

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 17, 2021 11:00 AM

GATHERING SONG

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Call to Worship Psalm 47:1-2, 5-8

Reader: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

People: For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over

all the earth.

Reader: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trum-

pet.

People: Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing

praises!

Reader: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! **People:** God reigns over the nations; God sits on His holy throne.

Prayer of Invocation

Songs of Praise

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

We 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.

We 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.

Song of Assurance

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 25:1-13: "Faith Leading to Feasting"

Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

Tasting God's Grace

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

We do not presume to come to this Your, table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table.

But You are the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Father, to partake of this sacrament of Your Son Jesus Christ,

that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. **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 re-

membrance 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.

Song of Response

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BENEDICTION based on Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you;

May the LORD make His face to shine upon you

and be gracious to you;

May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you

and give you peace, both now and forevermore.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

The flowers on display in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and thankfulness for the body of Christ at First Pres by Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Currey.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, October 18th.



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