

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

July 7, 2024

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

## Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *How Great Thou Art*

## Call to Worship

Leader: As we come into the house of the LORD today,

**People: Let us do so with reverence.**

Leader: Let us recognize the greatness and glory of the  
**one we worship.**

**People: Let us celebrate that we can come just as we  
are, and yet,**

Leader: Let us come before him with humility.

**People: It is no small thing to worship the LORD our  
God.**

Leader: Let us worship in gratitude and awe.

**People : "Come, let us bow down in worship. Let us  
kneel before the LORD, our Maker."**

\*Hymn of Praise *There's a Sweet, Spirit*

(#408-GTG-Purple; text @ side panel)

## Prayer of Confession (unison)

Jesus, we are sorry for not recognizing You when You came to earth. We know that You lived among us, experienced the life that we experience, and yet we missed You. In our humanity, we thought we needed a king. We didn't realize we needed a humble Savior. We are sorry we did not recognize You yesterday when our lives were interrupted by what we thought was a happenstance event, or irritating and unfortunate occurrence. It was You; we thought it was a roadblock on the way to finding You. We're sorry that we did not recognize You today. When life goes well, we chalk it up to good fortune or our own success. We miss the ways that You worked and led us. When someone is hurting, we don't see You hurting along with them. You are all around, ever-present and yet we don't see You. We pray that we will recognize You today, tomorrow, the rest of the week and the rest of our lives. Open our eyes that we may see Your love and forgiveness.

## THERE'S A SWEET, SWEET SPIRIT

1. There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,  
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face,  
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain:

Sweet Holy Spirit,  
Sweet heavenly Dove,  
Stay right here with us,  
Filling us with Your love;  
And for these blessings  
We lift our hearts in praise.  
Without a doubt we'll know  
that we have been revived  
When we shall leave this place.

2. There are blessings you cannot receive  
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;  
You're the one to profit when you say,  
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."  
(Refrain)

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Silent Confession

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Listen! Here is good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners" to forgive you in your follies and foibles, to empower and make you what you were meant to be.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**Recognition of Graduates**

**Time with Children**

**Choral Anthem:** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

Scripture Psalm 147:12-20

**\*Hymn of Preparation** *Amazing Grace*

(#649-GTG-Purple; text @ side panel)

**Prayers of the People**

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**Offering**

**Offertory** *Tis so Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

**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.

**Prayer of Dedication**

**Scripture**

**John 1:1-13**

**Sermon**

"Welcome Home, Jesus"

**Hymn of Response** *In the Sweet By and By (verses 1&2)*  
*I'll Fly Away (verses 1&3, repeat refrain)*

Please see insert

**\* Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *I'll Fly Away* (refrain)

Liturgist: Jim and Angela Morrow \*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.

**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.

**AMAZING GRACE**

1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)  
that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
was blind, but now I see.  
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed!  
3 Through many dangers, toils and snares  
I have already come:  
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.  
4 The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be  
as long as life endures.

*Traditional version*

**IN THE SWEET BY AND BY**

1 There's a land that is fairer than day,  
And by faith we can see it afar,  
For the Father waits over the way  
To prepare us a dwelling place there.  
Refrain:  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore;  
In the sweet by and by,  
We shall meet on that beautiful shore.  
2 We shall sing on that beautiful shore  
The melodious songs of the blest;  
And our spirits shall sorrow no more-  
Not a sigh for the blessing of rest. [Refrain]  
3 To our bountiful Father above  
We will offer our tribute of praise  
For the glorious gift of His love  
And the blessings that hallow our days. [Refrain]

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**Upcoming Events**

Welcome to our annual Homecoming. After worship, we will take our annual photo and then fellowship during lunch. The Homecoming flower arrangement in the sanctuary was given in the memory of the Sharp family by the West and Armstrong families.

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.



