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*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.*

**Worship Service | DECEMBER 27, 2020**

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*"Once in Royal David's City" arr. John Leavitt*

**THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from Luke 1:68-75*

Leader: Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for He has visited and redeemed His people

**People: and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of His servant David,**

Leader: as He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old,  
that we should be saved from our enemies

**People: to show the mercy promised to our fathers  
and to remember His holy covenant,**

Leader: to grant us that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve Him without fear,  
in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days.

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*“Joy to the World”  
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Philippians 2:5-11*

**Have this mind among yourselves,  
which is yours in Christ Jesus,  
Who, though He was in the form of God,  
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
but emptied Himself,  
by taking the form of a servant,  
being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted Him  
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

*from Psalm 51*

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love;  
according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!  
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.  
Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from Your presence,  
and take not Your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a will-  
ing spirit.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*“What Child Is This”*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

*“You’ve Got ‘Next’ ”  
James 1:22-25  
Rev. Chris Ehlers*

HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“Go, Tell It on the Mountain”*

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

Leader: Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He Who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen!**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Leroy and Curtis Smith by their family, to the praise and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Flowers from today’s display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, December 28<sup>th</sup>.*