

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

January 30, 2022

**Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.**

**Music** (*beginning at about 10:50 am*)

**Welcome and Announcements.** (*11 am*)

**Prelude**

*Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit*

**\*Call to Worship**

Leader: We celebrate God's Spirit, which is the moving force of the people of faith.

**People: God does wonderful things in the world today as the spirit works through people committed to the kingdom of God.**

Leader: The Holy Spirit is God at work in all kinds of people: Young and old, men and women, clergy and laity.

**People: We are God's people, open to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit!**

**\*Hymn of Praise 131**

***Come Christians Join to Sing***

**\*Prayer of Confession (unison)**

**We see the work of your Spirit in the lives of people today, O Lord, and we praise you for your presence. But we tend to be selective in acknowledging your Spirit, as though some people are entitled to be Spirit-filled and others are not. Forgive us for our possessive attitude and our exclusiveness regarding who has the right to be inspired by your Spirit. Open our minds and hearts to the freedom of your Spirit to move in obedience to your will. 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.

***Come Christians Join to Sing***

1. Come, Christians, join to sing  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice;  
Alleluia! Amen!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend;  
To us He'll condescend;  
His love shall never end;  
Alleluia! Amen!
3. Praise yet our Christ again;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain;  
Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore  
His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing forevermore,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

## \*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

### Special Music

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

### First Scripture Reading

Psalm 65:1-8

### \*Hymn of Preparation 240

*Holy Spirit, Truth Divine*

### Prayer of the People

Lord's Prayer 12

### Offering

#### Offertory

*Sweet, Sweet Spirit*

#### 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

Joel 2:25-28

### Sermon

"Still Building"

### \* Hymn of Response 235

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

### \*Benediction

### \*Postlude

*Take the Name of Jesus with You*

\*Indicates you may stand.

Liturgists: Adam and Jodi Morrow

## Holy Spirit, Truth Divine

1. Holy Spirit, truth divine,  
Dawn upon this soul of mine;  
Word of God, and inward light,  
Wake my spirit, clear my sight.
2. Holy Spirit, love divine,  
Glow within this heart of mine;  
Kindle every high desire;  
Perish self in Thy pure fire.
3. Holy Spirit, power divine,  
Fill and nerve this will of mine;  
By Thee may I strongly live,  
Bravely bear, and nobly strive.
4. Holy Spirit, right divine,  
Make my conscience wholly Thine;  
Be my law, and I shall be  
Firmly bound, forever free.

## Breathe on Me, Breath of God

1. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.\*

• Verse 1 may be repeated here.