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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.*

Worship Service | October 3, 2021
11:00 AM

PRELUDE *Instrumental Ensemble*
"More Precious than Silver" by Lynn DeShazo, arr. by David Winkler

VESPER POINT *Tom Pipkin, Camp Director*

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
"O God Beyond All Praising" arr. Dan Forrest
(Congregational participation on last verse)

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.

† Please stand as you are able.

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

*"O Worship the King"
"As the Deer"*

†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.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"There Is a Fountain" Bulletin (vv. 1,3,5)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"Only God" by Mary McDonald

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

"The Greatest Stories Ever Told: A Study of the Parables"

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

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Behold Our God"

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.**

POSTLUDE

The flowers 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.

196 There Is a Fountain

A fountain will be opened . . . to cleanse them from sin. Zech. 13:1

1. There is a foun-tain filled with blood Drawn from Im-man-uel's veins,
 2. The dy-ing thief re-joiced to see That foun-tain in his day,
 3. Dear dy-ing Lamb, Thy pre-cious blood Shall nev-er lose its pow'r,
 4. E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flow-ing wounds sup-ply,
 5. When this poor lisp-ing, stam-m'ring tongue Lies si-lent in the grave,

And sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood Lose all their guilt-y stains:
 And there may I, though vile as he, Wash all my sins a-way:
 Till all the ran-somed Church of God Be saved to sin no more:
 Re-deem-ing love has been my theme And shall be till I die:
 Then in a no-bler, sweet-er song I'll sing Thy pow'r to save:

Lose all their guilt-y stains, Lose all their guilt-y stains;
 Wash all my sins a-way, Wash all my sins a-way;
 Be saved to sin no more, Be saved to sin no more;
 And shall be till I die, And shall be till I die;
 I'll sing Thy pow'r to save, I'll sing Thy pow'r to save;

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TEXT: William Cowper
MUSIC: Traditional American melody; arranged by Lowell Mason

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN
C.M.D.

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