

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

April 7, 2024

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Prelude *How Great Thou Art* arr by Dan Forrest

Call to Worship

Leader: We are God's work of art,

People: Each one a precious gem, a marvelous tapestry, a potter's delight.

Leader: We are God's handiwork, reborn in Christ Jesus to be a blessing,

People: Every one of us, woven together in love, shaped with infinite compassion, painted with incredible beauty.

Leader: We are God's creation,

People: All of us, touched by grace, saved by faith and beckoned to praise.

***Hymn of Praise 610 Purple** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with things; for believing we would be happy if we only had more; for neglecting family in the pursuit of advancement; for giving low priority to the kingdom of God; for judging right and wrong on the basis of profit; for allowing discontent to cloud our lives; for pampering the body while starving the soul. With cries and petitions, we call out to you in the midst of our hurting. In the agony of our pain, we reach for You. In the turmoil of our brokenness, we plead for Your healing touch. Forgive us, Lord, for our preoccupation with the things of the world, and enable us to seek first Your kingdom and Your righteousness. In the name of Jesus Christ, we ask.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Know that God always goes with us. Know that God is always there to lead us, guide us, forgive us, comfort us and encourage us. Know that God is always near to us, now and forever. Amen.

***Gloria Patri**

Time With Children

O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES TO SING

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
My dear Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of God's grace!
2. Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,
'Tis life, and health, and peace.
3. Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free;
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean,
Christ's blood availed for me.
4. My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Your name.

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.

Scripture 1 Kings 19-11-13
*Hymn of Preparation 318: ***In Christ There is No East or West***
(purple hymnal; GTGI)

Prayers of the People
Lord's Prayer pg. 12

Offering
Offertory *My Faith has Found a Resting Place*
Doxology arr by Cindy Berry
Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Ephesians 2:1-7

Sermon "But God"

Hymn of Response 643 ***Now Thank We All Our God***
(purple hymnal GTG)

* Benediction

*Postlude We're Marching to Zion
arr by Mark Hayes

Liturgist: Lee Ann Knudson *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

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.

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

IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
In Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love
Throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
Their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord
Close-binding humankind.
3. Join hands, disciples of the faith,
Whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
Are surely kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
In Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him
Throughout the whole wide earth.

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.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD

1. Now thank we all our God
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms,
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God,
Who reigns in highest heaven,
To God and to the Son
And Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God,
Whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is,
And shall be evermore.