which is what Jesus died for. Forgive us and help us God, to honor the Name of Jesus in this world He loves so much, for we pray in His Name, AMEN.

(Time for Silent Confession)

Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace

Diana Davis

Leader: But everyone who calls on the Name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be security, as the LORD has promised; and in Jerusalem, the LORD will summon those who are spared.

****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***

Diana Davis

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

Anthem Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found Was blind but now I see

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free. my God my Savior has ransomed me.
and like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love Amazing Grace!

The Lord has promised good to me. His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

My chains are gone, I've been set free. my God my Savior has ransomed me.
and like a flood His mercy rains, Unending love Amazing Grace!

Amazing grace how sweet the sound That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found Was blind but now I see.
Was blind but now I see!

Prayer of Illumination

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

Scripture Reading Matthew 6:24-34

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Sermon Choose Peace

Rev. Dr. Carl Grosse

****Hymn #604 I Then Shall Live***

I then shall live as one who's been forgiven. I'll walk with joy to know my debts are paid.
I know my name is clear before my Father; I am His child and I am not afraid.
So, greatly pardoned, I'll forgive my brother; The law of love I gladly will obey.

I then shall live as one who's learned compassion. I've been so loved, that I'll risk loving too.
I know how fear builds walls instead of bridges; I'll dare to see another's point of view.
And when relationships demand commitment, Then I'll be there to care and follow through.

Your Kingdom come around and through and in me; Your power and glory, let them shine through me.
Your Hallowed Name, O may I bear with honor, And may Your living Kingdom come in me.
The Bread of Life, O may I share with honor, And may You feed a hungry world through me.

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

Diana Davis

Leader: Let's honor our King by giving to support the work of this church

Offertory "Panis Angelicus"

Hunter Wilburn, Violin; Nancy Wells, Organ

Cesar Franck

****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 #562 Be Thou My Vision***

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart. Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night. Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word. I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord.
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son. Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise. Thou mine Inheritance, now and always.
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart. High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.

High King of Heaven, my victory won. May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heav'n's Sun.
Heart of my own heart, whate'er befall. Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

****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