



~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Christ, the Life of All the Living
Tami Newsom, organ

Peeters

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Call to Worship

We gather in the season of Lent, a time to examine our hearts and our lives
and journey with Christ through the suffering of the world.
Let us pick up our crosses and follow Christ on a path that is lined with God's love.
God has marked us as beloved dust and called us together to worship.
Let us worship God.

Hymn #488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.**

**Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.**

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

Text: Daniel ben Judah, 1404, Trans. Max Landsberg and Newton Mann, 1885; alt. Music: Hebrew melody, Adapt. Thomas Olivers and Meyer Lyon, 1770.
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Prayer of Confession

O God, you have made us your covenant people, marked us as your own, and charged us for lives of service. Forgive us when we live as if success were the worthiest aim or independence the highest virtue. Call us once more to take up our crosses, and show us how to follow you.

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

(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, open our hearts to receive your Word, reveal to us the good news, and enable us to trust in the promise of salvation in Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Michael Guimont

Refrain: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear God.
The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.
Those who seek the Lord shall praise the Lord.
May their hearts live forever and ever. *Refrain*

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord,
all families of the nations shall bow down in awe.
They shall bow down in awe, all the mighty of the earth,
all who must die and go down to the dust. *Refrain*

My soul shall live for God and my children too shall serve.
They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come;
declare to those unborn, the faithfulness of God.
“These things the Lord has done.” *Refrain*

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Second Scripture Reading: Mark 8:31-38

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“God Calls”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the PCUSA *Brief Statement of Faith*

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. It 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.

The Anthem

Adoro te devote
Nancy Pevey, horn

Callahan

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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 GTG # 726

The Summons

Kelvingrove

**“Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?”**

**“Will you love the ‘you’ you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?”**

**Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Charge and Benediction

Postlude

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
Tami Newsom, organ

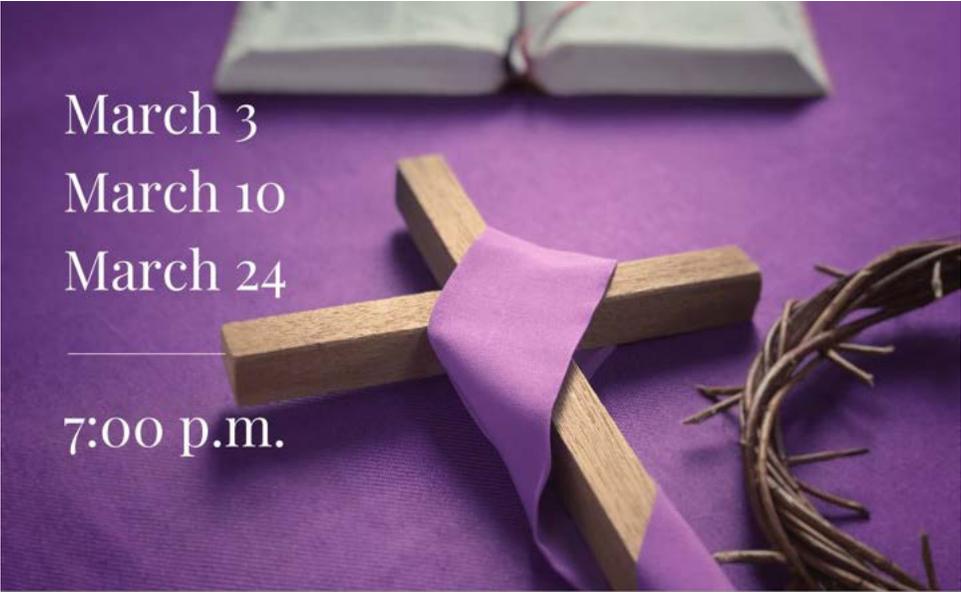
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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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

A photograph of a wooden cross with a purple ribbon wrapped around it, resting on a purple surface. In the background, there is a book and a crown of thorns.

March 3
March 10
March 24
7:00 p.m.

LENTEN
Wednesday Evening Prayer

Gather with Pastor Matt via Zoom
for a short time of scripture and prayer.
Watch for invites through Constant Contact.

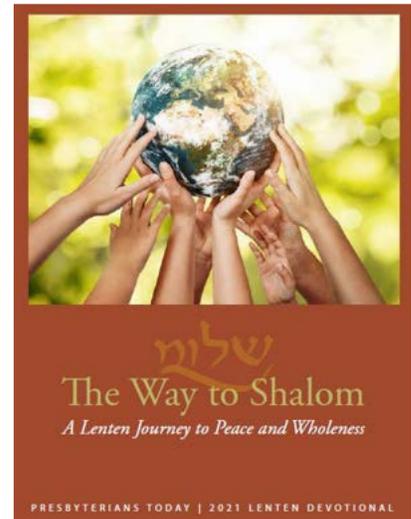
New online and printable **Lenten devotional for 2021** from *Presbyterians Today*...

The Way to Shalom: A Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness

Lent is all about spiritual renewal. It is a sacred time of preparation for Easter and a time to reflect on what God has done to redeem us and how we can live a whole and full life as a child of God. Many of us see Lent as a season of penitence, fasting, service and contemplation — but at the top of our list should be a prayer for the acquisition of peace. In our devotional this year, we invite you to reflect upon the gift of shalom, the Hebrew word with a host of meanings: peace, security, well-being, health, completeness. Our spiritual goal: *exploring how can we receive this gift of shalom and, in turn, bestow it upon the world.* Now, more than ever, we

deeply crave shalom. Our world is in desperate need of peace. The United States has just come out of a contentious election, a struggle with a global pandemic, and painful racial violence. Poverty, misery and despair fill many corners of the world. Yes, we desire peace. We need peace. Every week from Ash Wednesday (February 17) through Easter (April 4), this year's devotional focuses on shalom — and what it can mean in our lives and how we can bring it to the world. We explore themes of justice, peace, healing, hope, repairing and reconciliation. You'll find Scripture readings along with beautiful meditations and prayers written by the director and staff of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington: the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Catherine Gordon and Christian Brooks. You'll be challenged and moved — and hopefully, spiritually enriched.

The Way to Shalom is online and free for download or printing at <https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>. You're invited to use it, share it, excerpt from it and make it your spiritual companion this Lent.



The flyer is for a church yard cleanup. The background is a photograph of various garden tools, including a green-handled rake, a green-handled trimmer, and several tan work gloves. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image. It starts with 'Volunteers Needed!' in a simple sans-serif font. Below that, the words 'CHURCH YARD CLEANUP' are written in large, bold, dark red serif letters. Underneath, 'March 13' and '9am-12pm' are written in a bold, black serif font. At the bottom, there are three lines of text in a smaller, black sans-serif font: 'Bring gloves, rakes, trimmers or other yard and garden tools.', 'Contact Irene Rice with any questions.', and 'RAINOUT DATE IS MARCH 20'.



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.

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope. As Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need — with those suffering from natural and human-caused disasters; with those lacking access to food, water and healthcare; and with those struggling for justice, righteousness, and peace. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together.



On Sunday March 28 (Palm Sunday) and April 4 (Easter) we will be collecting the first of our Special Offerings, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.

Plans are being finalized
for our 2021

Posies for the Pantry
this spring....

and it will be *bigger* and
better than ever!

If you have questions or
would like to help,
contact Betty Nicholls...

and be sure to
SAVE THE DATE!



POSIES
for the
PANTRY

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY

SAVE THE DATE!
SATURDAY
APRIL 17, 2021

Farragut Presbyterian Church Parking Lot
209 Jamestowne Blvd., Farragut, TN



Farragut Presbyterian Church is seeking a **part-time (10 hours per week), musically gifted worship leader** who will oversee and direct its contemporary worship team during its alternative worship service. Candidates should have experience in the area of alternative/contemporary worship music, profess Christian faith and a commitment to the expression of faith through the gift of music in worship, and be able to lead, recruit, develop, and rehearse the worship team while setting standards for musical excellence. More information is available at www.fpctn.org.

To apply, email resume and cover letter to Dr. Angela Batey, director of music ministries, at abatey@utk.edu.

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Feb 28	9:00 a.m. live stream and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, Mar 01	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Mar 02	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Wed, Mar 03	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Lenten Evening Prayer/Zoom
Thurs, Mar 04	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
Fri, Mar 05	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom



Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
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 and Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/ and Parlor	During Lent, these two classes will join together to study <i>Entering the Passion of Jesus – A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week</i> by Amy-Jill Levine. This book explores the biblical texts and risks surrounding the Passion story. The author shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.
Youth	Zoom	Join the Youth of FPC for Sunday School at 10 am Sunday mornings as we take a deep dive into the parables that Jesus utilized throughout his ministry! Please email masonwarren@fpcn.org for the link to the class.