

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

August 31, 2022

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

Great is the Lord

*Call to Worship *(Please remain seated)*

Leader: God is like the gentle shepherd, **People: text**

People: Leading us beyond our wants,

Leader: Leading us beyond our fears,

People: Leading us to a place of rest,

Leader: Where we sing the music of God's love

**People: And feel new strength to walk through
the valleys and shadows of life.**

*Hymn of Praise #21 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* *(side panel >)*

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*

O most gracious and loving God, we know that you are our shepherd. We know the 23rd Psalm by heart. Sometimes it comforts us in times of personal trouble. But too often we are not empowered by your words. We are still afraid. We are afraid to help others because they might hurt us. We walk by the stranger on the street. We don't even tell our friends about your love and care. Help us to believe that your goodness and mercy are with us all the days of our lives - in everything we say and do. This we ask in the name of your son, Jesus the Christ.

Silent Individual Confession

*The Assurance of Pardon

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

People: We believe the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri 546** *(side panel >)*

Time With Children

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the gloom of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.
3. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Love divine is reigning o'er us,
Joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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.

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 57: 1-5

Hymn of Preparation #380 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
(side panel) >

Prayer of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *Learning to Lean on Jesus*

Doxology 544

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 Lesson

Psalm 23

Sermon

“Walking through a Dark Valley ”

**Hymn of Response #338 *He Leadeth Me:
O Blessed Thought!*** (side panel

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Postlude *Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

*Indicates you may stand.

Liturgist: Michelle Taylor

Prayer Concerns

Fervently pray for the countries and peoples affected by the COVID-19 virus and the men and women housed at the Scott County Correctional Facility and for all those who love them and await their release.

We pray for the Ukrainians that are affected by war.

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- 5:30-7:00 PM Youth Night

Sunday, August 7- Town Hall Meeting after worship

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

1. Savior, like a shepherd lead us,
Much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us,
For our use Thy folds prepare:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
2. Thou hast promised to receive us,
Poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us,
Grace to cleanse, and power to free:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Early let us turn to Thee.
3. Early let us seek Thy favor;
Early let us do Thy will;
Blessed Lord and only Savior,
With Thy love our bosoms fill:
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still;
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
Thou hast loved us, love us still.

He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught
Whate'er I do, where'er I be
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

Refrain:

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.

Refrain

Lord, I would place my hand in Thine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

Refrain

And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

Refrain