

# STEWARDSHIP DEDICATION SUNDAY



**HONOR**  
the past



**SERVE**  
the present



**TRANSFORM**  
the future



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH | JACKSON, TENNESSEE



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October 23, 2022

## GATHERING

**PRAYER FOR MEDITATION:** *Lord Jesus Christ, you have given us every spiritual and material blessing. Show us how to share our gifts with others with a joyous and grateful heart. May our gifts provide hope, consolation and pastoral care to your people and thus give glory and honor to your Holy Name. In your name, we pray. Amen.*

## RINGING OF THE CHIMES

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

*Allegro Festivo*  
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Rawsthorne

### CHORAL INTROIT

*Sing a New Song to the Lord*  
Chancel Choir

Hopson

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev. John White*

One: For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

**ALL:** *For in one Spirit, we were all baptized into one body, and we are all made to drink of one Spirit.*

One: Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.

**ALL:** *If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.*

One: Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

**ALL:** *God has given us different gifts, but we will strive together in Christ's name. Let us worship our Creator, who is the Lord of all creation!*

### \*PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 363 *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

DARWALL'S 148TH

## TO PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Merciful God, we confess with sorrow that we have trusted in ourselves and regarded others as less than ourselves. Our voices have been silent when we should have spoken. Our words have rung out when we should have been silent.

**ALL:** *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. (silent prayers)*

One: Lord, we confess with sadness and grief that we have failed those who trusted us and hurt those who needed us. Too many times we have pursued *(continued)*

our own desires at the expense of others. Too many times we have taken your gifts for granted.

**ALL:** *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. (silent prayers)*

One: Lord, we confess with hope and faith our need of your healing, and our trust in your grace. Cleanse us, we pray, and open us to your transforming grace.

**ALL:** *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, and re-make us in your image. (silent prayers)*

One: Forgive us O God - and show us the way to new life.

**ALL:** *Lord, in your mercy, forgive us. Touch us and make us whole. This we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.*

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: Brothers and Sisters in Christ, God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor does God seek revenge when we forsake Him. Rather, the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who love God. *(from Psalm 103)*

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God, for His loving kindness has freed us both to give and to receive forgiveness! "Once we were no people, but now we are God's people! Alleluia! Amen!*

**\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 447 We Are Forgiven**

**WE ARE FORGIVEN**

*We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.*

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**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

**ALL:** *And, also, with you.*

**ACT OF PRAISE**

*Nearer, My God, to Thee*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Hanson

**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**

*Libby Smith*

**\* HYMN: 468 In My Life**

**LORD, BE GLORIFIED**

**THE WORD**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

*Rev. John White*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

*Psalm 24 (pg. 502)*

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*Matthew 25:14-30 (pg.28-29)*

*Rev. John White*

One: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**ALL:** *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON

*Testify to Love*

*Rev. John White*

**RESPONSE**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

*We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.*

*The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.*

*The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles, rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks, and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

*(At this time, please find the red friendship pad located toward the center aisle on each pew, sign it, pass it down your row and back again, taking note of those who worship with you.)*

**OFFERING**

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**OFFERTORY**

*Improvisation on NETTLETON*

*Manz*

*Dr. Terry McRoberts*

\*Doxology (Tune: 606)

**OLD HUNDREDTH**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Dedicatory Prayer

*Rev. Courtney Bowen*

**\*PRESENTATION OF PLEDGES**

**\*HYMN: 288** *Spirit of the Living God*

**LIVING GOD**

**SENDING**

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

*Rev. John White*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION**

*Go with Us Lord*

*Tallis*

*Chancel Choir*

**POSTLUDE**

*Postlude on HOLY MANNA*

*Callahan*

*Dr. Terry McRoberts*