

First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Tennessee
11 am Worship; October 23, 2022

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *Be Thou My Vision*

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

Leader: The Lord our God brought us and our ancestors out of the house of slavery;

People: We will serve the Lord.

Leader: The Lord our God has protected us all along the way;

People: We will serve the Lord.

Leader: Choose this day whom you will serve;

People: We will serve the Lord.

***Hymn of Praise 339 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

(side panel >)

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

O God of our ancestors, of Abraham, Sarah, Miriam and Joshua - you call us to reverence and praise, but we have been feeble and apathetic in our commitment. You call us to faithfulness, but we have lacked faith. You call us to sincerity in our walk with Christ, but our discipleship has become routine. Too often we have gone through the motions, rather than seeing each moment as an opportunity to commit our whole heart. You give us so much, gracious God. Your faithfulness endures to all generations. Pour out your Spirit on your stiff-necked people, once again, that we may seek you with vigor, and serve you with renewed energy and purpose. In Jesus' name we ask.

Silent Individual Confession

***The Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: People: We are enslaved no longer by the powers of darkness. We are liberated, set free to follow Christ. We believe the gospel! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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

Time With Children

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.
3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to 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.

Special Music: *Hallelujah, Praise Ye the Lord!*
Felicity Nelson

First Scripture Reading Deuteronomy 26:5-10

***Hymn of Preparation** *It is Well with My Soul* (Side panel >)

Prayer of the People; the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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 Joshua 4:1-7

Sermon "Making a Commitment"

*** Hymn of Response 310** *Take My Life* (side panel >))

***Postlude** *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

*Indicates you may stand.

Liturgist: Michelle Ayers

Prayer Concerns

A listing of prayer requests for church family members and friends is provided in the bulletin mailed to the church mailing list

In the Life of the Church

October 23: Stewardship Commitment Sunday

October 30: Kirkin' of the Tartans Sunday

We will honor the lives of those saints gone before us.

October 30: Pumpkin Carving

Immediately following church, we will share in fellowship and fun as we carve pumpkins, roast hot dogs, and get sticky with s'mores!

November 13: Officer Installation Service

Class of 2023 Ruling Elders will be installed.

November 20: Thanksgiving Sunday/Hanging of the Greens

We will share in a light meal after worship, and enjoy fellowship as we decorate the church for the Christmas Season.

November 27: First Sunday of Advent

The first of the Advent Candles will be lit as we await the birth of the Christ Child.

December 4: Communion Sunday/Second Sunday of Advent

December 11: Cantata Sunday/Third Sunday of Advent

The Celebration of Christmas in music and song will be held during the regular hour of worship. A light meal will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

December 18: Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 24: 5:30 P.M. Children's Christmas Program

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

Refrain:

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet,
though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

My sin, oh the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part, but the whole
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Refrain

And Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul!

Refrain

Take My Life

1. Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.
2. Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.
3. Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.
4. Take my silver and my gold,
Not a mite would I withhold;
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.
5. Take my will, and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.
6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.