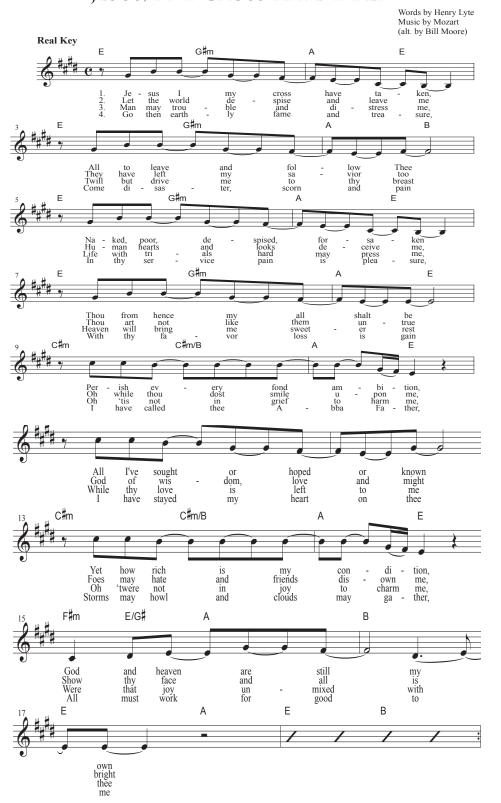
JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN





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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, Janu	ary 30			
10:00 AM	•	Connector		
	Women's Prayer Ministry	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 th 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, Feburary 1				
6:30 AM	Dead Theologians Society	Fellowship Hall		
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call	Connector		
	World Missions Prayer Time	Tower 303		
5:30 PM	Midweek Meal	Fellowship Hall		
6:00 PM	Middle School Small Group	Student Center		
6:15 PM	Adult Elective	Chapel		
	Choir	Choir Room		
	Kids Ministry	Children's Wing		
	Rapha Fellowship	SS 209 & SS 210		
Thursday, Fe				
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center		
3:15 PM	\mathcal{O}	Student Center		
	Orchestra Rehearsal	Choir Room		
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom		
Friday, Feburary 3				
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting			

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12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8th Floor

Saturday, Feburary 4

6:00 PM Gospel Fest Sanctuary

The Sacrament of Communion takes place on the 3rd Sunday of each month. The Sacrament of Baptism typically takes place on the 1st Sunday of a month.

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First Presbyterian Church exists to be a Christ-exalting, 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 11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

Prelude

"Jesus Paid It All" arr. Mary McDonald Dr. Sigrid Luther, piano & Patrick Rice, organ

Welcome and Announcments

Preparing Hearts and Minds for Worship "Be Still and Know" by Steven Curtis Chapman, arr. Tom Fettke

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. "Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken" Bulletin
"More Love to Thee, O Christ" No. 649 (vv. 1-4)

†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

Assurance of Pardon

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.

Hymn of Assurance

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

No. 32 (vv. 1, 3)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S PEOPLE

OFFERTORY

"I'd Rather Have Jesus" arr. Bruce Greer

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

†Hymn of Response

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" No. 64

No. 648 (vv. 1-4)

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.

Postlude

"La Bataille" by Tielman Susato

Patrick Rice, organ

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 30th.

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SERMON NOTES:

1. The Attractive Deception of False Community

2. The Always-Present God of True Community

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