

# First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

March 6, 2022

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

## Music

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**        *Just as I Am*

### Call to Worship *(seated)*

**Leader:** We have come to worship you. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from sin. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.

### \*Hymn of Praise 525 *Come Ye Thankful People, Come*

### \*Prayer of Confession *(seated)*

So, we come to you again to admit we have fallen short and to give our good intentions another try. We confess that we have squandered our time instead of having meaningful interaction with the children in our lives. We regret that we have neglected our lonely neighbor, our elderly church member, our homebound acquaintance. We are sorry for the times we have spoken in anger or impatience when a listening ear or kind word would have helped instead of hindered. Unburdened now, let us choose an intention and pledge before You to make our intention a reality as we travel this Lenten road to the new life of Easter.

### Silent Individual Confession

### \*The Assurance of Pardon *(seated)*

My friends, know that God hears our prayers which we say together and which we have lifted in the silence of this sanctuary of safety and love. Lent offers us a chance to begin again, knowing that God knows us through and through

### \*Gloria Patri 546

### Children's Message

### Come Ye Thankful People, Come

1. Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home.
2. All the world is God's own field,  
Fruit unto God's praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown,  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade, and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.
3. For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take the harvest home;  
From each field shall in that day  
All offenses purge away;  
Give the angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In God's garner evermore.
4. Even so, Lord, quickly come  
To Thy final harvest home;  
Gather Thou Thy people in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified,  
In Thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all Thine angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home.

### 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** Luke 4:1-13

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

**Prayer of the People**

**Lord's Prayer 12**

**Offering**

Offertory *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

**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** Exodus 20: 1-6

**Sermon** "The Mysterious Liberator"

**\* Hymn of Response 9** *Now Thank We All Our God*

**\* Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*

\* Indicates you may stand.

Liturgists: Jim and Angela Morrow

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.

**If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee**

1. If thou but suffer God to guide thee,  
and hope in God through all thy ways,  
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee,  
and bear thee through the evil days.  
Who trusts in God's unchanging love  
builds on the rock that naught can move.

2. Only be still, and wait God's leisure  
in cheerful hope, with heart content  
to take whate'er thy Maker's pleasure  
and all-discerning love hath sent;  
we know our inmost wants are known,  
for we are called to be God's own.

3. Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving;  
so do thine own part faithfully,  
and trust God's word; though undeserving,  
thou yet shalt find it true for thee.  
God never yet forsook at need  
the soul that trusted God indeed.

**Now Thank We All Our God**

1. Now thank we all our God  
With heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done,  
In whom this world rejoices;  
Who, from our mothers' arms,  
Hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love,  
And still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God  
Through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts  
And blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in God's grace,  
And guide us when perplexed,  
And free us from all ills  
In this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God,  
Who reigns in highest heaven,  
To Father and to Son  
And Spirit now be given.  
The one eternal God,  
Whom heaven and earth adore,  
The God who was, and is,  
And shall be evermore.