

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

June 16, 2024

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Heart of Worship*

Call to Worship

Leader: Everyone come and refresh without money and without price.

People: Our hunger is not slight. We thirst for harmony hunger for integrity.

Leader: Listen together, for we have words of life. Your yearning shall be filled; our longing shall be touched.

People: For there is a promise: "My love for you shall be as for David. Listen and you shall have good food and abundance."

*Hymn of Praise 196 (purple GTG) *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Righteous God, we confess with sorrow that we often forget who has given us light, who has made our garden grow with waters of love. We forget Your living word and move off Your paths to serve our own worldly desires.

We leave Your cultivated field to venture out into the wilderness on our own. We quarrel with one another trying to decide "who is the greatest." We make our own faces the benchmark for all faces. Help us to remember Jesus, reconciling the whole variegated world in himself.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon (unison)

Thank you for calling us back, for never giving up on us when we turn aside, for always loving us, even when we forget who we are and who You are. We know You as the greatest Gardener of all, who has promised always to replant us in flourishing fields.

*Gloria Patri

Choral Anthem *A Christian Home*
(Lyrics posted in hymns panel, at right)

Scripture

Psalm 72:1-7

Hymn texts are from the 1999 PCUSA hymnal

ALL GLORY, LAUD AND HONOR

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
To Thee, Redeemer, King!
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring.

1. Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest,
The King and blessed One. (Refrain)
2. The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayers and anthems
Before Thee we present. (Refrain)
3. To Thee, before Thy passion,
They sang their hymns of praise;
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise. (Refrain)
4. Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King! (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.

CHORAL ANTHEM (A CHRISTIAN HOME):

O give us homes built firm upon the Saviour,
Where Christ is Head, and Counselor and Guide;
Where ev'ry child is taught His love and favor
And gives His heart to Christ, the crucified:
How sweet to know that tho' His footsteps waver
His faithful Lord is walking by His side!

O give us homes with godly fathers, mothers,
Who always place their hope and trust in Him;
Whose tender patience turmoil never bothers,
Whose calm and courage trouble cannot dim;
A home where each finds joy in serving others,
And love still shines, tho' days be dark and grim.

O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine forever!
We trust to Thee their problems, toil, and care;
Their bonds of love no enemy can sever
If Thou art always Lord and Master there:
Be Thou the center of our least endeavor:
Be Thou our Guest, our hearts and homes to share.

***Hymn of Preparation 303** (red hymnal) *Be Thou My Vision*

Prayers of the People

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Offering

Offertory

Holy, Holy, Holy

Doxology 544

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture

Philippians 3:4-14

Sermon

"Straining Forward"

Hymn of Response 695 (purple GTG) *Change My Heart, O God*

*** Benediction**

***Postlude**

O, How I Love Jes

Indicates you may stand.

Liturgist: VeRhonda Hembree

Doxology (#544-Red; #606-7 GTG-Purple)

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.

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

No youth meeting Saturday, June 15. Youth/Young Adult meetings will resume on Saturday, June 22.

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

Session meets the second Sunday of each month after worship.

July 17th- The youth will be going to FunStop Family Action Park, leaving the church at 11:30 AM.

BE THOU MY VISION

1. Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
3. Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

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