



# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH of CHATTANOOGA

**The Lord's Day**  
SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

**Prelude** Celtic Ensemble  
"Be Thou My Vision"

**Elder Prayer**

**Preparing Our Hearts and Minds for Worship**  
Solo, Celtic Ensemble  
\*Adult Choir, Celtic Ensemble  
(Congregation, vv. 3-5)

"Nothing Without You" lyrics by Tania Jean Soh, music by Eleanor Wolfe

1.I'm no - thing with - out You, Je - sus. I need You if I am to live.  
2.I'm no - thing with - out You, Je - sus. I need You to tra - vel a - broad.  
3.I'm no - thing with - out You, Je - sus. I need You for work and for play.  
4.I'm glad that I have You, Je - sus. I'm glad that Your love roped me in.  
5.I need You to lead me, Je - sus. Please take me on paths that are straight.

I need You to sing with a pure heart. I need You to cheer - ful - ly give.  
I need You to show love to stran - gers. I need You to lead them to God.  
I need You for plans and for pur - pose. I need You to wake up each day.  
I'm glad for Your mer - cy shown dai - ly. I'm glad that You took all my sin.  
Please show me the way I should walk in. Please teach me to trust and to wait.

**†Call to Worship** (*To be read responsively*) Rev. Tim Tinsley  
*Psalm 1*  
Leader: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;  
**People: But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.**  
Leader: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.  
**People: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**  
Leader: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;  
**People: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.**

**†Hymn** No. 703 (vv. 1,3,4)  
"Loved with Everlasting Love"

**†Prayer of Adoration** Rev. Tim Tinsley

**†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. 402 (vv. 1,3)  
"Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide"

**Affirmation of Faith** (*To be read in unison*) Rev. Chris Ehlers  
*Apostles' Creed*  
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven; and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic (universal) church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**Confession of Sin** (*To be read in unison*) Rev. Chris Ehlers  
*Psalm 32:1-5*  
**Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Selah. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Selah.**

**Private Confession**

**Prayer of Assurance & for God's People** Rev. Chris Ehlers

**Offertory** Kelly Stultz, Celtic Ensemble  
\*Adult Choir, Celtic Ensemble  
"Lift Your Eyes" by Susan Whitacre

Some days begin in weeping, all your strength spent before sunrise. You need help to make it through the day; lift your eyes.  
Some nights are spent in worry, fighting fears and believing lies. You need hope to make it through the night; lift your eyes.  
Lift your eyes up from this weary world; lift your eyes to the kindness of the Lord. When life comes crashing down around you and you have no strength to stand, lift your eyes.

Day and night, He goes before you, Keeper, Shelter, Strength, and Guide. Lean on Him to take you through this life; lift your eyes!

Lift your eyes up from this weary world; lift your eyes to the goodness of the Lord. When life comes crashing down around you and you have no strength to stand, lift your eyes.

Lift your eyes up from this weary world; lift your eyes to the greatness of the Lord. His love comes reaching down; His light is all around! Lift your eyes.

**†Greeting of Peace & Dismissal of Children**  
*\*Children's church for 4 years old through 1<sup>st</sup> grade is available during the late worship service in the PreK-K room. Leaders will meet children at the left front doors of the Sanctuary.*

**†Doxology** No. 731

**†Scripture Reading** Rev. Tim Tinsley  
John 15:1-17 (pp. 901-902 in pew Bible)

**Sermon** Rev. Tim Tinsley  
"Apart from Me You Can Do Nothing"

**†The Ministry of the Table** Rev. Chris Ehlers  
Leader: The LORD be with you.  
**People: And also with you.**  
Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
**People: We lift them up to the LORD.**  
Leader: Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.  
**People: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

**†Gloria Patri**  
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.

**†Prayer of Thanksgiving** Rev. Chris Ehlers

**Words of Institution** Rev. Tim Tinsley  
*Please hold the elements until everyone has been served. The pastor will lead us to partake together, symbolizing our unity in Christ with God and one another.*

**†Closing Hymn** No. 642 (vv. 1,5)  
"Be Thou My Vision"

**†Benediction** Rev. Tim Tinsley

**Postlude** Celtic Ensemble  
"Traditional Irish Tune"

†The Congregation will please stand.  
\*10:55 service

*“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. <sup>2</sup>Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>If anyone does not abide in Me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be My disciples. <sup>9</sup>As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. Abide in My love. <sup>10</sup>If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love, just as I have kept My Father’s commandments and abide in His love. <sup>11</sup>These things I have spoken to you, that My joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.*

*<sup>12</sup>“This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. <sup>14</sup>You are My friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup>No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. <sup>16</sup>You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. <sup>17</sup>These things I command you, so that you will love one another. . . .”*

– John 15:1-17

## Sermon Notes:

*The flowers today are given for the glory of God by Linda and Pete Austin. (Flowers will be arranged and delivered following the late worship service today. All volunteers are welcome.)*

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## This Week at FPCC

### Sunday, March 17

8:30 AM	Early Worship Service ( <i>Tinsley</i> )	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday School	
10:55 AM	Fellowship Worship Service( <i>Slaten</i> ) Late Worship Service ( <i>Tinsley</i> )	Fellowship Hall Sanctuary
12:15 PM	Coffee/Coke Fellowship	Coffee Lounge
6:00 PM	High School Small Group	Student Center

### Monday, March 18

10:00 AM	Women’s Prayer Time	Session Room
3:15 PM	English Conversation Class	Student Center
5:15 PM	Deacons’ Meeting	Session Room

### Tuesday, March 19

9:30 AM	Precept Bible Study Women of the Covenant	Tower 402/3 Poindexter
9:45 AM	GAP Bible Study	Jr. Department
12:00 PM	Beatitude Living	Tower 404
5:45 PM	Bonded In Fellowship Dinner	Coffee Lounge
6:30 PM	Bonded In Fellowship Bible Study	

### Wednesday, March 20

3:15 PM	English Conversation Class	Student Center
4:30 PM	Deacon-on-Call Appts. World Missions Prayer Time	Deacon Office Tower 404
5:30 PM	Fellowship Meal <i>Bar B-Que (PB&amp;J meal available for children)</i>	Fellowship Hall
6:15 PM	Midweek Adult Choir Rehearsal Children’s Ministry Rapha Classes Youth Group	Fellowship Hall Choir Room 2 <sup>nd</sup> floor SS Tower 3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Student Center

### Thursday, March 21

### Friday, March 22

8:30 AM	Salvation Army Ministry	
12:00 PM	Card-E-Ology	Tower 10 <sup>th</sup> Floor
6:30 PM	First Friends	Student Center

### Saturday, March 23

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