

Farragut Presbyterian Church

Fourth Sunday of
Advent

December 23, 2018
8:30 and 11:00 a.m.



*Through the power and brilliance of the music, 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 located next to the center sanctuary doors.
Nursery care is available in the Education Wing during the 11:00 service.*

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

What Is This Wondrous Fragrance?

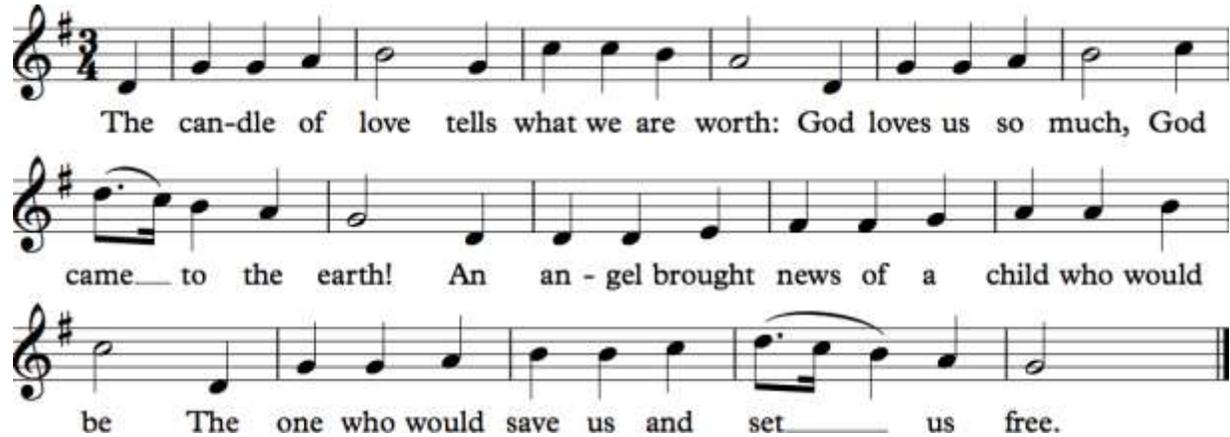
Daniel Burton

Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

8:30 ~ Bob and Janet Upchurch

11:00 ~ The Boyd Family



The can-dle of love tells what we are worth: God loves us so much, God
 came to the earth! An an - gel brought news of a child who would
 be The one who would save us and set us free.

Leader: On this fourth Sunday of Advent,
 we light the candle of love.
 Even in the wilderness God's love reaches us.
 It does not rescue us from danger, from fear,
 from hunger, from thirst, from the scorching sun,
 or the fall of night. It follows us into the dark,
 and there it burns brightest.

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

Please continue in silent prayer.

Call to Worship

Let us magnify the Lord together!
Let us rejoice in God our Savior.
 For a child will come from Bethlehem
to redeem the people of God.
 Let us worship God.

*Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, we confess that we resist your holy realm. You look with favor on the poor while we treat the lowly with disdain. You scatter the plans of the proud while we aspire to power and privilege. Forgive us, God of grace. Teach us what you desire, so that our hearts may leap with joy at the coming of our Savior; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Kyrie

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
Gloria in excelsis Deo; Gloria in excelsis Deo.

*The Peace

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

~The Word~

Anthem (11:00)

Mary's Boy Child
Joey Nieman, soloist

Hogan

Prayer for Illumination

O Mighty One, who scatters the proud and fills the hungry, by your Holy Spirit let your word leap in us and bring to our yearning the joy that comes with new beginnings and renewed lives. Amen.

First Scripture Reading
The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 1:46b-55

Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalm 80

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



Lord, make us turn to you, let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us, shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might, O Lord, come to our help. **(R)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. **(R)**

May your hand be on the one you have chosen,
the one you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading
The Gospel of the Lord.

Luke 1:39-45

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Two Mothers-To-Be”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

*Affirmation of Faith (from the *Brief Statement of Faith*)

In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Anthem

8:30

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11:00

Magnificat in Bb
Chancel Choir

C. V. Stanford

Translation:

My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden. For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. For he my soul doth magnify the Lord and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of His hand-maiden.

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.

Sacrament of Baptism (11:00)

Wells Allen Kennedy, son of Matt and Sara Kennedy
and grandson of Mark and Beth Allen

Hymn #492

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

The Offering

Offertory

I Wonder as I Wander

arr. Stutzenberger

*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 #22 *Angels, From the Realms of Glory* Regent Square

*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 *Sing We Now of Christmas* Young
Tami Newsom, organ

*We invite you to stand as able.



Readers: 8:30 ~ Carolyn Neighbors 11:00 ~ Alan White

Acolytes: Graham Colloredo, Olivia Colloredo, Logan Henderson

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.**

You are invited to join us for coffee and fellowship
 after worship today in the narthex.



Holiday Worship Schedule

Christmas Eve Communion Services

Monday, December 24, 2018
 at 6:30 and 11:00 p.m.

One Service at 10:00 a.m.
 on Sunday, December 30, 2018

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Dec 23	8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Dec 24	6:30	p.m.	Christmas Eve Service/sanctuary
	11:00	p.m.	Christmas Eve Service/sanctuary
Tues, Dec 25	****	***	Office Closed/Christmas Day
Wed, Dec 26	****	***	Office Closed/Day after Christmas
Thur, Dec 27	12:00	p.m.	West Area Pastors Lunch/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Wilson home



During this Christmas and Advent Season, we celebrate leadership; past, present and future through support of the **Christmas Joy Offering**. We want our church leaders and their families who find

themselves grappling with a critical financial need to have the resources they need which are provided through the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions. We also support the offering to help our future leaders in the church and world, like those educated at our Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Supporting these students helps the whole church develop leaders who reflect the wideness of God’s intended diversity. For those supported through the Christmas Joy Offering, this help is truly a gift from above. May our gifts, and the leaders who receive them, point us always to the truth of the one whose birth we celebrate, Jesus Christ — the truly *perfect* gift.

Un-Deck the Halls: Volunteers are needed to help us take down and pack up Christmas and Advent decorations after worship on Sunday, January 6 at 12:00 p.m.



Annual Congregation Meeting: Please plan to attend the annual congregation meeting on Sunday, January 13, 2019 after worship. We will review the ministry of 2018, discuss plans for 2019, and vote on a borrowing resolution for the upcoming “Fresh Look” project.



Rockers: Fun, food and fellowship for those over fifty! Sign-up sheets are on the narthex table.

Evening Rockers will meet on Saturday, January 12 at 6:00 p.m. at Merelli’s Italian Cuisine, 4884 Chambliss Ave, Knoxville.

Daytime Rockers will meet on January 17 at 11:30 a.m. at the Outback Steakhouse, 330 N. Peters Road.

Feeding the Homeless: The volunteer team for the January VMC luncheon is already in place but keep an eye out for the February 26th sign-up sheet in the narthex to join next month’s team.

Sunday School 9:45 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Children	Education Wing	This year children K-5 are walking through a fun story rotation series called “Spark.” Each month, one Bible story is featured, with a different weekly “rotation” of the story, using music, art, games, drama, cooking, video, or serving, etc. to experience the story more deeply.
Youth	Education Wing	Students are using Sparkhouse’s <i>Echo</i> series, a Bible overview for youth using storytelling, creative reflection, and dialogue. Through this story-based approach, students find meaning and identity in the biblical narrative.
Adult Bible Study Class	Room A	We use <i>The Present Word</i> . This winter we will study an exploration all about the love of God. Each lesson stands alone, so join us any week to participate as you’d like.
Monday Connection	Parlor	On Sunday January 6 th this class will begin a 11-week study of <i>Days of Awe and Wonder: How to Be a Christian in the Twenty-first Century</i> by Marcus Borg.
Pastor Matt’s Class	Library	This group is studying a 6-week video of Adam Hamilton’s book, <i>The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem</i> .

2018 Year-End Giving Reminders

To be counted as a 2018 contribution:

JUST A LITTLE
Reminder

- Checks or cash must be received at FPC or mailed items postmarked by 12/31/18.
- Donations by credit card are deductible in the year the donor makes the charge (transaction posting date).
- Stock transfers or online donations are deductible in the year the bank transfers the stock or funds. Please make sure your online giving is initiated by Friday, Dec. 28th in time for the transaction to post on Monday, Dec. 31, 2018. The donation confirmation page on our website will confirm the date your account is debited for online giving transactions.

Don't file your 2018 tax return before receiving your FPC 2018 year-end giving statement, so that you have IRS-compliant documentation of any gifts of cash or checks to FPC that are \$250 or more.

Year-end donations statements will be mailed by Jan 31, 2019.

Members that requested offering envelopes can find them on the narthex table. Please contact Lori Corbett with questions.





Prayers for Our Church Family

Mary Jane Bowman, Judith and Phill Bradbury, Pam Bradshaw, Jack Crockett, Stuart Daw, Linda Ewald, Billie Fain, Jim Gillenwater, Tyrone and Margo Gregory, Marge Griffith, Sue Lester, Ronny Lomax, Ron and Jeanette Mann, Jim Meador, Paul and Peggy Monger, Deena Ramey, Dale and Judy Rogers, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Jim and Sarah Wilbanks

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, Justin Rich, Kevin Shelton, David Sparks, Chase Sterling, Mark Wurth

Mission Workers

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

Bereaved

The family of member William Michael “Mike” Agee



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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"

Pastor.....	Rev. Matthew Nieman
Director of Music.....	Dr. Angela L. Batey
Associate Director of Music.....	Tami Newsom
Office Administrator	Dawn Zilles
Bookkeeper.....	Lori Corbett
Children's Enrichment Program Director.....	Beth Hallman
Treasurer.....	John Begovich
Financial Secretary.....	Tom Koch
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