

# First Presbyterian Church

## Huntsville, Tennessee

### March 13, 2022

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

## God of Grace and God of Glory

### Music

### Welcome and Announcements

**Prelude**      *Our Great Savior*

### Call to Worship

*(seated)* Leviticus 23:2-4

**Leader:** Speak to the people and say to them: “These are my appointed festivals, the appointed festivals of the Lord, which you are to proclaim as sacred assemblies.<sup>3</sup> ““There are six days when you may work, but the seventh day is a day of sabbath rest, a day of sacred assembly. You are not to do any work; wherever you live, it is a sabbath to the Lord. 4 ““These are the Lord’s appointed festivals, the sacred assemblies you are to proclaim at their appointed times; 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 358    *God of Grace and God of Glory*

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

Creative, passionate God, you chose to shape the world in beauty and harmony. You invite us to participate in the balance of creation. We grow in wisdom as our experience unfolds; we take good learning out of difficult situations yet also find our well-meant endeavors leading to unintended consequences. This is why we need Sabbath rest. Too often we give in to temptation that disrupts the joyous, chaotic order of the universe. We cannot undo our mistakes, but we can turn weekly to the living presence of Jesus and find new ways to live and love each other and your creation. Do not let our hearts be fearful, but let us in silence acknowledge our sin and seek the forgiveness that restores your peace. Unburdened now, let us choose to worship intentionally 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.

1. God of grace and God of glory,  
On Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story;  
Bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.
2. Lo! the hosts of evil round us  
Scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us  
Free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
For the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.
3. Cure Thy children's warring madness,  
Bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
Rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.
4. Set our feet on lofty places;  
Gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces,  
Pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
That we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!
5. Save us from weak resignation  
To the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation  
Be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
Serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.

## 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.*

## God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years

- 1 God of our life, through all the circling years,  
We trust in Thee;  
In all the past, through all our hopes and fears,  
Thy hand we see.  
With each new day, when morning lifts the veil,  
We own Thy mercies, Lord, which never fail.
2. God of the past, our times are in Thy hand;  
With us abide.  
Lead us by faith to hope's true promised land;  
Be Thou our guide.  
With Thee to bless, the darkness shines as light,  
And faith's fair vision changes into sight.
3. God of the coming years, through paths unknown  
We follow Thee;  
When we are strong, Lord, leave us not alone;  
Our refuge be.  
Be Thou for us in life our daily bread,  
Our heart's true home when all our years have sped.

## God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand

1. God of the ages, whose almighty hand  
Lleads forth in beauty all the starry band  
Of shining worlds in splendor through the skies,  
Our grateful songs before thy throne arise.
- 2 Thy love divine hath led us in the past;  
in this free land with thee our lot is cast;  
Bbe thou our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay,  
Thy Word our law, thy paths our chosen way.
- 3 From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,  
Be thy strong arm our ever sure defense;  
Thy true religion in our hearts increase;  
tMy bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.
- 4 Refresh thy people on their toilsome way;  
Lead us from night to never-ending day;  
Fl all our lives with love and grace divine,  
And glory, laud, and praise be ever thine.

## \*Gloria Patri 546

## Children's Message

**Choral Anthem**                    *There's A Balm in Gilead*

**First Scripture Reading**      Psalm 19:7-14

## \*Hymn of Preparation 348

*God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years*

## Prayer of the People

### Lord's Prayer 12

## Offering

Offertory                            *Amazing Grace*

## 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: 7-11

**Sermon**                    **Living with The Sacred"**

## \* Hymn of Response 515

*God of Our Fathers, Whose Almighty Hand*

## Sacrament of Holy Communion

### The Invitation

Pastor: This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

**People: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.**

Pastor: This is the Lord's table; our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: Give thanks to God for He is good.

**People: His love is everlasting.**

Pastor: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God: we thank you for the power which brought our Lord Jesus from

death to life and which is promised to us who believe in him. We praise you that, breaking bread by faith, we know Christ risen, and can trust him to save us from death and from sin. Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With all the faithful from every time and place, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are Holy.

**People: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty, heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God most high!**

### **Distribution of the Bread and Cup**

#### **Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)**

**God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.**

#### **\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude** *There's Within My Heart a Melody*

\*Indicates you may stand.

Liturgists: Don and Tracey Stansberry

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**

March 12:, Session will meet after worship for their monthly meeting.

Every Saturday- 5:30-7:00 PM Youth Night and Adult book study

Friday, April 15 Good Friday Service- 6:00 PM

Saturday, April 16- 1:00 PM Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 17- 7:15 AM Sunrise Service and Breakfast