

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

November 19, 2023

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *This is My Father's World*
Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

*Call to Worship

Leader: We gather here in this place to praise God our Father, who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing that comes from heaven: who knew you and chose you before the world began; who loves you so much that He calls you His own children; who has brought you from darkness into light and filled you with His glorious power; who has prepared an inheritance for you that will never spoil or fade; who encourages and strengthens you in every good deed and word; who comforts you in your troubles so that you can comfort others.

People: This is our God, the ultimate source of all things, and the One for whom we live. Let's worship God together with praise and thanksgiving.

***Hymn of Praise #647** GTG-Purple or side panel >>>>

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess without reservation that our dialogue with You, O God, is not really a dialogue. Too often, we ask without listening, complain without offering thanksgiving. We pray, and cannot understand why we get no response. Awaken us to wonder: If You called, would we answer? Or would You get a busy signal? Would You leave a message, and get no answer in return? We confess anew our impatience and our unwillingness to sit in the holy stillness of Your presence. Forgive us, loving God. Thank You for letting us try again. In this minute of silence, let us be still and listen to what You would say to us this day.

Silent Confession

*The Assurance of Pardon

ALL: Even when we try and fail again and again, God loves us still. In the richness of God's grace, we accept the peace of Christ, which passes all understanding. Amen.

***Gloria Patri** (#546-Red; #581-GTG-Purple) (*side panel >*)

Time With Children

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son.

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Give thanks to the Holy One;
Give thanks because we're given
Jesus Christ, the Son.

And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"
Let the poor say, "We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"
And now let the weak say, "We are strong!"
Let the poor say, "We are rich
Because of what the Lord has done for us!"

Give thanks. Give thanks.

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.

Anthem: *Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You*

Adult Choir, Children's Choir, Handbells

First Scripture Reading

1 Chronicles 29:12-14

Hymn of Preparation: *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

(#645-GTG-Purple, or text on side panel >>>>>>)

Prayers of the People

Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory: *Now Thank We All Our God
Come, Ye Thankful People Come*

***Doxology* (#544-Red; #606-7 GTG-Purple)**

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

Genesis 3:1-7

Sermon

"Good Enough"

Hymn of Response #338 *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

(GTG-Purple)

Benediction

Postlude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Indicates you may stand.

Liturgist: VeRhonda Hembree

Mission Statement

We seek to reflect the gospel of Jesus Christ through service and love.

Welcome to all who worship here today! If you are interested in becoming a member of this congregation, please speak to the pastor or an elder. All are welcome!

Prayer Concerns

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

Upcoming Events (Including Advent Plans)

Please see next page.

**SING PRAISE TO GOD
WHO REIGNS ABOVE**

1. *Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!
2. What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!
3. *The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!
4. *Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud Thy praises
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory!

O BEAUTIFUL FOR SPACIOUS SKIES

1. O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!
America! America!
God shed His grace on thee,
And crown thy good with servanthood
From sea to shining sea!
2. O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law!
3. O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam,
Undimmed by human tears!
America! America! May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness
And every gain divine!

Upcoming Events

Every Saturday the youth will meet from 5 PM to 7 PM followed by the young adults (ages 18-30) from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Every Thursday from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM the church will be open for prayer time.

The second Sunday of each month after worship: Session meets.

Sunday, November 26- Hanging of the Greens and Family Christmas Lunch. After worship, there will be a congregational meeting to elect new officers (Tom Phillips, John Seale and Don Stansberry Jr.) for the Class of 2026.

November 27: Women's Advent Bible study begins; please see details below, under "The Advent Season."

Rehearsal Times

* Every Wednesday is choir rehearsal at 7 PM.

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COMBINED PRACTICE TO PREPARE FOR ADVENT:

November 19: Adult Choir, Handbells, and children involved in Advent services after worship until 1:00

November 26- Handbells will practice for about 15 minutes.

Beginning December 3: The Advent Season

The Advent season is just a couple of weeks away. To help us with worship this Christmas season, we are looking for family volunteers to help us lead Advent and light the Advent candle each week (December 3 through Christmas Eve Service). If your family is interested in volunteering for one of the Advent Sundays or for the Christmas Eve Service, please speak to Beth.

Women's Advent Bible Study will begin **Monday, November 27**. This Advent Study will be offered **each Monday through December 18**.

Two times offered for the study are 9-11 AM or 5-7 PM. (No evening study will be held on December 4.)

The sign-up sheet is in the Narthex, or contact Lee Ann Knudson through the church office.

Sunday, December 24- Christmas Eve Service at 6:00 PM

About Our Hymnals

Our church has added the current PCUSA hymnal, GLORY TO GOD (GTG) to our pews for use in congregational singing. Additional worship materials are also included in its pages. Published by Westminster-John Knox Press in 2016 The hymns include both old and familiar as well as representative contemporary music.

On occasion we are unable to include a hymn's text because the text is not copyright-cleared for online reproduction.

An older edition of the Presbyterian Hymnal ("the red hymnal") is still in use and available in the pews at the church as well. Many familiar hymns are found in both hymnals.