

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

April 14, 2024

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Prelude *Come, Make a Joyful Noise*

Call to Worship

Leader: In the midst of our joy

People: God is.

Leader: In the midst of our sorrow

People: God is.

Leader: In the midst of our mediocrity

People: God is.

All: Let us lift up our voices in praise as we come to worship the God in our midst.

*Hymn of Praise 625 Purple *O Lord My God*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Holy God, You see into our hearts. You see the true selves we try to hide from others, the sins we fear would destroy our images, the evils that lurk so deep within us we can scarcely name them, the unholy habits that have been with us so long that they no longer prick our consciences. But You also see in us Jesus Christ, the Holy One who took on our sin and covers us in His righteousness. Forgive us for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: On mountaintops and in valleys, in our homes and in our hearts, God knows us better than we know ourselves, and God forgives us when we cannot forgive ourselves.

People: By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*Gloria Patri

Time With Children

Scripture

Psalm 111

*Hymn of Preparation 627 (purple GTG)

I Love You, Lord

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer pg. 12

O LORD MY GOD

1. O Lord my God! when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the *worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the *rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;
(Refrain)

3. And when I think that God, God's Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin;
(Refrain)

4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!
(Refrain)

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.

I LOVE YOU, LORD

*Lyrics protected by copyright;
an excerpt is available:*

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to
worship you, Oh, my soul rejoice, Take joy,
my king, in what you hear, Let it be a sweet,
sweet sound in your ear.

Offering

Offertory *Amazing Grace*

Doxology
Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Ephesians 2:11-14

Sermon "No Longer Stranger"

Hymn of Response 460 ***Break Thou the Bread of Life***
(purple hymnal GTG)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Invitation

Pastor: This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

People: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: This is the Lord's table; our Savior invites those who trust in Him to share the feast which He has prepared. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Give thanks to God for He is good.

People: His love is everlasting.

Pastor: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God: we thank You for the power which brought our Lord Jesus from death to life and which is promised to us who believe in Him. We praise You that, breaking bread by faith, we know Christ risen, and can trust Him to save us from death and from sin. Great and wonderful are Your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With all the faithful from every time and place, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for You alone are Holy.

People: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty, heaven and earth are full of Your glory, O God most high!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God our help, we thank You for this supper shared in the spirit with Your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise You for giving us all good gifts in Him and pledge ourselves to serve You, even as in Christ You have served us.

* Benediction

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

11. Break Thou the bread of life,
Dear Lord, to me,
As Thou didst break the loaves
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord;
My spirit pants for Thee,
O living Word!
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord,
Now unto me,
As Thou didst bless the bread
By Galilee;
Then shall all bondage cease,
All fetters fall;
And I shall find my peace,
My all in all.

*Postlude

Shalom to You

* Benediction

Liturgist: Tom Phillips

*Indicates you may stand.

Mission Statement

We seek to reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ through service and love.

Welcome to all who worship here today! If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please speak to the pastor or an elder. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

A listing of prayer requests for church family members and friends is provided in the bulletin mailed to the church mailing list.

Upcoming Events

Children's group will meet today, April 14th, and April 21st.

Every Saturday the youth will meet from 5 PM to 7 PM followed by the young adults (ages 18-30) from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Every Wednesday is choir rehearsal at 7 PM. (April 10 no rehearsal)

Every Thursday from 10 AM to 11 AM the church will be open for prayer time.