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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 26, 2021  
11:00 AM

GATHERING SONG

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

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 100*

Reader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into His presence with singing!

**People: Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.**

Reader: Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name!

**People: For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*  
*"Our Great God"*

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

**Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, You are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with You! Restore to us the joy of Your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let Your word abide with us until it has wrought in us Your holy will. Amen.**

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

*"Ancient Words"*

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.*

## THE WORD FOR GOD'S PEOPLE

### SERMON

*"The Greatest Stories Ever Told: A Study of the Parables"*  
Mark 4:10-20: *"The Gospel from the Ground Up"*  
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer



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### HYMN OF RESPONSE

*"How Firm a Foundation"*

## 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.**

*The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in memory of James McKinney's life well lived & loved, by his wife Linda & their four daughters; Dawn, Meredith, Blair, and Jamie.*

*Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, September 27<sup>th</sup>.*

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