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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.*

Fellowship Hall Worship Service | September 12, 2021  
11:00 AM

GATHERING SONG

*"Only a Holy God"*

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Reader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**People: to declare Your steadfast love in the morning,  
and Your faithfulness by night,**

Reader: to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

**People: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by Your work;  
at the works of Your hands I sing for joy.**

*Psalm 92:1-4*

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"Good, Good Father"  
"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 26*

**I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
Who out of nothing created heaven and earth  
and everything in them,  
Who still upholds and rules them  
by His eternal counsel and providence,  
is my God and Father  
because of Christ His Son.**

**I trust Him so much that I do not doubt  
He will provide whatever I need  
for body and soul,  
and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me  
in this sad world.**

**He is able to do this because He is Almighty God;  
He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Lord, we would come to You with the penitence of the prodigal son, confessing that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight. You give freely of the Bread of Life to all who seek Your fullness, and You bestow a father's blessing on every returning wanderer. We have wandered from You. We have squandered the goods You have given us as though they belonged to us, forgetting that our life and breath and all things are from You. Often we have lived as if we had no heavenly Father to thank for His goodness. We sought satisfaction in earthly pleasures, but they were only as husks to our souls. And now we come back crying, "Why should we perish with hunger, when there is bread enough in our Father's house to spare?" We thank You that we feel our wanderings, and You inclined our hearts to come back to You. O gracious Father, have mercy on us. Grant us forgiveness. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*"Just as I Am (I Come Broken)"*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH\*

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

SERMON

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

*"An Unlikely Prodigal "*  
*Luke 15:20-32*  
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer



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HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"*

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

*Hebrews 13:20-21*

Pastor: Now may the God of peace Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do His will, working in us that which is pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to Whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

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

*The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of  
God in loving memory of Linda Austin by Pete and the family.*

*Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered  
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>.*

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