

Farragut Presbyterian Church

First Sunday of Advent



December 3, 2017
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

*The service of worship begins with the music of the organ.
Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God;
in its quietness, God's peace.*



*Young worshipers are encouraged to pick up a children's worship bag available in the narthex
prior to the service. Nursery care is available in the Education Wing.*

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

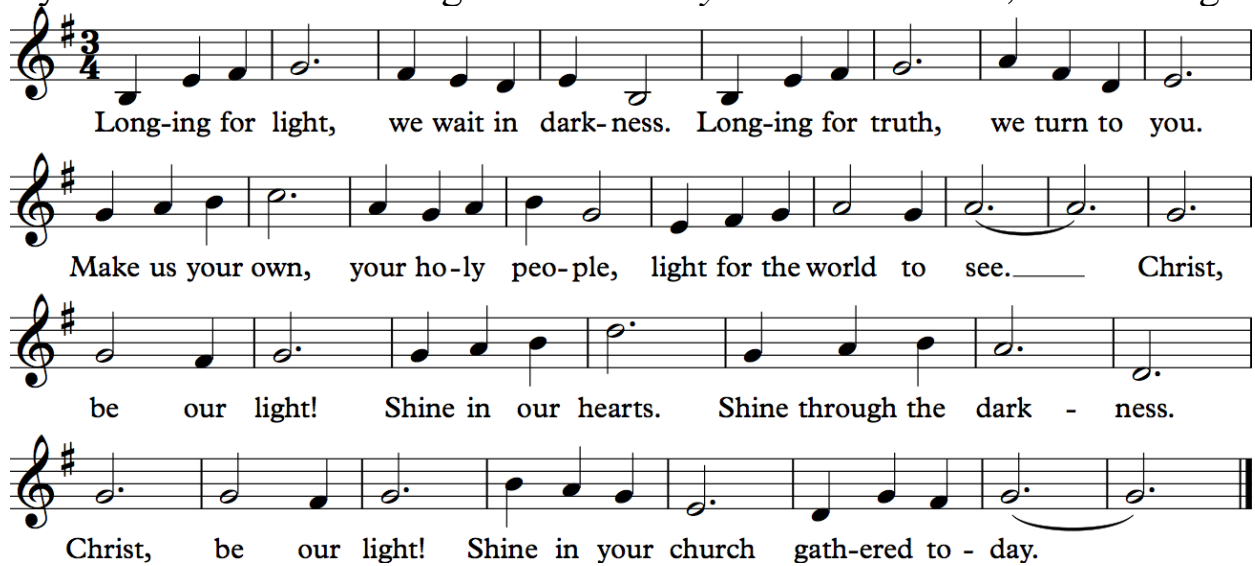
England's Lane
Tami Newsom, organ

Jones

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30 ~ Mark and Beth Allen
11:00 ~ The Henderson family

Hymn "Christ Be Our Light" from *Glory to God* Christ, Be Our Light



Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your ho-ly peo-ple, light for the world to see. Christ,
be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the dark - ness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gath-ered to - day.

Leader: On this first Sunday of Advent,
we light the candle of hope.
We hold fast to Isaiah's hope
that swords can be beaten into plowshares,
and spears into pruning hooks,
that nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
that peoples shall learn war no more.

People: **Risen Christ, Light of the world,
shine in the darkness, and show us the way.**

Call to Worship

Keep alert, for the day is coming soon.

Now the earth and heavens tremble.

Pray for the gift of hope from God:

Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.

Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Confession

**God our Maker,
we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
We study the trends of our times
and ignore the signs of your reign.
We trust in things that pass away
and forget your eternal promise.
Forgive us, God of grace.
Strengthen us, by your hand,
so that we may be ready for that day
when you come to reign in glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Please continue in silent prayer

*Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Picardy

Lord, _____ have mer - cy. Christ, _____ have
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have mer - cy. _____

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Response #23 (refrain) *Angels We Have Heard on High* Gloria

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 80 (8:30-unison; Tune: Forest Green)

Morgan

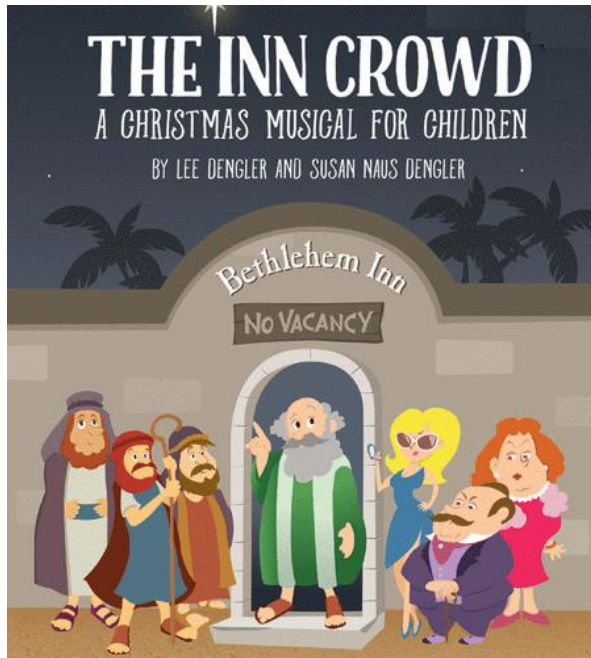
**O Shepherd, hear and lead Your flock,
As lambs, we crave Your care;
What strength on earth approaches Yours,
What mercies can compare?
Restore to us a saving faith,
The radiance of Your face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of Your redeeming grace.**

**Our selfish prayers deserve Your wrath,
Our pride, a sudden burst;
We have but stones to serve as bread,
And tears to quell our thirst.
Restore to us a saving faith,
The radiance of Your face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of Your redeeming grace.**

**Your lineage, like a vine, once spread
And flourished in the land;
But now the vineyard fails, the fruit
Lies withered in the sand.
Restore to us a saving faith,
The radiance of Your face
To lighten and reveal the gift
Of Your redeeming grace.**

Children's Christmas Program (11:00)

The Farragut Presbyterian Church Children's Choir presents....



Songs:

"The Inn Crowd"

(Overture)

"Come On In"

"Star of Wonder"

"In or Out"

"Good News!"

"Come On In"

(Reprise)

Cast

Innkeeper ~ Joey Nieman

Innkeeper's Daughter ~ Ava Stair

Mary ~ Rhian San Gil

Joseph ~ Turner Neely

F.W. Woolworth ~ Charlie Robinson

Rock Starling ~ Aaron Sharp

Fancy Ladies ~ Mia Key and Ella Sweetland

Shepherds ~ Logan Henderson, Molly Henderson, Nolan Sharp

Band

Piano: Tami Newsom

Cello: Jackson and Ei Sharp

Flute: Maryanne Walls

Percussion: Jacob Nieman and Molly Robinson,
directed by Jenni Nieman

Costume Design: Heather Robinson

Sound and Lights: Ken Ladrach

Director: Katina Sharp

Gospel Reading

Mark 13:24-37

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“How We Wait”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

*Affirmation of Faith

What does it mean that Jesus “will come again to judge the living and the dead”?

Like everyone else, I too must stand in fear and trembling before the judgment seat of Christ. But the Judge is the one who submitted to judgment for my sake. Nothing will be able to separate me from the love of God in Christ Jesus my Lord. All the sinful failures that cause me shame will perish as through fire, while any good I may have done will be received with gladness by God.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Study Catechism, Question 48

Anthem (8:30)

Lo, How A Rose

arr. Doug Denisen

Lynn Kszos, flute ~ Tami Newsom, piano

The Offering

Offertory

Of the Father's Love Begotten

Peeters

*Response #592

Doxology

Old Hundredth

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer (...*forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors...*)

~The Sending~

*Hymn #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni Emmanuel

*Benediction

*Response #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni Emmanuel
**O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Postlude *In dulci jubilo* Bach
Tami Newsom, organ



*We invite you to stand as able.



Welcome to Farragut Presbyterian Church!

We are glad you have joined us for worship today.

Please register your presence in the friendship folders located at the end of each pew. We invite you to join us for coffee and fellowship after worship today in the narthex.

Readers:

8:30 ~ Bev Lomax 11:00 ~ Molly Robinson

Acolytes:

11:00 ~ Rhian San Gil, Camilla Thurman, Karenna Thurman

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Dec 03	8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Dec 04	9:30	a.m.	Fellowship Committee/Fellowship Hall
	5:00	p.m.	Confirmation Class/Room A
	5:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Parlor
	6:00	p.m.	Middle School Youth Group/Room D
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	3:45	p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Dec 05	6:30	p.m.	Adult Line Dancing Class/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Pack Leaders/Rooms A, 2
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	3:45	p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
Wed, Dec 06	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Support/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	PW Evening Circle #4/Room D
	7:30	a.m.	Prayer at Panera in Turkey Creek
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	10:30	a.m.	Latin Classes/Room A
	5:30	p.m.	Advent Feast, Faith & Fellowship/FH, A
	6:00	p.m.	Middle School Ensemble/Sanctuary
Thur, Dec 07	6:30	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Dec 08	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Wilson home
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
Sat, Dec 09	7:00	p.m.	TGIF Gentle Yoga Class/Room A
	9:00	a.m.	Rehearsal for Lessons & Carols/Sanc, A
	9:00	a.m.	New Elder Orientation/Library
	6:00	p.m.	Rockers/Connor's in Turkey Creek ~dessert to follow at Jan and Jerry Seiler's

Contact Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or KatinaSharp@aol.com, if you need childcare to attend a church event.



Christmas Eve Services

Sunday, December 24th

10:00 a.m. ~ 6:30 p.m. ~ 11:00 p.m.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Children	Education Wing	Pre-K and Elementary classes use <i>Whirl</i> , where children practice reading the Bible and discerning what God is saying to them thru a fun DVD enhanced curriculum.
Youth	Education Wing	Youth will use <i>Connect</i> , a quirky DVD series which launches students into discussions of reading the Bible from a Reformed perspective.
Adult Bible Study Class	Room A	We use <i>The Present Word</i> . This winter's study focuses on "Faith in Action," and will help us see the many dimensions of Christian faith and how they are expressed in our lives, church, and service to others in the world.
Monday Connection	Parlor	We are currently studying a short series of videos on the Dead Sea Scrolls and their relationship to our modern versions of the Bible. Later in January, we will be starting the PBS video series, <i>God in America</i> .
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	This course introduces and analyzes the spiritual content of top films from the 1980s through the 2010s, opening viewers up to a conversation about life, faith, and God.
Moving Meditation Chair Yoga Class	Room 3 in Education Wing	This beginner chair yoga class modifies traditional yoga poses so they can be done while seated in a chair, or standing while using a chair for balance. This class will begin with prayer and end with spiritual meditation.

Advent Feast, Faith and Fellowship

Wednesday Night Advent Feast Faith and Fellowship starts on December 6 with dinner at 5:30 p.m. followed by the first segment of a 3-part series presented by Dr. David Stutzenberger titled *Handel's Messiah-The Text, The Music, The Bible*. Advent F3 nights will continue on Wednesday, December 13 and 20. Let us prepare for the coming of our Lord!



Tickets are on sale today after worship in the narthex for the **PW Thank Offering Dinner** on December 12 at 6:00 p.m. *All women of the church are invited.* Guest speaker will be Rebecca McKnight from Helen Ross McNabb and the caterer will be Modish Cuisine.

Rockers: Fun, food and fellowship for those 50+. Sign-up sheets are in the narthex. *Come join us!*

Evening Rockers: Saturday, December 9 at Connor's Steak and Seafood in Turkey Creek at 6:00 p.m. Dessert to follow at the home of Jerry and Jan Seiler.



Make your reservations now for the **Lessons and Carols Holiday Dinner** on December 10 starting at 4:30 p.m. After a delicious holiday dinner, we will gather in the sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for our 20th Annual Service of Lessons and Carols.

Sunset Gap Christmas Tree: Help sponsor a needy child for Christmas. Watch for the narthex tree coming soon, take a tag, sign your name on the posted list and return your gift to the church, wrapped, by December 17. If you would like to help deliver on December 18, please contact Debbie Long.





Prayer Shawl Ministry will be on hiatus through the holidays. Our next gathering will be on Tuesday, January 23 at 2:00 p.m. in the parlor.



Prayers for Our Church Family

Mike Agee, Judith and Phill Bradbury, Jewell Countiss, Stuart Daw, Billie Fain, Dan Greaser, Tyrone Gregory, Marge Griffith, Frank and Margo Guess, Karen Jones, Ron and Jeanette Mann, Jim Meador, John Montgomery, Kirk Morris, Leigh Ann Neely, Dale and Judy Rogers, Betsy Starr, Steve Tinder, Trish Turner, Wayne Walls, Melody White

For a complete prayer list that includes friends and family, or to join our prayer group, please contact the church office.

Military

Joshua Meador, Stephen Peterson, Kevin Shelton, David Sparks, Chase Sterling, Mark Wurth

Mission Workers

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent – Haiti
Carlton “Cobbie” and Dessa Palm – Philippines



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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"



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