



*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.*

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2021
11:30 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
"For the Beauty of the Earth" by John Rutter

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! Know that the LORD, He is God!

People: 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

† HYMN OF PRAISE

"We Gather Together"
"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" No. 715 (vv. 1,2,4)

† 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 at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He shall 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 *Adult & Children's Choirs*
"Look at the World" by John Rutter

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
Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43 — "Finding Hope in a Disappointing World"
"The Greatest Stories Ever Told: A Study of the Parables"
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

TASTING GOD'S GRACE

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON
**Most merciful God,
We confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in Your will, and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. 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

"Now Thank We All Our God" No. 98 (vv. 1,3)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENECTION

from 2 Corinthians 13:11,14

Pastor: Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

"I'll Fly Away" Celtic Ensemble

The flowers are given to the glory of God by the Session of First Presbyterian Church in memory of Emily Herbac Fluhrer, mother of Pastor Gabe Fluhrer and family.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 22nd.

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Sermon Notes:

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, November 21

9:30 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sunday School	
	Youth Large Group	Student Center
11:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
2:30 PM	Christmas Concert Rehearsal	Choir Room
5:00 PM	Holwerda D-Group	Session Room
6:00 PM	High School Bible Study	

Monday, November 22

10:00 AM	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:30 PM	Session Meeting	Session Room
6:30 PM	Reformation Bell Choir Rehearsal	SS 208

Tuesday, November 23

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, November 24

6:15 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
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Thursday, November 25

Friday, November 26

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Saturday, November 27

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