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in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,  
to the glory of the Triune God.*

**The Lord's Day**  
**SUNDAY, JULY 17, 2022**  
**11:30 AM**

† Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

*"Hymn Medley" arr. Emma Burnsworth, harp*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*"God Be in My Head" by John Rutter*

**THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

† CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 138:1-6*

Reader: I give You thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart.

I bow down toward Your holy temple  
and give thanks to Your name for Your steadfast love and  
Your faithfulness,

**People: for You have exalted above all things  
Your name and Your word.**

Reader: On the day I called, You answered me;  
my strength of soul You increased.

**People: All the kings of the earth shall give You thanks, O LORD,  
for they have heard the words of Your mouth,**

Reader: and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD,  
for great is the glory of the LORD.

**People: For though the LORD is high, He regards the lowly,  
but the haughty He knows from afar.**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**This Week at 1st Pres**

**Sunday, July 17**

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	
11:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:45 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing

**Monday, July 18**

8:00 AM	Men's Bible Study	Poindexter
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:15 PM	Diaconate Monthly Meeting	Nell Davis
6:30 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208
	Summer Women's Bible Study	Zoom

**Tuesday, July 19**

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

**Wednesday, July 20**

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
9:45 AM	Summer Women's Bible Study	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 212

**Thursday, July 21**

10:00 AM	Senior Adult Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

**Friday, July 22**

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 <sup>th</sup> Floor

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†HYMNS OF PRAISE

*“O for a Heart to Praise My God”*

*“Take Time to Be Holy”*

*No. 537 (vv. 1-4)*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Apostles’ Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

*“Almighty Father” by Benjamin Harlan*

*Ian Hassevoort, tenor*

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH\*

*\*Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

**Hebrews 2:1 — “The Peril of Distraction”**

*“Paying Attention to God in a Chaotic World”*

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

TASTING GOD’S GRACE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,

to the glory of Your name. Amen.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

WORDS OF PRAISE

Pastor: Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us. Alleluia!

**People: Alleluia!**

Pastor: These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take these in remembrance that Jesus Christ died for you. Feed on them in your heart by faith, and drink remembering that Christ’s blood was shed for you.

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

*“There Is a Redeemer”*

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

Pastor: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

*“Praeludium in G Minor, Chaconne” by Dietrich Buxtehude*

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hugh and Mazie Cory and Glen and Julia Clark by Bruce and Leslie Cory.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 18th.*

SERMON NOTES:

**1. Dwelling in Christ**

**2. Drifting Away from Christ**

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