

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

: May 8, 2022

Happy Mothers Day!

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *How Great Thou Art*

***Call to Worship** *(Please remain seated)*

Leader: When we are afraid, may we sense our risen Lord ever near ,

People: When we feel alone, may we sense our risen Lord always present .

Leader: When we cry out, “Where is our God?” may we sense our risen Lord close by our side.

People: When we feel the world in turmoil, may we feel our risen Lord calming our lives.

Leader: When we feel at a loss, may our risen Lord fill us with courage.

All: May we give thanks for God’s many blessings. Fill us now with thanks and praise as we rejoice in song.

***Hymn of Praise #85** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* *(side panel >)*

Prayer of Confession *(unison- please remain seated)*

We confess to you, O God, that we have fallen asleep. We often go through the motions and live our daily lives without much thought outside of ourselves. Forgive us for our shortsightedness. Forgive us for not being awake to the wonders and signs that you are doing something new in our world and in our lives. Help us to seek you in the face of others. Call us into your ways of love and justice, so that we might be fully awake, watching and waiting for your return in our world and in our lives in a new way

Silent Individual Confession

***The Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Jesus said: “If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you.” Friends, we have asked for forgiveness and correction. It has been truly done for us. It is being done for us. And it will be done for us.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

- 1 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
2. Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness & love.
3. To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.
4. Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!

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.

Time With Children

Choral Anthem. *Where He Leads, I Will Follow*

First Scripture Reading Revelations 5: 11-14

***Hymn of Preparation #158** *God of Grace and God of Glory* >>>>

Prayer of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *Because He Lives*

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 **Esther 3:8-10, 4:5-14**

Sermon ***"Your Decisive Hour"***

Hymn of Response #108 ***God of Our Life, Through All the Circling Years.*** *(side panel >)*

***Postlude** *When We All Get to Heaven*

*Indicates you may stand.

Liturgist: Don and Tracey Stansberry

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

Saturday, May 21- Youth Lake Day

God of Grace and God of Glory

- 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, (x2)
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, (x2)
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, (x2)
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! (X2)
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, (x2)

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.
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.