

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

October 13, 2024

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

Call to Worship

Leader: We look ahead, and God beckons,

People: We glance over our shoulder, and God nods to us,

Leader: We turn to each side and find our constant companion,

People: We look up and feel the shadow of the Holy Comforter.

Leader: Even the earth we walk on is holy ground,

People: Step by step, on every journey, along each path, through each temptation, God is with us, always and forever.

\*Hymn of Praise 718 *Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said*

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Creating God, in love You moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, You released Your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to tame that wildness, channeling Your spirit through banks of ordered safety. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been” and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,” through Jesus Christ we ask.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, hear this good news. Jesus Christ is our ark! His power is unequaled, his grace is unrestrained, his strength is steadfast, and his embrace is sufficient to carry all that we are and hope to be. Friends, believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

\*Gloria Patri pg. 581

Time with Children

## Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Take Up Thy Cross, the Savior Said". It is written in 3/4 time and consists of four systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The score is labeled "Verse" at the beginning. The lyrics are: "Take up your cross," the Savior said, "Take up your cross, let not its weight shame, Take up your cross, heed not the Christ's strength. 'if you would my dis-ci-ple be; fill your weak spir-it with a-larm; and let your ly-fool-ish heart be still; and calm-ly ev-ery dan-ger brave: de-ny your-self, the world for-sake, Christ's strength shall bear your spir-it up the Lord for you to ac-cept-ed death it guides you to a-bun-dant life and hum-bly fol-low af-ter me." and up-brace your heart and on nerve Cal- your arm. and on a cross, vic-tory o'er vary's hill. and leads to vic-tory o'er vary's the grave.

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## 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 Psalm 65:1-8

\*Hymn of Preparation 724 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer pg. 35

Offering

Offertory *Blessed Assurance*

Doxology

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

Prayer of Dedication

Scripture Acts 28:1-10

Sermon "The Advantage of Detours"

Hymn of Response 295 *Go to the World!*

\*Benediction

\*Postlude *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*

Liturgists: 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!

### 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 Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM the church will be open for prayer time

Women's Group meets the first Sunday of each month. Lunch is provided.

Session meets the second Sunday of each month after worship.

### Music Rehearsals

(Unless directed otherwise, all rehearsals will be in the sanctuary.)

10/13 Handbells (short rehearsal after worship)

10/16 Adult Choir rehearsal 7 PM

10/20 After worship Handbells (short rehearsal, then Christ's Crew

10/23 Adult Choir rehearsal 7pm

10/27 after worship Advent run through with all groups

### O Jesus I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
Be Thou forever near me,  
My Master and my friend;  
I shall not fear the battle  
If Thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway  
If Thou wilt be my guide.
2. O let me feel Thee near me!  
The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle,  
The tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me,  
Around me and within;  
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer  
And shield my soul from sin.
3. O let me hear Thee speaking  
In accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion,  
The murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
To hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
Thou guardian of my soul.
4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised  
To all who follow Thee  
That where Thou art in glory  
There shall Thy servant be;  
And, Jesus, I have promised  
To serve Thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow,  
My Master and my friend.

### Go to the World! Flute

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth. Go  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place. Go  
3 Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; the  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send, for

preach the cross where Christ re-news life's worth, hap-  
live the word of God's re- deem - ing grace. Go  
nights of tears give way to joy - ous day. As  
I am with you till the age shall end, when

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