

Hearing Aids are available for use anywhere in the sanctuary. The ushers have them available.

Enlarged copies of hymns are at the sanctuary entrances.

Please recycle the bulletins and enlarged hymns. Place them in the boxes provided at the entrances to the sanctuary.

Welcome Guests!

If you are looking for a place that respects tradition while embracing the future, then you discover why God brought you here. We are a faithful place, which is led by the graciousness of the Holy Spirit and the truth of God's Word. We hope that you might consider our church to be *your* spiritual home!

Members and visitors can continue conversations after worship in the Greeting Room immediately behind the sanctuary. Coffee, tea and water are available.

Church Events

You may contact our pastor Andy Morgan at 704-221-6520 or email pastor@fountaincitypres.org

Last Week's Attendance 151

Last Week's Offering \$8926

WOW – March 4 – Dinner 5:15 p.m. Menu: soup and potato bar, ice cream sundaes; Program 6:15 p.m. - *The Voices of the People Bible Study* led by Andy

This spring, you are invited behind the curtains and into the kitchen, into the process of sermon writing and YOUR voice will help shape the sermons every week. During Welcome on Wednesday (the weekly dinner and fellowship program at FCPC) we will learn about and engage with the Scripture that will be preached the following Sunday through a bible study and facilitated conversation; you will learn about the Scripture, talk about the Scripture, talk about the issues in our lives and in the life of the community that may shape the way we are hearing God's Word in the present, and be equipped to make your own interpretation of the Scripture that will actually help shape the sermon to be preached on the following Sunday.

Not only will you learn about how to interpret Scripture like a preacher, you will learn how to listen to sermons more thoughtfully and be empowered to read Scripture more confidently. We believe that this WOW series will help you grow in your ability to engage with Scripture and connect with worship.

Please use the reservation forms to sign up for dinner. Place in the offering plate.

Pairs and Spares will meet in the church parking lot on March 16 at 11:00 a.m. to travel by van to Holston in Sevierville. Please contact the church office or Margaret Fuqua if you plan to attend.

Our next **Basket Weaving Class** is on the calendar for Saturday March 28, 2020! Hours are 9:00am- 1:00 or 2:00! Whenever everybody finishes. We're doing a small basket this time! It will be fun!! If you plan to attend please email Marcia Cartledge @ bmcfam@mindspring.com to get a reserved spot. There will be a limit of 12. We will open up this invitation to all non-members of the church soon so don't hesitate!

Upcoming Preaching Texts and Worship Opportunities

The Season of Lent

March 1 – Matthew 4: 1-11

March 8 – John 3:1-17

March 15 – John 4:5-42

March 22 – John 9:1-41

March 29 – Youth Sunday

Holy Week

April 5 (Palm Sunday) Matthew 21:1-11

April 9 (Maundy Thursday) – Intergenerational Worship Experience (6:15pm in the Fellowship Hall)

April 10 (Good Friday) – Psalm 22, Matthew 27:45-56 (7:30pm in the Chapel)

April 12 (Easter Sunday) – John 21:1-18

Spiritual Practice for the First Week of Lent

Take on this: Pray for friends and for your enemy/ies by name. Bless them, one by one. Think of the person you most struggle to love and pray for them as a beloved child of God.

Give up this: Unfollow or mute five social media accounts that make you feel angry, afraid, or envious.

Fountain City Presbyterian LOVES children in worship

To make families more comfortable we have worship bags that contain a clipboard, a "boogie board", markers, crayons and colored pencils in the wagons located in the Narthex and outside the sanctuary near the chancel. Children's bulletins and color sheets are in the clear bags. Please return the worship bags to the nearest wagon after worship.

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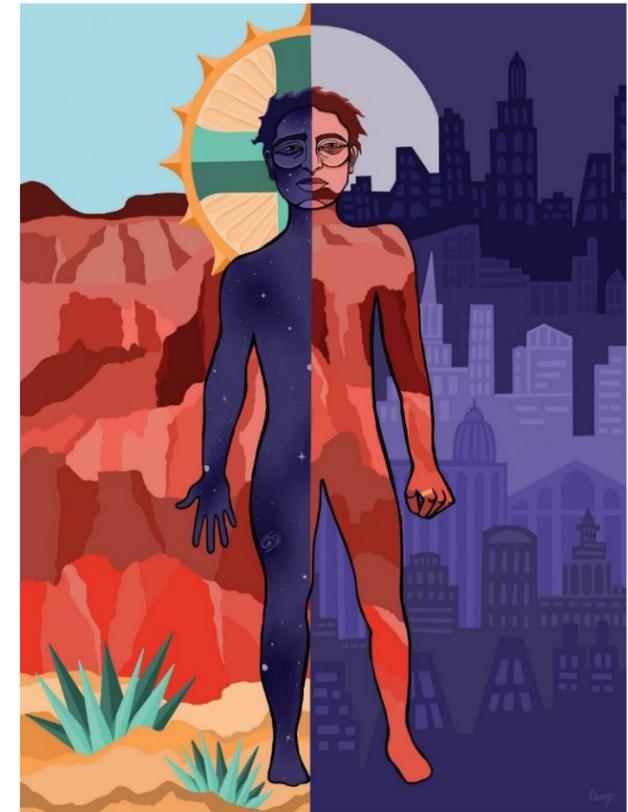
Life Needs

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...and much more!

WELCOME

Fountain City Presbyterian Church



Spirit Led by Lauren Wright Pittman

Words from the artist... I depicted Jesus divided, containing in his divinity all the stars and galaxies of the universe on the left, and the layered dust of his humanity on the right. For me, this text highlights the tension held within Jesus' identity, particularly through the tempter's efforts to lead Jesus toward his human nature while betraying his divinity. If Jesus were to succumb to the tempter's requests, he would have access to the unlimited power, influence, and riches the world has to offer, which are referenced by the stacked, columned structures on the right side of the image. If Jesus chooses to resist the temptations and stay planted in the wilderness, honoring his divinity and call, he chooses the wilderness path—one that would ultimately lead to his demise.

Jesus' ministry is defined by this standoff with the tempter. He is asked to turn stones into bread; instead he goes on to share meals with those deemed unworthy, and miraculously shares two loaves of bread with five thousand people. He is asked to stand on the pinnacle of the church and enlist the help of angels; instead he goes on to turn over tables protesting the temple's entanglement with greed. He is asked to take his place as earthly ruler over all; instead he will take the shape of a servant, dying a state-sanctioned death. Jesus is led by the Spirit into the wilderness immediately after being baptized. The wilderness has something to offer Jesus, and instead of taking a detour around it, he chooses to encounter its lessons. When we find ourselves in the wilderness places of life, may we take an open, curious posture, ready to be challenged, shaped, and sent.

The Service for the Lord's Day

March 1, 2020
1st Sunday of Lent
10:30 A.M.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Welcome to our worship service. We are honored by your presence and count it a blessing to share this time together. May the warmth and acceptance of Christ's love surround you this, and every day.

Organ Prelude

Welcome Andy Morgan

Minute for Mission Owen Shelnut

Choral Prelude *O for Grace*, Chancel Choir

Call to Worship

Leader: God hovered over the void and breathed life into dust.

All: God created in the wilderness.

Leader: The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years.

All: The Israelites found God in the wilderness.

Leader: Jesus said "no" to the tempter time and time again.

All: Jesus claimed his identity in the wilderness.

Leader: We grow in the wilderness. We learn in the wilderness.

All: For God is with us—before, through, and after the wilderness.

Leader: Let us worship God!

All: Amen.

Opening Poem-*Begin Again* by Sarah Are Margaret Fuqua
"Begin again," life whispered in my ear; for some days are beginning days. Some days are designed to be the day we try again, and on those days—the sun rises for you. On those days, the birds sing for you. On those days, God is cheering for you. That's just the way God and beginnings work. For when your heart is broken and your life is in pieces, or when the addiction or the depression have found their way back into your bones, or when you lose sight of the person that you were called to be, the wilderness will sing to you, "Begin again". "Begin again" with the person you want to be. "Begin again" with the person you want to love. "Begin again" with the knowledge of your faith. "Begin again". The sun is rising for you.

***Hymn No. 665** *O Master Let Me Walk with Thee*

Choral Call to Confession *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*
Call to Confession

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, who no longer suffer in silence, but name their sin and seek God's grace. Let us confess our sin together.

Prayer of Confession Margaret Fuqua
God of Creation, the psalms remind us that even before a word is on our tongue, you know it completely. You know the prayers we bring before you today—confessions of greed and doubt, fear and anxiety, conflict and regret. Free us from these sins. Give us the strength to say "no" to that which separates us from you, and "yes" to the things that let love grow. Guide us out of our self-created wilderness spaces and into your light. Gratefully we pray. Amen.

Silent Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven! Be glad in the Lord and shout for joy: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are capable of forgiving. Thanks be to God!

*Response Sung by Congregation

Glory Be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

Ritual of Friendship

 Margaret Fuqua

Members and Guests - Please sign and pass the friendship register located on the center aisle under the pew in front

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Leader: O Lord, may the words of your mouth be our daily bread, and may the leading of your Spirit become our way; in Jesus' name. Amen

Old Testament Reading Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 p. 2

Anthem *Grace*, Chancel Choir
(led by Bob Eubanks)

Psalm Reading Psalm 32 p. 429

New Testament Reading Matthew 4:1-11 p. 735

Sermon *This is a test* Andy Morgan

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

Offertory

 Margaret Fuqua

Leader: Bless these gifts, we pray. May they represent just the beginning of our journey to show forth your glory to the world. Amen.

***Doxology** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*
The Celebration Hymnal, p. 815

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Words of Institution

Serving of the Bread and Cup

Closing Prayer and 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.

***Hymn No. 677** *Glorious Is Thy Name Most Holy*

*Affirmation of Faith- *A Wilderness God* (by Rev. Sarah Are)

Leader: We believe in a wilderness God—

All: Who breathed life into dust, turned seeds into flowers, and flooded the sky with stars.

Leader: We believe in a wilderness God—

All: Who went hungry in the desert, walked barefoot on the water, and taught from the mountainside.

Leader: We believe in a wilderness God—

All: Whose love could be described as nothing short of wild.

Leader: So with confidence and hope, we long to follow our wilderness God who walks with people on their darkest nights,

All: Who sings hope into places of grief, isolation, and suffering, and who exists in the form of untamed joy, wildfire love, and impossible hope. Step by Step, may it be so. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME – BEGINNING OF MISSION

***Hymn No. 153** *Worthy of Worship*

***Pastoral Benediction** Andy Morgan

***Congregational Benediction** *Make us one, Lord, make us one. Holy Spirit make us one. Let Your love flow so the world will know We are one in You.*

*Organ Postlude

*For those who are able, please stand

Ushers: Nan Scott, Monty Montgomery, Mac Holland, Michael Limbaugh

Accompanists: Todd Spangler, George Hill

