

## SERMON NOTES:

1. The Attractive Deception of False Community

2. The Always-Present God of True Community



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### This Week at 1st Pres

#### Sunday, January 29

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
6:30 PM	High School Youth Small Group	Youth Building

#### Monday, January 30

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

#### Tuesday, January 31

9:30 AM	Women of the Covenant	Library Lounge
9:45 AM	GaP Bible Study	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
6:00 PM	RUF	Student Center
6:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

#### Wednesday, February 1

6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call World Missions Prayer Time	Connector Tower 303
5:30 PM	Midweek Meal	Fellowship Hall
6:00 PM	Middle School Small Group	Student Center
6:15 PM	Adult Elective Choir Kids Ministry Rapha Fellowship	Chapel Choir Room Children's Wing SS 209 & SS 210

#### Thursday, February 2

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, February 3

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

#### Saturday, February 4

6:00 PM	Gospel Fest	Sanctuary
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The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month.  
The Sacrament of Baptism typically takes place on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of a 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, JANUARY 29, 2023

9:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

### THE PRAISE OF GOD'S PEOPLE

#### † CALL TO WORSHIP

*Psalm 28:6-8*

Reader: Blessed be the LORD!

For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

**People: The LORD is my strength and my shield;  
in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

Reader: The LORD is the strength of His people;

He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

**People: Oh, save Your people and bless Your heritage!  
Be their shepherd and carry them forever.**

#### † 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.**

#### † SONGS OF PRAISE

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*Canons of Dort, from Section 2, Article 9*

**God's plan, arising out of His eternal love for us,  
from the beginning of the world to the present time  
has been powerfully carried out  
and will also be carried out in the future,  
the gates of hell seeking vainly to prevail against it.**

**As a result, God's people are gathered into one,  
all in their own time,  
and there is always a church of believers founded on Christ's blood,  
a church which steadfastly loves,  
persistently worships,  
and here and in all eternity praises Him as her Savior  
Who laid down His life for her on the cross,  
as a bridegroom for his bride.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

**O Lord, we know that because You are our Shepherd,  
we have everything we need;  
yet we worry and want more.**

**You make us lie down in green pastures, leading us beside quiet waters;  
yet our hearts are so often restless.**

**You restore our souls;  
but we want to be self-sufficient and help ourselves.**

**You lead us in paths of righteousness;  
but we turn our own way.**

**You are present with us even in the deepest darkness;  
yet we would rather take comfort in our circumstances than in  
Your presence.**

**O Father, teach us again that we can never be satisfied  
until we are full of Christ.**

**Thank You that Jesus is the bread that came down from heaven,  
and in Him we will never hunger nor thirst. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

*Romans 6:4*

Pastor: We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death,  
in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory  
of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

SONG OF ASSURANCE

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 17: 1-7 — "Counterfeit Community"***  
*"Revelation: Refuge for Daily Life, Roadmap for the Future"*  
Dr. Gabe Fluhrer

†SONG OF RESPONSE

THE SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

*from Numbers 6:24-26*

Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you;  
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you;  
May the LORD lift up His countenance upon you  
and give you peace,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*The flowers today are given to the glory of God by Carla and Scott Brown  
in memory of their parents, Margaret and Scott Brown and Pauline  
and Charles Foltz, and in memory of siblings George Brown and Barbara Faix.*

*The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered  
by volunteers to our homebound and hospitalized on Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.*

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