

SERMON NOTES:

1. The Wisdom of God’s Authority

2. The Foolishness of Man’s Authority

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Parker.

The flowers will be arranged by the Flower Committee and delivered by volunteers to our
homebound and hospitalized on Monday, June 19th.



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This Week at 1st Pres

Sunday, June 18		
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, June 19		
10:00 AM	Flower Delivery Pick-Up	Connector
	Women’s Prayer Ministry	Session Room
5:15 PM	Diaconate Monthly Meeting	Nell Davis
6:00 PM	Chattanooga Historical Society	Chapel

Tuesday, June 20		
10:00 AM	All-Staff Meeting	Tower 402
	Summer Women’s Bible Study	Nell Davis
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
	Missionary Lunch Bunch	Tower 10 th Floor
5:45 PM	Bonded in Fellowship	Fellowship Lounge
6:30 PM	HS Youth Summer Bible Study	Student Center
	Summer Women’s Bible Study	Tower 10 th Floor
	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Wednesday, June 21		
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
6:00 PM	MS Youth Summer Bible Study	Student Center
6:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room

Thursday, June 22		
10:00 AM	Balance Exercise Class	Student Center
3:15 PM	First Friends English Class	Student Center
6:30 PM	Woman at the Well	Fellowship Hall
7:30 PM	Virtual House of Prayer	Zoom

Friday, June 23		
10:15 AM	Support Staff Meeting	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 8 th Floor

Saturday, June 24		
7:00 PM	Youth MS/HS CFC Game	Off Campus

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, JUNE 18, 2023
11:00 AM

† Please stand as you are able.

THE GATHERING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

WORSHIP REFLECTION
We desire to grow in our ability
to boast in the cross of Jesus.
This occurs as we become more aware
of our own sinfulness
while remaining strong
in the continued, fresh discovery
of the pardoning grace of God
revealed in the cross.
– adapted from Jack Miller

PRAYER OF PREPARATION
Holy and loving Father,
as we prepare to set aside our busyness
and to focus intently on Jesus’ suffering, cross, and death,
we ask for eyes to see all of the amazing things
that Jesus’ death means for knowing You
and experiencing your love and our salvation.
In Jesus’ name we pray, amen.

PRELUDE
“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Michael Tyree
String Quartet

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PREPARING HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP
“Immortal, Invisible” arr. Eric H. Thiman

THE PRAISE OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†CALL TO WORSHIP

Jeremiah 9:23-24 ESV

Pastor: Thus says the LORD:
“Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom,
let not the mighty man boast in his might,
let not the rich man boast in his riches,
**People: But let him who boasts boast in this,
that he understands and knows Me,
that I am the LORD
Who practices steadfast love,
justice, and righteousness in the earth.
For in these things I delight,
declares the LORD.”**

†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

“To God the Only Wise” *Bulletin*
“Be Thou My Vision” *No. 642 (vv. 1-2, 4-5)*

†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Q & A 1

Pastor: What is your only comfort in life and in death?
**People: That I belong—body and soul, in life and in death—
to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ,
Who at the cost of His own blood
has fully paid for all my sins
and has completely freed me
from the dominion of the devil;
He protects me so well that,
without the will of my Father in heaven,
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, everything must fit His purpose for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit,
He also assures me of eternal life,
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

“May the Mind of Christ, My Savior” by Lloyd Larson

GREETING & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN’S CHURCH

†GLORIA PATRI

THE WORD FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

SERMON

I Corinthians 1:19 — “The Problem of Authority”
“I Corinthians: The Challenge of the Cross”
Gabriel N.E. Fluhrer

THE TABLE FOR GOD’S PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

**God, our heavenly Father,
we adore You for the sweet, beautiful exchange of the Gospel.
Guilty sons and daughters of the Father are released
because the innocent Son of the Father is condemned.
Overwhelm us with gratitude
knowing that we are those guilty sons and daughters
who have been released.
Forgive us the times that we allow
the fear of man to compromise our convictions,
to violate our consciences,
and to lead us into many snares.
Grant us a firm resolve to follow Jesus
no matter what the costs
because He is the true King of heaven. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Isaiah 53:4-5 ESV

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But He was pierced for our transgressions;
He was crushed for our iniquities;
upon Him was the chastisement
that brought us peace,
and with His wounds we are healed.

COMMUNION

- Communion, also called the Lord’s Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians when we recall Jesus’ cross, relieve His anguish, and renew our vows to live as His followers.
- We invite all to participate in this meal:
who profess faith in Jesus Christ,
who are members of a gospel-proclaiming church,
who are endeavoring to live at peace with God and others,
and who seek strengthening grace to live more faithfully for Jesus.
- If you are not yet a follower of Jesus, we encourage you to spend this time considering Jesus’ broken body and shed blood. Pray and ask Him to forgive your sins and to give you eternal life.

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CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

THE SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

2 Thessalonians 3:5 ESV

Pastor: May the Lord direct your hearts
to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ.
People: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend” by Georg Böhm
(“Lord Jesus, turn to us”)

Patrick Rice, organ

To God the Only Wise

TEXT: Isaac Watts
MUSIC: Aaron Williams
TUNE: St. Thomas
Orch. by Steve Dunn

The image shows the musical score for the hymn 'To God the Only Wise'. It is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the main body of the hymn, with five verses of lyrics. The second system begins with a measure rest (indicated by a '5' above the staff) and then continues with the lyrics 'all the saints be - low the skies Their hum - ble_ prais - es bring. A-men.' followed by a final 'AMEN' in a box. The organ part is indicated by a large bracket on the left side of the staves.

1.To God the on - ly_ wise, Our_ Sav - ior_ and our King, Let
2.'Tis His al-might - y_ love, His_ coun - sel_ and His care, Pre -
3.He will pre - sent our_ souls, Un - blem - ished and com - plete, Be -
4.Then all the cho - sen_ seed Shall meet a - round the throne, Shall
5.To our Re-deem - er_ God, Wis - dom and_ pow'r be - longs, Im -

all the saints be - low the skies Their hum - ble_ prais - es bring. A-men.
serves us safe from sin and death, And ev - 'ry_ hurt - ful snare.
fore the glo - ry of His face, With joys di - vine - ly great.
bless the con - duct of His grace, And make His won - ders known.
mor - tal crowns of ma - jes - ty, And ev - er - last - ing songs.

AMEN