

SERMON NOTES:

1. What the World’s Wisdom Cannot Do

2. What Only Preaching Can Do



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, July 2

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

Monday, July 3

High School RYM Conference		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room

Tuesday, July 4

High School RYM Conference
Church Offices Closed

Wednesday, July 5

High School RYM Conference		
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303

Thursday, July 6

High School RYM Conference		
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, July 7

High School RYM Conference		
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 will 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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in Chattanooga, North America, and around the world,
to the glory of the Triune God.

The Lord’s Day
SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023
11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

PERSONAL WORSHIP REFLECTION

Why do we devote so much time to the reading and preaching of God’s Word? Like doubting Thomas, we all struggle with unbelief. The Apostle Paul reminds us of the antidote: “Faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17 ESV). Until we are spiritually reborn, all of us are blind to His beauty and deaf to His voice. This is one reason why God chooses to send us preachers. “It pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21b ESV). Pray for evident fruit in your life and in the lives of those you love because of hearing and heeding God’s Word preached.

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Gracious Lord,
You are a God Who has spoken and has not kept silent.
As we prepare to read, sing, pray, study, and preach Your Word,
unveil Your beauties to our sight
“so that [we] turn from darkness to light
and from the power of Satan to God,
that [we] receive forgiveness of sins
and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in [Jesus]”
(Acts 26:18 ESV).

PRELUDE

“Freu dich sehr, o meine Seele” by Georg Böhm
 (“Gird Thee Now, My Soul with Gladness”)
Patrick Rice, organ

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 56 ESV

Pastor: When I am afraid, I put my trust in You.
In God, Whose word I praise, in God I trust;
I shall not be afraid. What can flesh do to me?

People: This I know, that God is for me.
In God, Whose word I praise,
in the Lord, Whose word I praise,
in God I trust; I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?

†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

“God of Our Fathers”
“Faith of Our Fathers!” No. 570 (vv. 1-4)

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q & A 155

Q: How is the Word made effectual to salvation?

A: The Spirit of God makes the reading,
but especially the preaching of the Word,
an effectual means of enlightening,
convincing, and humbling sinners;
of driving them out of themselves,
and drawing them unto Christ;
of conforming them to His image,
and subduing them to His will;
of strengthening them against temptations and corruptions;
of building them up in grace,
and establishing their hearts in holiness and comfort
through faith unto salvation.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Gracious, heavenly Father,
We plead Your mercy due to our cold and stony hearts.
Other voices too frequently distract and entice us.
Desires for other things give rise to a divided heart.
A double-mindedness causes us instability and insecurity.
Worries, cares, riches, and pleasures of this world
have choked out the life-giving fruit of Your Word.
May Your Spirit soften our hearts this day
so that we hear, read, mark, learn,
and inwardly digest Your Word,
to the end that we receive and hold fast
to the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which You have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 44:22 ESV

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
and your sins like mist;
return to Me, for I have redeemed you.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” No. 32 (vv. 1-3)

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“If My People” by Joseph Martin

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

†DOXOLOGY

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

I Corinthians 1:21 — “The Primacy of Preaching”
“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“Loved with Everlasting Love” No. 703 (vv. 1-4)

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THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

Acts 20:32 ESV

Pastor: And now I commend you to God
and to the word of His grace,
which is able to build you up
and to give you the inheritance
among all those who are sanctified.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen.

POSTLUDE

“God of Our Fathers” arr. Zach Smith Brass Ensemble

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Dr. David Park McCallie, Maddin Lupton McCallie, Frederick Maddin McCallie,
and Nancy Bockbrader McCallie, and in celebration of our nation’s 247th birthday.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers
to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, July 3rd.

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