

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 | March 21, 2021 9:00 AM

### Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship

## THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34: 3, 8-9, 19, 22

Reader: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!

People: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good! Blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him!

Reader: Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints, for those who fear Him have no lack!

People: Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the LORD delivers him out of them all.

Reader: The LORD redeems the life of His servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned.

Hymns of Praise

"Man of Sorrows"
"Cornerstone"

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 28

Reader: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

All: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing in creation will separate us from His love. For all creatures are so completely in God's hand that without His will they can neither move nor be moved.

#### Hymn of Assurance

"Whom Shall I Fear?"

### PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

## GREETING & CHILDREN'S DISMISSAL

\*Parents, please walk your childre to Children's Church and pick them up immediately following the worship service.

## THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

"Whom Shall I Fear?"
Luke 12:1-12
Rev. Mike Haberkorn

## TASTING GOD'S GRACE

## CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

People: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

[silence]

All: Merciful Lord,

we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in You there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy.

We are spiritually poor, but You are rich. Therefore, Christ came to be merciful to the poor and to show us the immeasurable riches of Your grace.

Strengthen our faith and trust in You. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for You that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### **THANKSGIVING**

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.** Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them to the Lord.** Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Pastor: It is right and good and a joyful thing, always and everywhere to give You thanks, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

#### 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

## "All I Have Is Christ"

## THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Benediction Jude 24-25

Leader: Now to Him Who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of His glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen!

The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given for the glory of God by Linda and Pete Austin.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

#### Man of Sorrows

Verse 1

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God By His own betraved The sin of man and wrath of God Has been on Jesus laid

Verse 2

Silent as He stood accused Beaten mocked and scorned Bowing to the Father's will He took a crown of thorns

Chorus

Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation Where Your love poured out over me Now my soul cries out, "Hallelujah! Praise and honour unto Thee"

Verse 3

Sent of heaven, God's own Son To purchase and redeem And reconcile the very ones Who nailed Him to that tree

(Bridge)

Now my debt is paid It is paid in full By the precious blood That my Jesus spilled Now the curse of sin Has no hold on me Whom the Son sets free Oh, is free indeed

Verse 4

See the stone is rolled away Behold the empty tomb Hallelujah! God be praised! He's risen from the grave!

#### Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less Than Jesus' blood and righteousness face I dare not trust the sweetest frame But wholly trust in Jesus' Name

Chorus

Christ alone, Cornerstone Weak made strong in the Saviour's Verse 3 love

Through the storm He is Lord Lord of all

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His

I rest on His unchanging grace In every high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil My anchor holds within the veil

When He shall come with trumpet sound Oh, may I then in Him be found Dressed in His righteousness alone Faultless to stand before the throne

#### Whom Shall I Fear?

Verse 1

You hear me when I call You are my morning song Though darkness fills the night It cannot hide the light Whom shall I fear?

Verse 2

You crush the enemy underneath my feet You are my sword and shield Though troubles linger still Whom shall I fear?

Chorus

I know Who goes before me I know Who stands behind The God of angel armies is always by my side The One who reigns forever He is a friend of mine The God of angel armies is always by my side

Verse 3

My strength is in Your name For You alone can save You will deliver me Yours is the victory Whom shall I fear? Whom shall I fear? (Whom shall I fear?)

(Bridge)

And nothing formed against me shall stand You hold the whole world in Your hands I'm holding on to Your promises You are faithful You are faithful

#### All I Have Is Christ

Verse 1

I once was lost in darkest night
Yet thought I knew the way
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave
I had no hope that You would own
A rebel to Your will
And if You had not loved me first
I would refuse You still

Verse 2

But as I ran my hell-bound race Indifferent to the cost You looked upon my helpless state And led me to the cross And I beheld God's love displayed You suffered in my place You bore the wrath reserved for me Now all I know is grace

Chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ! Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Verse 3

Now Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me
O Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be
My only boast is You

