



First Presbyterian Church

Tullahoma, Tennessee

The 11th Day of Christmas January 5, 2025

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 place it in the offering plate later in the service.

Prelude

Still your heart and prepare to worship God.

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

The acolytes symbolically bring the light of Christ into the service.

Call to Worship (responsively)

Led by Liturgist

Arise! Shine!

God's light has come to reveal the Way in this New Year.

Arise! Shine!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Arise! Shine!

God's light penetrates the darkness that covers the world.

Arise! Shine!

Nations shall come to God's light and kings to the brightness of God's dawn.

ALL: Arise! Shine! For the Glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Invocation

Liturgist

****Hymn No. 110**

Love Has Come

****Call to Confession**

Liturgist

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

Led by Liturgist

Most holy and most loving God, we admit to you and to each other, that we are creatures who either through foolishness or wilfulness often choose darkness instead of light.

Here and now we surrender to you our fears and proud opinions, our short-sighted folly and our pompous wisdom, our deep-seated sins and our apathy towards change and renewal.

Please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore the light-starved hopes and ideals within our own souls.

Trusting your grace, we earnestly pray: “Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew and renew a right spirit within us.” Through Christ Jesus, our Saviour. Amen.

****Words of Assurance**

Liturgist

****Choral Response, Hymn No, 137 (all verses)** *He Came Down that We May Have Love*

Story Time with Young Christians

Special Music

Prayer of Illumination

The Lesson from the Old Testament: Isaiah 60:1-6

Found on page 690 in the Old Testament of the pew Bible

Holy Word, Holy Wisdom

Thanks be to God

The Lesson from the Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Found on page 2 in the New Testament of the pew Bible

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Collect

Minister

Sermon: Simple Gifts

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

We believe in God, the creator of all things, the giver of life and breath.

We believe in Jesus Christ, born Emmanuel, one of us, baptized and revealed the most beloved Son of God; he sought to heal humanity by taking our brokenness upon himself, suffering for us, dying for us, and being raised from the dead for our sake and for the sake of all the world. We believe that he will come again.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, continually poured out refreshing our lives, leading us into a new day, ever-birthing the church, the body of Christ in the world. This Spirit is our soul companion and counselor of truth, reminding us of the gift of faith, the ever presence of God and the promise of eternal life.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

****Hymn No. 150**

As with Gladness Men of Old

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. 606**

*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.*

****Prayer of Dedication**

Liturgist

Sacrament of Holy Communion

Words of Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

God in Christ has revealed his glory. Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting,

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Let us pray together:

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take
away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand
of the Father: receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Words of Institution

Communion is served.

Prayer after Communion

****Hymn 140**

Once in Royal David's City

*Acolytes take the light out of the service, symbolizing that worshippers
are to take the light of Christ into the world where our service begins.*

****Charge and Benediction**

****Postlude**

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

Ministers – Our entire congregation

Stephen G. Yates, Pastor

Michael Bradley, Worship Leader

David Hiebert, Organist

Katie Prasser, Minister to Children

Bethany Sterling, Minister to Youth

Robert Wright, Choir Director

Martha Bradley, Liturgist

Announcements for January 5, 2025

Sunday, January 5

10:30 Worship Service, including Holy Communion

Monday, January 6 – Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday, January 7

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

12:00 Church Women United meeting at Catholic Charities, 103 SE Atlantic Street

1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

Wednesday, January 8

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

10:00 Presbyterian Women meeting in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. **The Salon** in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, January 9

8:30 Learning Place Preschool

1:00 p.m. Chair yoga in Williams Family Center

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

7:00 p.m. Middle Tennessee Amateur Radio Society meeting in Fellowship Hall

Next Sunday, January 12 – Mission Sunday

10:30 Worship Service

Good Samaritan Ministry – Bring your food and hygiene item contributions to the worship service with you on Mission Sunday, January 12.

Standard food request: canned fruits, canned vegetables, dry spaghetti, pasta sauce, soup, soda crackers, cereal, peanut butter, canned tuna, and canned chicken.

Special food request: soup, canned beef stew or Chef Boyardee ravioli

Dignity item request: tooth paste

**FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP AT
WHISKEY TRAIL BBQ
& STEAKHOUSE!**

The Family Activities and Outreach Committee
invites the congregation to a time of food,
fellowship and fun at
Whiskey Trail BBQ & Steakhouse, 413 Wilson
Avenue, Tullahoma, TN on
Thursday, January 16, 2025 from 6:00 - ?

Whiskey Trail's menu offers something for
everyone. As a reminder, you are responsible for
your own food and drink tab.

For planning purposes we would like to know how
many will be attending. Please complete the form
below and put it in the offering plate or return it to
the church office.

See you at Whiskey Trail!
January 16, 2025

Name: _____

Number attending: _____