

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 25, 2021 9:00 AM

### Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship

### THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 28:6-9

Reader: Blessed be the LORD! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

People: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;

Reader: My heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

People: The Lord is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Reader: Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymns of Praise

"All Creatures of Our God and King"
"Oh, How Good It Is"

#### 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

Most holy and merciful Father,

we confess to You and to one another,

that we have sinned against You by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have not always had in us the mind of Christ.

You alone know how often we have grieved You

by wasting Your gifts, by wandering from Your ways.

Forgive us, we pray You, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin.

Renew in us the grace and strength of Your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Savior. Amen.

#### Hymns of **Assurance**

"Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me"

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Cooper Lee Stroud, son of Talon & Meredith Stroud

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 the Body of Christ" 1 Corinthians 12:14-20, 26-27 Dr. Tim Kirk

Hymn of Response

"We Will Feast in the House of Zion"

### 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 on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God with much appreciation to Tim and Sally Kirk for their dedication and faithful service to our church family. Our lives have been enriched by their kindness, and they will be greatly missed.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, April 26th.

## All Creatures of Our God and King

Verse 1

All creatures of our God and King Lift up your voice and with us sing Alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam Thou silver moon with softer gleam O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 2

Thou rushing wind that art so strong Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice Ye lights of evening, find a voice O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 3

Thou flowing water, pure and clear Make music for thy Lord to hear Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright That givest man both warmth and light O praise Him, O praise Him Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 4

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others, take your part
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on Him cast your care
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Verse 5

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son
And praise the Spirit, three in one
O praise Him, O praise Him
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

#### Oh, How Good It Is

Verse 1

Oh, how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

Chorus

So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord And with one heart we'll live out His word Till the whole earth sees The Redeemer has come For He dwells in the presence of His people

Verse 2

Oh, how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging

Verse 3

Oh, how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit

# Yet Not I but Through Christ in Me

Verse 1

What gift of grace is Jesus, my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to His
Oh, how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Verse 2

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour, He will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need His power is displayed
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley He will lead
Oh, the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Verse 3

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven
The future sure, the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And He was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold: my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh, the chains are released, I can sing, I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Verse 4

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For He has said that He will bring me home
And day by day I know He will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to Him
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Ending

When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat Yet not I but through Christ in me Yet not I but through Christ in me

### We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Verse 1

We will feast in the house of Zion We will sing with our hearts restored He has done great things, we will say together We will feast and weep no more

Verse 1

We will not be burned by the fire He is the Lord, our God We are not consumed by the flood Upheld, protected, gathered up

Verse 2

In the dark of night, before the dawn My soul, be not afraid For the promised morning, oh, how long? Oh, God of Jacob, be my strength

Verse 3

Every vow we've broken and betrayed You are the Faithful One And from the garden to the grave Bind us together, bring shalom