



*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 28, 2021

11:30 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADVENT CANDLE LIGHTING

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"

from *The Christmas Oratorio* by J.S. Bach

THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 40:1-4

Reader: Comfort, comfort My people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

People: **A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."**

Reader: Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low;

People: **The uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain."**

† PRAYER OF INVOCATION

† HYMNS OF PRAISE

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" No. 194, (vv. 1, 3, 4)

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Nicene Creed

We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord Christ,

**We confess our willingness to be loved
but also our reluctance to love.**

**We confess our readiness to accept Your forgiving love
but also our refusal to forgive.**

**We confess our eagerness to grasp Your offer of redeeming love
but also our resistance to follow You without question.**

**In this Advent time, forgive us our failure
to respond as we should.**

**Come to us anew, and by Your grace, assist us to receive You
with joy, as the shepherds;
with gratitude, as Simeon;
with obedience, as Mary;
with love, as You have loved us.**

Even so: come, Lord Jesus. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting" No. 188 (vv. 1, 2, 3)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"E'en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come" by Paul Manz

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

Genesis 3:15 — "The Promise of Christmas"
"Joy to the World: An Advent Series"
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Once in Royal David's City" No.225 (vv. 1,2,5)

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

† BENEDICTION

Isaiah 60:1

Pastor: Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

The flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dr. John E. Huckaba by Mrs. Ann Huckaba and their daughters: Sharon, Ginger, and Hollee; grandchildren: Megan, McClain, Hudson, Builder, Kruesi, Beata, Taylor, Eden, and Ella; and great grandchildren: Ava, Lyla, Solomon, Huck, Jane Grey, Liam, Isla, and Evangeline.

Flowers from today's display will be arranged by the flower committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, November 29th.

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Sermon Notes:

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, November 28

8:45 AM	Communicants Class	SS 202
9:30 AM	Worship Service	Fellowship Hall
10:30 AM	Sunday School	
	Youth Large Group	Student Center
11:30 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:30 PM	Hughes D-Group	Tower 404
5:00 PM	Holwerda D-Group	Session Room
6:00 PM	High School Bible Study	

Monday, November 29

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

Tuesday, November 30

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:00 PM	ONE Bible Study	Tower 10 & 8

Wednesday, December 1

6:15 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:00 PM	Advisory Committee	Tower 404
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Tower 301
	World Missions Prayer Time	
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall
	Middle School Christmas Party	Student Center
6:15 PM	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210
7:00 PM	Christmas Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary

Thursday, December 2

5:30 PM	Stephen Ministry	Tower 301
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, December 3

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

Saturday, December 4

9:30 AM	Christmas Concert Rehearsal	Sanctuary
4:00 PM	Christmas Concert	Sanctuary



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