



HOMECOMING WORSHIP SERVICE



*First Presbyterian Church
Jackson, Tennessee*

HOME COMING WORSHIP SERVICE

September 24, 2023

GATHERING

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION: *Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior. Amen.*

RINGING OF THE CHIMES

WELCOME + ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. John White

PRELUDE

I Will Arise and Go to Jesus

Dr. Terry McRoberts

arr. by Hustad

CHORAL INTROIT

We Give You Praise

Chancel Choir

Beebe

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (*see insert*)

Rev. John White

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN: 687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

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PRAISE GOD AND CONFESS OUR SINS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: Loving God, present and near, you are beyond our words and our understanding. Help us to remember that you are at once infinite, boundless, timeless and eternal but, at the same time, you are intimately entwined with our lives. You are with us no matter where we find ourselves.

One: When we have forgotten you

ALL: *Lord, have mercy.*

One: When we have failed to speak words of love

ALL: *Lord, have mercy.*

One: When we have neglected the needs of another

ALL: *Lord, have mercy.*

Loving God, present and near, help us to recognize Your presence and nearness with us as we worship together. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Rev. Courtney Bowen

One: You are loved. Love is the Way. When you love God, you love others. When you truly lay down your life for others, you lay down your life for God. Give yourself to God by serving others, and know that in God's love there is forgiveness, healing and reconciliation.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: 581 *Glory Be to the Father
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. A-men, a-men.*

GLORIA PATRI

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

THE WORD

ANTHEM

Shall We Gather at the River
Annika Jerge, alto

arr. Hopson

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Rev. Courtney Bowen

MINUTE FOR MISSION: FIRST PRESBYTERIAN BICENTENNIAL

Susan Boutwell

PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN RECOGNITION

Vivian Pauley

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John White

*HYMN: 321 *The Church's One Foundation*

AURELIA

NEW TESTAMENT READING *1 Corinthians 13 (page 175)*

Rev. Courtney Bowen

SERMON

200 Years of Faith, Hope and Love

Rev. John White

RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*The Apostles' Creed*)

Rev. Courtney Bowen

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

**OFFERING
ANTHEM**

Pavanesque
Dr. Terry McRoberts

*Rev. Courtney Bowen
Thiman*

*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

PROCLAMATION BY CITY MAYOR, SCOTT CONGER

SENDING

*HYMN: 295 *Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

*CHARGE + BENEDICTION

Rev. John White

CHORAL BENEDICTION

Walk in the Light
Chancel Choir

Purchase

POSTLUDE

Festive Postlude on Hymn to Joy
Dr. Terry McRoberts

Travis