

SERMON NOTES:

1. The Fulness of His Presence Because the Mission Is Finished (vv. 22-26)

2. The Finality of Falsehood (v. 27)



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, May 7

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
5:15 PM	Evening Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	High School Youth End of Year Party	Student Center

Monday, May 8

10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women's Prayer Ministry	Session Room
6:00 PM	Bell Choir Practice	SS 208
6:00 PM	Regional Historical Society	Chapel

Tuesday, May 9

9:00 AM	Homeless Coalition	Tower 10 th Floor
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, May 10

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	SS 209 & SS 210
6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, May 11

10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
5:15 PM	Orchestra Rehearsal	Choir Room
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, May 12

10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

Saturday, May 13

7:00 PM	Spring Concert	Tower 10 th Floor
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The Sacrament of Baptism takes place on the 1st 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, MAY 7, 2023
11:00 AM

† *Please stand as you are able.*

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION

The ultimate hope of all Christians is to behold God's face and to experience His glory. We call it the beatific vision. C.S. Lewis said that this would bring about the healing of the old ache that we all have. "Our lifelong nostalgia, our longing to be reunited with something in the universe from which we now feel cut off, to be on the inside of some door which we have always seen from the outside, is no mere neurotic fancy, but the truest index of our real situation. And to be at last summoned inside would be both glory and honor beyond all our merits and the healing of that old ache. . ." Let us prepare to worship our God for the future hope of receiving our summons and beholding His face.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Let Your continual mercy, O Lord,
cleanse, revive, and defend Your Church
and, because it cannot continue in safety without Your help,
protect and govern it always by Your goodness
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

"Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Bill Ingram
Reformation Handbells

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” by Beethoven, arr. Joel Raney

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Pastor: Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise His holy name.
Praise the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all His benefits.

**People: The LORD has established
His throne in heaven,
and His kingdom rules over all.
Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

†PRAYER OF INVOCATION

†THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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.**

†HYMNS OF PRAISE

***“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” No. 53 (vv. 1-5)
“Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him”***

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

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 *[living]* and the dead;
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic *[universal]* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

*Joseph Preston Sweets, son of Tommy and Gabrielle Sweets
Baptism by Rev. Tom Sweets, grandfather of Joseph*

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” No. 246 (vv. 1-5)

WOMEN’S MINISTRY OFFICERS COMMISSIONING

PRAYER FOR CHRIST’S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

“I Am” by L.W. Hilliard & M.W. Smith, arr. P. Ferrin

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

Revelation 21:22-27 — “Enjoying God Now and Forever”
“Revelation: Roadmap for Daily Life, Refuge for the Future”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” No. 38 (vv. 1-3)

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ Himself,
and God our Father, Who loved us
and gave us eternal comfort
and good hope through grace,
comfort Your hearts
and establish them in every good work and word.

People: Thanks be to the God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

“Courante” by Michael Praetorius

Patrick Rice, organ

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in honor of Mrs. Caroline Bickel on the occasion of her birthday and in memory of Harry Croft Bickel by Caroline Bickel and their children, Caroline McLoughlin, Harry Bickel, Jr., Florence Doud, and Laura Peoples.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, May 8th.

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