

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 | September 19, 2021

Prelude

Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship

"Very Bread, Good Shepherd, Tend Us" by Charles Talmadge words by St. Thomas Aquinas (1263)

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96:1-4

Reader: Oh, sing to the LORD a new song;

sing to the LORD, all the earth!

People: Sing to the LORD, bless His name;

tell of His salvation from day to day.

Reader: Declare His glory among the nations,

His marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;

He is to be feared above all gods.

†Prayer of Invocation

†Hymns of Praise

"Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It!" No. 701, vv. 1, 3
"Jesus, Lover of My Soul" No. 508, vv. 1,3,4

†Please stand as you are able.

†Affirmation of Faith

The 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 on the right hand of God the Father almighty. From thence He will 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

"Idyll of Praise" by Craig Courtney

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.

†Doxology

THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

SERMON

"Lost in the Church"
Luke 15:25-32
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

TASTING GOD'S GRACE

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We confess to You, O God,

that we have sinned against heaven and in Your sight, and are not worthy to be called Your children.

We have forgotten You, and have broken Your holy laws.

We have been wayward and disobedient.

We have been selfish and unkind.

For the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior,

we beseech You to pardon our sins,

to make clean our hearts within us,

and to grant us Your peace. 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

"Man of Sorrows! What a Name"

No. 246

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†Benediction

Ephesians 3:18-21

Pastor: May you have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. 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.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Postlude

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Boxell and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Smith.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, September 20th.



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