



First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

Stewardship Dedication Sunday September 29, 2024

Vision Statement:

Worshipping God, growing together, serving others, and welcoming all

Service for the Worship of God – 10:30 a.m.

Welcome and Announcements

If you are visiting with us and would like to leave your contact information, please fill out the “Welcome” card (located in the pew rack) and put it in the offering plate.

Prelude

Still your heart and prepare to worship God.

Water is poured into the baptismal font calling us to remember our baptism.

Acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.

Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

In deep gratitude we come to worship God.

We recognize God as the source of all goodness.

All good gifts come from the Spirit of God:

Love, peace, joy, patience, kindness and gentleness are all of God.

We come with grateful hearts for God’s healing, redeeming love.

We gather to show our gratitude in song and prayer.

Invocation

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 611**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

****Call to Confession**

Liturgist

****Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Led by Liturgist

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people. You have called us to be the church, to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world. Yet we acknowledge we can be more apathetic than active, isolated than involved, detached than compassionate, legalistic than loving. Gracious Lord, have mercy and forgive us. Remove the obstacles preventing us from being your representatives to a broken world. Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your indwelling Spirit. This we pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist

****Choral Response, No. 399 (2 times)**

God Welcomes All

*God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God’s love is strong, and it never ends.*

Time with Young Christians

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

First Lesson: Deuteronomy 8:11-18

Found on page 165 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Matthew 6:19-24

Found on page 6 in the New Testament of the pew Bible
Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "The Art of Tangibilization"

****Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We belong to God, eternal and infinite, Creator of all things and all that is to come. We follow Christ, who reveals God to us and calls us to join in his ministry. He was crucified, died, and was raised again by God, and reigns over all creation, and he bids us to die and rise with him in the service of the healing of the world. We are moved by the Holy Spirit, together with the communion of saints, as members of the body of Christ, God's holy universal church. In all things, it is our desire to follow Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit, for God's glory. Amen

****Hymn No. 711**

Lord of All Good

Stewardship Commitment and Dedication

Charles Harvey

Litany Commitment (responsively)

Leader: Gracious God, you have made a world for us and given us incomparable gifts: air and water, family and friends, your steadfast love and forgiveness, and your son Jesus the Christ. For all the gifts and wonders you have bestowed on us,

PEOPLE: we thank you and worship you with renewed gratitude.

Leader: O God, you created us to love one another as Christ has loved us so we are concerned about all your children, those who live near us, and those who live far away. We are eager to participate in the work of the whole church and to further the ministry and service of this congregation.

PEOPLE: We are called to be your stewards. We thoughtfully shoulder our personal share of responsibility, and we dedicate our lives and resources as a witness to the good news of Christ. Today we respond to your grace with our hearts and hands and voices.

Leader: We are confident in your love and care for us.

PEOPLE: We gladly dedicate our whole lives – our time, our talents, and our financial resources – to our gracious God.

Leader: Let these symbols of our faith and belief be dedicated to the purposes of demonstrating your love in our community and throughout the world. Let them reflect

a deeper commitment to care for the earth and all of creation as a testament of our love for you.

PEOPLE: Let them be symbols of the love we have received, the justice we will work towards, and the mercy in which you hold us now.

Leader: Above all, O Lord, receive them as a testimony of our gratitude for the love that sustains us, restores us, and gives life meaning and purpose. Amen.

ALL: Gracious God, as you have called workers to various tasks in the world and in your church, so you have called each of us, with unique experiences and gifts, to serve you. Fill us with wisdom and patience, with love, with faithfulness and hope, and with courage and compassion. We ask you to rekindle the gift of your spirit in each of us, remembering that you have given us not a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and humility. May we with gladness join as a community that as individuals and as a whole supports one another, serves our neighbors in need, and works for a just and peaceful world for all of your creation. Amen.

Prayers of the People (Leader) and The Lord's Prayer (unison): Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Presentation of Ourselves and of our Gifts

Call to Offering

Liturgist

Contributions can also be made online at www.fpctullahoma.org

Offertory

****Doxology, No. 609**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

****Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 700**

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

****Charge and Blessing**

****Postlude**

****All who are able are invited to stand.**

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Mickey Hall, Liturgist

Announcements for September 29, 2024

Sunday, September 29– Stewardship Dedication Sunday

- 9:00 Sunday school for adults
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:30 Fellowship time hosted by Melissa Hall and Fuffy Bearden in Fellowship Hall
- 11:30 Elder Training following Fellowship Time

Monday, September 30

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, October 1

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 12:00 p.m. Church Women United meeting at Shorter Chapel AME
- 1:00 p.m. Chair Yoga in Williams Family Center

Wednesday, October 2

- 8:30 Learning Place Preschool
- 5:00 p.m. Kingdom Kids for children Pre-K – 5th grade
- 5:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for middle school students
- 6:00 p.m. Presbyterian Youth Connection for high school students
- 6:00 p.m. The Salon

Thursday, October 3

- 2:00 – 4:00 p.m. Thursday Girls meeting in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, October 6 – World Communion Sunday

- 9:00 Sunday school
- 10:30 Worship service
- 11:30 Session meeting in Fellowship Hall

Liturgists needed for Sundays in October and November – Please sign the list on the lectern in the narthex if you are willing to serve on an available Sunday.

Volunteer Opportunity: Church representative for helping community members with gas and electric – Also, on the lectern is a list for serving in this capacity in the church office on Mondays and/or Tuesdays from 9:00 -12:00. If you are interested in serving in this way and want to know more about it, talk with Brad Sturgill, Stephen Yates, or Martha Bradley.