

The Vision of First Presbyterian Church of Chattanooga is to be a city-center church compelled by Christ's love to make disciples in our homes, city, and the world.

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Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. by Jay Rouse

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 100:1-2, 4-5

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing! Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise!

Pastor: Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

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

Hymns of Praise

"Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"
"I Will Glory in My Redeemer"

Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 53

Pastor: What do you believe concerning "the Holy Spirit"?

All: First, that the Spirit, with the Father and the Son, is eternal God. Second, that the Spirit is given also to me, so that, through true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all His benefits, comforts me, and will remain with me forever.

Confession of Sin

Merciful God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Amen.

Hymn of Assurance

"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

"What Makes You Weep, Sing, and Dream?"

Psalm 137

Dr. Tim Kirk

Hymn of Response

"Be Thou My Vision"

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

Revelation 5:11-13

Pastor: Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

I Will Glory In My Redeemer

Verse 1

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death,
My only Savior before the holy Judge,
The Lamb Who is my righteousness,
The Lamb Who is my righteousness.

Verse 2

I will glory in my Redeemer;
My life He bought, my love He owns.
I have no longings for another;
I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer,
His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
My feet are firm, held by His grace,
My feet are firm, held by His grace.

Verse 3

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings.
He crowns my life with lovingkindness,
His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me, it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

Be Thou My Vision

Verse 1

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.

Verse 2

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.

Verse 3

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.

Verse 4

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.