

FIRST UNITED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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*Please stand as you are able.

March 24, 2019 - 11:00 a.m.

GATHERING

(We invite you to take this time to prepare your hearts for worship.)

PRELUDE

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

Philip Gehring
Jeannie Lee, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it to others.)

Rev. Phil Butin

RINGING OF THE BELL AND LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Alex Hemphill
Nathan Byars

INTROIT

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

L. Larson
Chancel Choir

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright."*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Mitchel

In Christ, the God of heavens has made a home on earth.

Christ dwells among us and is one with us.

Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.

He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.

Come now, all who thirst,

And drink the water of life.

Come now, all who hunger,

And be filled with good things.

Come now, all who seek,

And be warmed by the fire of love.

*HYMN 649

Amazing Grace (verses 1-4)

Glory to God

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(seated, unison)*

Lord, you said, "If you love me, you will obey what I command."

Forgive us our lukewarm love, and our disobedience.

Lord, you said, "You may ask for anything in my name."

Forgive us when new think we need to solve our own problems.

Lord, you said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."

We confess that our lives are often consumed by worry and anxiety.

Lord, you said, "If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit."

Forgive us our barren lives, Lord.

Lord, you said, "You must testify, for you have been with me."

We confess, Lord, that we have been too often silent.

Lord, you said, "Love each other as I have loved you."

In this and in so many other ways, we confess our failures and shortcomings. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Alex Hemphill

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: **in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 474** *As a Child Rests*

Glory to God

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

As a child rests in its mother's arms, so will I rest in you.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Ashleigh Hemphill

The peace of Christ be with you! **And also with you.**

CHILDREN'S SONG 2233

Where Children Belong

Sing the Faith

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng.

Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer and song, this is where children belong.

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Rev. Phil Butin

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Luke 9:46-48

⁴⁶An argument arose among them as to which one of them was the greatest. ⁴⁷But Jesus, aware of their inner thoughts, took a little child and put it by his side, ⁴⁸and said to them, "Whoever welcomes this child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me; for the least among all of you is the greatest."

Matthew 18:1-5

¹⁸At that time the disciples came to Jesus and asked, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" ²He called a child, whom he put among them, ³and said, "Truly I tell you, unless you change and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. ⁴Whoever becomes humble like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. ⁵Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me.

SERMON

The Kingdom of Children

Brianne Christiansen

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 188**

Jesus Loves Me

Glory to God

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.

Little ones to him belong. They are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me this I know, as he loved so long ago,

Taking children on his knee, saying let them come to me.

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes, Jesus loves me!

Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

(Generosity Cards are available in the pews for offering our thanks, time, talents, and treasures.)

OFFERTORY

Jesus Loves Me

Roger Summers

***RESPONSE 377**

I Want to Walk as A Child of the Light

Glory to God

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.

The star of my life is Jesus.

In him there is no darkness at all.

The night and the day are both alike.

The Lamb is the light of the city of God.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your grace ... **You hear our prayers.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Abana (Arabic Lord's Prayer)

arr. Greg Scheer

SENDING

***HYMN 735**

I Need Thee Every Hour

Glory to God

***BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

L. Larson

And in that light of life I'll walk 'till trav'ling days are done.

CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

(As we leave, we are called to be God's light in the world.)

POSTLUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord

David Paxton

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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK AHEAD

SUNDAY	Fellowship, 4:00 p.m. UPY Together, 5:00 p.m., Upper Witherspoon
TUESDAY	PWC Team 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m., Calvin 203 Covenant 10:30 a.m., Upper Witherspoon Stephen Ministry, 6:30 p.m. Calvin 201
WEDNESDAY	Men's Breakfast, 6:30 a.m., Village Inn Parents Group, 11:00 a.m., Chancel Bells, 6:00 p.m., Sanctuary Chancel Choir, 7:00 p.m., Music Room UPY Small Groups, 7:30 p.m., Lower Witherspoon Worship Ensemble, 8:30 p.m., Sanctuary
THURSDAY	Intercessory Prayer, 3:30 p.m., Butterfield Trail Village
FRIDAY	Hooks and Needles, 10:00 a.m., Lower Witherspoon Senior High Youthquake, Ferncliff
SATURDAY	Fellow"Shape" Zumba, 10:00 a.m., Upper Witherspoon Mo Ranch Jr. High Jubilee and Montreat registrations and cost due

THANK YOU FOR WORSHIPING WITH US TODAY! We extend a warm welcome to you. If you have any questions, our ushers, greeters, or those at the Coffee Bar will be glad to help you. Children are always welcome in worship. Activity packets for them are in the Gathering Place. Childcare is also available in Lower Calvin for those under five years old from 8:15 a.m.- 12:15 p.m.

EXCITING SUNDAY MORNING SPIRITUAL GROWTH OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN, YOUTH AND ADULTS take place every week from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

- Children's Learning Activities - Knox
- UPY Mornings (7th-12th) -Lower Witherspoon, "Pause" by LeaderTreak, a study in resting in God.
- The Present Word (Winter Study) - *Our Love for God, Loving God by Trusting Christ* - Calvin 203
- *Resident Aliens* by Stanley Hauerwas and William H. Willimon - Calvin 201
- *Making Sense of God: Finding God in the Modern World* by Tim Keller - Upper Witherspoon

JOIN US TODAY FOR YOUTH SUNDAY PLANNING AT UPY TOGETHER (March 24, 5:00-7:00 p.m.) - A few weeks ago, we chose our topic: "How Many Times?- Matthew 18:21-22. This evening we'll chose songs and liturgy and assign leadership roles. We would love to have any FUPC 7-12th graders participate in Youth Sunday (April 7) and this is an important prep night, so please plan on being here!

CLEARING THE CLUTTER - Would you like to get organized, but don't know where to start? FUPC through First School is sponsoring a fun event in Fellowship Hall on Thursday, March 28, from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. that may help. It's open to any who would like to attend. Let Laurie Malloy, professional organizer, personal life coach, and engaging presenter, speak into your life. Light refreshments will be served. Tickets are \$5.00 at the door. RSVP to Cathy (chairston@fupcfay.org or 571-4516). Childcare is provided. Please be sure to request it with your reservation.

SUPPORT UPY SUMMER CONFERENCE TRIPS. We have nine youth from FUPC participating in the Presbytery of Arkansas trips to Mo Ranch, Triennium, and Montreat. Attending a conference as a teenager is valuable for faith formation, but these conferences aren't cheap. In the month of March, we encourage you to stop by the table in the Gathering Place to learn more about the trips, to sign up for the trip prayer list, or to pick up a donation envelope to contribute toward scholarships that make these trips possible for our teenagers.