

SERMON NOTES:

1. Unimpressive Citizens (v. 26)

2. Unopposed God (vv. 27-28)

This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, August 13

9:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:15 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing
10:15 AM	Sunday School	Fellowship Hall
11:00 AM	Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	Children's Church	Children's Wing

Monday, August 14

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room

Tuesday, August 15

10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
11:00 AM	Lunch Bunch	Tower 10 th Floor
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:45 PM	Bonded in Fellowship	Fellowship Lounge

Wednesday, August 16

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303
5:30 PM	Rapha Fellowship	Nell Davis

Thursday, August 17

10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, August 18

9:00 AM	Children's Play Group	Student Center
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.

Prayers for Healing take place on the 2nd Sunday of a month.

The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month.

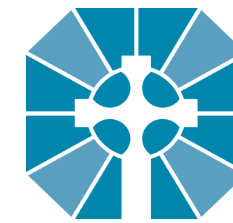


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city-center church committed to fulfilling the Great Commission
in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,
to the glory of the Triune God.*

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, AUGUST 13, 2023
11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Salvation in Christ is not a human
self-improvement scheme
but a radical rescue. . . .

Grace is not only the great unifier
but also the great leveler.

– Ben Witherington, "Conflict and Community"

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Give us grace, O Lord,
to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ
and proclaim to all people
the Good News of His salvation,
that we and the whole world
may perceive the glory of His marvelous works,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Jesu, Jesu, Thou Art Mine" by J.S. Bach

Ann Shaw, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Amazing Grace” arr. John Coates, Jr.

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Luke 4:18-19 ESV

Pastor: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because He has anointed me
to proclaim good news to the poor.

**People: He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

“Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee” No. 80 (vv. 1-4)

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” No. 457 (vv. 1-3)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Larger Catechism, Q & A 54

Pastor: What do you believe
concerning the church of Jesus Christ?

**People: I believe that the Son of God
through His Spirit and Word,
out of the entire human race,
from the beginning of the world to its end,
gathers, protects, and preserves for Himself
a community chosen for eternal life
and united in true faith.
And of this community I am and always will be
a living member.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

adapted from The Worship Sourcebook

**Almighty God,
we confess our reluctance to be Your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ
to a lost, lonely, and confused world.
Forgive us for often being more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us and forgive our sins.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from living as Your representatives
in a broken and fallen world.
Awaken our hearts
to the promised gift of Your indwelling Spirit.
This we pray in Jesus’ powerful name. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

from Acts 13:38; Ephesians 1:7 ESV

Through Jesus Christ
forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you.
In Christ we have redemption through His blood,
the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of His grace.

HYMN OF HEALING

“He Will Hold Me Fast”

PRAYERS FOR HEALING

OFFERTORY

“To Behold Thee” by Dan Forrest

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

*Please check in your children PreK-1st grade at the check-in station by the
Fellowship Hall level elevator and walk them to the PreK-K dept.*

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

I Corinthians 1:26-28 — “A Kingdom of Rejects with Prospects”

“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”

Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” No. 481 (vv. 1 & 3)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

from Psalm 67:1-2 ESV

Pastor: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make His face to shine upon us
so that His way may be known on earth,
His saving power among all nations.

People: Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Redeemed, How I Love to Proclaim It” by A.L. Butler

Celtic Ensemble

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Kelley and Dr. and Mrs. John J. Killeffer.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by
volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, August 14th.*

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