

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

January 29,, 2023

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

t Forgive Us, Lord

*Call to Worship

Leader: Consider and answer me, O Lord my God; lighten my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death; lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him" — lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.

People: We come to you, O Lord, seeking answers to our questions. We come to you, O God, because you are the Creator.

Leader: But I have trusted your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

People: We come looking for a song to sing. We wait for your voice to call us from beyond our fear.xt.

*Hymn of Praise What Wondrous Love is This

(*side*

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Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Our God, forgive us for failing to understand and accept the great demands placed upon us by your love. We enlist in your causes, but find ourselves losing interest. We promise to be courageous, but find ourselves afraid. We want to be sensitive, but find ourselves hard and callous. Forgive us; take our limitations and turn them into possibilities for service. Have mercy on us and grant us your peace. Amen.

Silent Individual Confession

*The Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Listen! Here is good news: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," to forgive you in your follies and foibles, to accept you as you are, to set you free from evil's power and make you what you were meant to be.

People: Thanks be to God.

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

Time With Children

Special Music.

Amazing Grace

What Wondrous Love Is This

1 What wondrous love is this,
O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the
Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2 When I was sinking down,
sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down
when I was sinking down beneath God's
righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul,
for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

3 To God and to the Lamb
I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

4 And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

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

Psalm 103:1-12

*Hymn of Preparation 110 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory

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

Matthew 18:23-35

Sermon

"Forgiving the Unforgivable"

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Hymn of Response # 281 How Blest is He Whose Trespass

(side panel >)

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

*Indicates you may stand.

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

Upcoming Events

February 4: Youth 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Young Adults from 7:00-8:00PM.

February 11: Youth 5:00-7:00 p.m.; Young Adults from 7:00-8:00PM.

February 12: Communion

February 18: Youth will leave the church at 12:30 to go to the Ice Chalet in Knoxville.

February 22: Ash Wednesday

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

1. There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heaven;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.
2. For the love of God is broader
Than the measures of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

How blest are they whose trespass
Has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sins are wholly covered
Before the sight of heav'n.
Blest they to whom the LORD God
Does not impute their sin,
Who have a guileless spirit,
Whose heart is true within.

2 While I kept guilty silence,
My strength was spent with grief:
Your hand was heavy on me;
My soul found no relief.
But when I owned my trespass
And did not hide my sin,
Then you forgave my guilt, LORD,
Restored my life within.

3 The sorrows of the wicked
Increase from year to year,
But those that trust the LORD God
Know love instead of fear.
Then in the LORD be joyful,
In song lift up your voice;
Be glad in God, you righteous:
Rejoice, O saints, rejoice!