

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

January 23, 2022

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO SILENCE YOUR CELL PHONE DURING WORSHIP.**

## Music

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      *How Great Thou Art*

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: Lord God, you are indeed our rock and our fortress;

**People: For your name's sake lead us and guide us.**

Leader: Take us out of the net that is hidden for us, for you are our refuge.

**People: Into your hand we commit our spirit; you have redeemed us, O Lord, faithful God.**

\*Hymn of Praise 437 *The Church's One Foundation*

### \*Prayer of Confession (unison)

**God, we have heard that we are a chosen people, but sometimes we think of ourselves as nobodies. We know that you have called us out of darkness into your marvelous light, but often we hide from brightness and prefer to remain in the dark. Forgive us for failing to accept your love and your call, and help us to be your people and do your will. As persons grateful for your mercy, may we proclaim your mighty acts in our words and our deeds. In Christ's name we ask.**

### Silent Individual Confession

#### \*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: In the name of Jesus, I say to you: Our sins are forgiven.

**People: All things are made new.**

Leader: Doubt no more; Christ is with us always, in life, in death and in life beyond death.

**People: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

#### \*Gloria Patri 546

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.

## The Church's One Foundation

1. The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the word;  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.
2. Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.
3. Though with a scornful wonder  
This world sees her oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.
4. Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious  
Shall be the church at rest.
5. Yet she on earth has union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
May live eternally.

## \*Affirmation of Faith

We believe in the One who gives us life as Creator and affirm that we are called to be witnesses to this creator God in the world. Therefore, there is no choice for us but to immerse ourselves in the stream of history, accepting our particular place in time and doing the best we can with what we have. We believe that failure to accept responsibility, refusal to take a stand on vital issues, timid rejection of the ties of true belonging are denials of life and of God's will for our lives - they are in fact seeds of denial.

God calls us to do our best to understand the times in which we live, to add our weight to the scales on the side of justice and equality within valid differences. We know that if we live our lives responsibly, we need not worry about physical death. Our job is to live out God's love as we have learned it from Jesus right here, right now as His church. God will take care of the rest. So be it!

## Children's Message

**First Scripture Reading**       Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

\*Hymn of Preparation 338   *He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!*

## Prayer of the People

Lord's Prayer 12

## Offering

**Offertory**       *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

**Doxology 544**

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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

Nehemiah 2:17-18

## Sermon

"Building the Common Good"

\* Hymn of Response 344   *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

## \*Benediction

\*Postlude                   *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

\*                                   INDICATES YOU MAY STAND.

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## He Leadeth Me, O Blessed Thought

1 He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

2 Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,  
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. .

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

3 Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine;  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

4 And when my task on earth is done,  
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me;  
by his own hand he leadeth me:  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

## If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

1. If thou but trust in God to guide thee,  
With hopeful heart through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
To bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
In cheerful hope, with heart content  
To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure  
And all discerning love hath sent.  
No doubt our inmost wants are clear  
To One who holds us always dear.

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways,  
But do thine own part faithfully;  
Trust the rich promises of grace,  
So shall they be fulfilled in thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
The soul secured by trust indeed.

