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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 | April 18, 2021**

11:00 AM

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

*"Wonder Working Power" arr. Tom Fettke*

**THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Hosea 6:1-3*

Reader: Come, let us return to the LORD;

**People: for He has torn us, that He may heal us; He has struck us down, and He will bind us up.**

Pastor: After two days He will revive us; on the third day He will raise us up, that we may live before Him.

**People: Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD; His going out is sure as the dawn; He will come to us as the showers, as the spring rains that water the earth.**

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

*"10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Colossians 1:15-20*

**He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent. For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of His cross.**

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH\*

*\*Parents, please walk your children PreK - 1<sup>st</sup> grade to Children's Church and pick them up immediately following the worship service.*

**THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE**

SERMON

*"The Church as Cause"*

*2 Cor. 2:5-8, 11, 14-16*

Dr. Tim Kirk

**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.”

### HYMNS OF RESPONSE

*“Oh, How Good It Is”*

### THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

#### BENEDICTION

*Ephesians 3:20-21*

Pastor: Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

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

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of my husband, Harry Croft Bickel, by Caroline Bickel and their children, Caroline McLoughlin, Harry Bickel Jr., Florence Doud, and Laura Peoples.*

*Flowers from today’s display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>.*

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