

Farragut Presbyterian Church



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Mark 1:21-28

January 31, 2021

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Andante
Tami Newsom, organ

Mendelssohn

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Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord with your whole heart
in the company of the congregation.

The Lord is gracious and merciful, ever mindful of the covenant.

**The works of God's hands are faithful and just, established forever
and ever.**

Holy and awesome is God's name.

God's praise endures forever!

Hymn # 455

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst uns Erfreuen

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O sing ye! Alleluia!**

**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light,
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**Thou fertile earth, that day by day unfoldest blessings on your way,
O sing ye! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them God's glory also show!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And everyone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, your Creator bless, and worship God in humbleness.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son and praise the Spirit, Three in One!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Text: Francis of Assisi, 1225, Trans. and para. William Henry Draper, c. 1910; alt., Music: *Geistliche Kirchengesäng*, 1623; alt., Harm. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906.
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Prayer of Confession

You have shown us, O God, what it means to follow you. Forgive us when we fail; open our hearts and minds to your teachings. You modeled compassion in the person of Jesus Christ, but we do not extend kindness to strangers or friends. You challenge systems of injustice through the movement of your spirit, but we keep choosing comfort over justice, the status quo over the kingdom of God. You create all things good, and your creation sings your praise, but we consider no creatures but ourselves and wound your earth by our sin. Forgive us, O God. Pour your compassion on us this day, and by your forgiveness, show us how to share it with one another.

(please continue in silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Holy Spirit, your people call out for understanding. Bring to our yearning hearts and minds the truth of your Word; in Jesus' name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 111

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Andrew Moore

Refrain: The fear of the Lord, the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful and in the congregation. The words of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them. *Refrain*

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His work is full of majesty and honour and his righteousness endures forever.
He appointed a memorial for his marvelous deeds; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. *Refrain*

He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant.
He showed his people the power of his works in giving them the heritage of the nations. *Refrain*

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.
They stand fast forever and ever; they are done in truth and equity. *Refrain*

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and mighty is his name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who live by it;
his praise endures forever. *Refrain*

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Second Scripture Reading: Mark 1:21-28

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“A Problem with Authority”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the *Confession of 1967*

We believe that the new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death. The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries. We believe that we are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. But we have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God’s purpose rather than our schemes will finally prevail.

The Anthem

Be Thou My Vision

John Purifoy

Lynn Kszos, flute ~ Tami Newsom, piano

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Call for the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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.**

~The Sending~

Hymn # 281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.**

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**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.**

Text: William Williams, 1745, Stanza 1 trans. Peter Williams, 1771, Stanzas 2-3 trans. William Williams, 1772, Music: John Hughes, 1907.
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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fanfare
Tami Newsom, organ

Marsh

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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- scan this QR Code and click on the generated google doc link or
- go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance> or
- email the office at office@fpcn.org



Sunday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m.
Annual Congregational Meeting
via Zoom

Remember to join us after worship this morning for our **annual congregational meeting** which will be conducted through Zoom.

We will review the ministry of 2020, look ahead to 2021, and approve the pastor's terms of call.

The links to the Zoom meeting were included in Pastor Matt's weekend email on January 30.

Please plan on participating in this important FPC event.

In 1990, **Souper Bowl of Caring** began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”



Since then, more than \$160 million has been generated for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that transforms the time around the Big Game into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and caring for those in need. Through this mission, young people learn to make a positive difference in the world as they collect food, raise money and serve at hunger-relief charities and show caring and compassion in local communities across the country.

This year, you may donate to the Super Bowl of Caring online from the [FPC E-giving option](#) on the website OR drop cash and canned goods in the pots at the 11:00 outdoor service on Sunday, February 7th. If you can't make it to the 11:00 service, you can leave your donation with the youth in the fellowship hall from 11:45 am to 12:30 pm that Sunday. We thank you for your support of this valued campaign and for supporting our youth in their efforts to combat food insecurity in our area. All donations collected will benefit *Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry*.



The area Presbyterian Churches in partnership with Edward Jones will be constructing a Habitat for Humanity home in Knoxville beginning on March 20, 2021. The cost of this project is \$55,000 and Edward Jones has committed to pay \$25,000 leaving \$30,000 to be raised by the area Presbyterian Churches. Farragut Presbyterian Church has pledged \$2,000 from the Outreach budget for this project. Per the Presbytery E-Newsletter, only \$11,000 of the \$30,000 needed has been pledged so far.

Habitat of Knoxville is in need of volunteers from the area churches to help in the construction of this home along with volunteers from Edward Jones. Work will be done on Saturdays beginning on March 20, 2021. Volunteers can work whatever number of days or time their schedule allows. If you would like to contribute as a **volunteer** or **donor**, please contact Wayne Walls (wwalls97@aol.com) for more information on how to assist.

Candles for the Homeless: Baby, it’s cold outside! *A Place at The Table*, a homeless ministry in Knoxville, serves the homeless community each Monday night, no matter what the weather. In the winter months they particularly need pillar and tapered candles, slightly used will do. Why do they need candles? The homeless use them for light on these dark nights and they also use them for heat. That’s right — heat. Those with tarp tents burn the candles close to them for the heat from the flame.



If you have candles to donate, please contact Rev. Patricia Ramsden at p.ramsden3011@comcast.net or drop them off at the church office through this week.

FPC worship will remain online (no indoor worship) through the month of February. We will continue to offer our [live-streamed service](#) at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday mornings, and if the weather allows, [outdoor worship](#) will be held at 11:00 a.m.

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Jan 31	9:00 a.m. live stream and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, Feb 01	10:00	a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting/Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Groups/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Feb 02	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
Wed, Feb 03	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
Thurs, Feb 04	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Zoom
Fri, Feb 05	10:00	a.m.	Covenant Group/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/FH, Room A, Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom	Please join Pastor Matt for a time of Bible study and prayer at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Please consult his Saturday email for the links to the Zoom gathering.
Adult Bible Study Class	Zoom (9:30-10:30 am)	We use <i>The Present Word</i> . Our winter lesson book looks at God's call throughout the New Testament as a way to explore our own calls. The three units focus on Jesus' heritage (Matthew), Jesus' call (other Gospels), and faithful women (a mix of Gospels and Epistles). Within the overall theme, each lesson stands alone, and we'd love to have you join us any week you're able.
Monday Connection	Zoom/ and Parlor	This class is studying <i>Secrets in the Dark – A Life in Sermons</i> , by author Frederick Buechner. This book will inspire laughter, hope, and bring great solace. We will turn the pages and rediscover what it means to be thoughtful about faith.
Youth	Zoom	Students in this class embark on a journey to explore the <i>Gospel According to Disney</i> . This week we will be watching Disney Pixar Shorts, <i>Purl</i> and <i>Exchange Student</i> .