

# Farragut Presbyterian Church

Third Sunday of Advent

December 17, 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 (8:30)

*Il est né le divin enfant*  
Tami Newsom, organ

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(11:00)

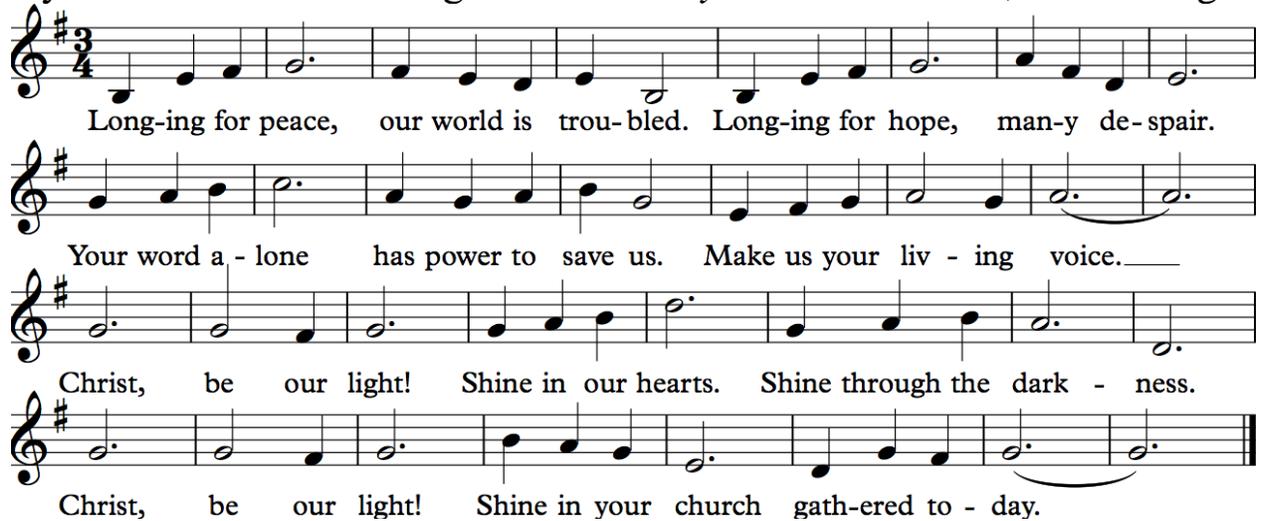
*Ave Maria*  
Jackson and Ei Sharp, cello ~ Tami Newsom, piano

Bach/Gounod

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30 ~ Kirby & Gloria Purjet  
11:00 ~ Phil & Jenny Trussell  
and Evelyn Snelling

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



Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope, man-y de-spair.  
Your word a-lone has power to save us. Make us your liv-ing voice.\_\_\_\_  
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 third Sunday of Advent,  
we light the candle of joy.  
All of creation rejoices at the sign  
of a shoot that springs from a stump.  
In Christ, God is doing a new thing.

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

Call to Worship

The Spirit of the Lord is with us.  
**The time of God's favor has come.**  
Pray for the gift of joy from God:  
**Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.**  
Let us worship God.

\*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you love justice;  
why, then, do we persist in wrongdoing and every form of evil?  
You have given us the gift of your Spirit;  
why, then, do we quench the Spirit among us?  
You have given us the words of the prophets  
and the Word himself;  
why, then, do we despise and ignore what we have heard?  
You have sent the light into the world;  
why, then, have we loved darkness rather than light?  
Forgive us. Restore us.  
Till and tend us as your garden until righteousness and praise  
spring up, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.**

*Please continue in silent prayer*

\*Kyrie *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* Picardy

Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have\_ mer - cy. Christ, \_\_\_\_\_ have\_

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\*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 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)

*Magnificat*  
Chancel Choir

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My soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.  
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm;  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel as he promised to our  
forefathers, Abraham and his seed forever.  
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.

(11:00) \*Hymn #5 *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Picardy

The Offering

Offertory                      *Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming*                      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 #12                      *People, Look East*                      Besançon

\*Benediction

\*Response #13                      *Prepare the Way*                      Bereden väg för Herran

**Prepare the way, O Zion, Your Christ is drawing near!  
Let every hill and valley A level way appear.  
Greet One who comes in glory, Foretold in sacred story.  
O blest is Christ that came In God's most holy name.**

\*Postlude                      *Noël Suisse*                      Daquin  
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 ~ Beth White    11:00 ~ MaryAnne Walls

**Acolytes:**

11:00 ~ Rhian San Gil, Ei Sharp, Jackson Sharp



CHRISTMAS JOY  
SPECIAL OFFERINGS

Each year during the Advent and Christmas season, we turn our eyes to Bethlehem and celebrate the wondrous gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior. By giving to the **Christmas Joy Offering**, you honor this gift by providing assistance to current and retired church workers in their time of need, and developing our future leaders at Presbyterian-related racial ethnic schools and colleges. Your contribution to the Christmas Joy Offering today will be split 50/50 towards both of these important Presbyterian missions. *Please give generously.*

**Sunset Gap Christmas Tree:** Wrapped gifts are due back TODAY. Please see Betty Nicholls or Carol Kraft if you would like to help sort after the 11:00 service today, or deliver to Sunset Gap tomorrow, December 18.

Join us after the 11:00 worship service TODAY to celebrate our Children and Youth Director, **Katina Sharp**, and her many contributions to FPC. Katina has accepted a position as pastor at a local church and this will be a celebration to wish her many blessings on her new journey.



**Small Ensembles from the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra** will perform holiday music this afternoon at 3:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Suggested donation is \$10; \$5 for children 12 and under with an adult. Proceeds will benefit the Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra.

**Church Christmas Caroling:** Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Founder's Park on Campbell Station Rd. Carolers to meet in church parking lot at 5:45 p.m. to carpool. Dress warm to keep those vocal pipes going strong. Open to everyone, not just families with children!



CAROLING

# Advent Feast, Faith and Fellowship

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



**Advent Gift Making:** Volunteers are still needed for the Advent Gift Making Workshop on Saturday, December 23 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon. *No experience necessary!* If you can help, please contact Katina Sharp at [katinasharp@aol.com](mailto:katinasharp@aol.com).

**2018 Offering Envelopes:** Numbered offering envelopes are ready for pick up in the narthex. **Reminder:** 2017 donations must be received by December 31, 2017 in order to be posted as a contribution in 2017. If your 2017 donation is mailed, it **MUST** be postmarked by 12/31/17. *Thank you for your continued support of FPC.*



## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Dec 17	8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Dec 18	3:00	p.m.	<b>Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra</b>
	5:00	p.m.	Confirmation Class/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	Middle School Youth Group/Room D
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
	3:45	p.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	6:30	p.m.	Adult Line Dancing Class/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Dec 19	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Room 2
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	10:30	a.m.	Feeding the Homeless/VMC
	6:00	p.m.	<b>Christmas Caroling</b> /Founders Park
Wed, Dec 20	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/Education Wing and FH
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	10:30	a.m.	Zumba Winterfest Brunch/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	<b>Advent Feast, Faith &amp; Fellowship</b> /FH, A
Thur, Dec 21	6:00	p.m.	Middle School Ensemble/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
	4:00	p.m.	Recital/Sanctuary, Room A
Fri, Dec 22	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Wilson home
	9:00	a.m.	Zumba Fitness Class/Fellowship Hall
Sat, Dec 23	12:30	p.m.	Staff Luncheon
	9:00	a.m.	<b>Advent Gift Making</b> /Fellowship Hall

Contact Katina Sharp at 742-2292 or [KatinaSharp@aol.com](mailto:KatinaSharp@aol.com), if you need childcare to attend a church event.

### Christmas Eve Services

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>**

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

We will offer 3 worship services on Sunday, December 24: The Fourth Sunday of Advent morning service at 10:00 a.m., and Candlelight Christmas Eve services at 6:30 p.m. and 11:00 p.m. with communion.



## 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.



**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, Brian Davison, 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, 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"*