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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 | October 3, 2021
11:00 AM

GATHERING SONG

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 145:10-13, 21

Reader: All Your works shall give thanks to You, O LORD, and all Your saints shall bless You!

People: They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and tell of Your power,

Reader: to make known to the children of man Your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of Your kingdom.

People: Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures throughout all generations.

Reader: The LORD is faithful in all His words and kind in all His works.

People: My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD, and let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Canons of Dort, from Section 2, Article 9

God's plan, arising out of His eternal love for us, from the beginning of the world to the present time has been powerfully carried out and will also be carried out in the future, the gates of hell seeking vainly to prevail against it.

As a result, God's people are gathered into one, all in their own time, and there is always a church of believers founded on Christ's blood, a church which steadfastly loves, persistently worships, and here and in all eternity praises Him as her Savior Who laid down His life for her on the cross, as a bridegroom for his bride.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

VESPER POINT

Tom Pipkin, Camp Director

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"

Matthew 13:44-46: "A Tale of Two Treasures"

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer



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SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

Pastor: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in appreciation of the Pulpit Search Committee and the Flower Committee.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, October 4th.

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