

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Mason Warren

Prelude

O Blessed Spring
Tami Newsom, organ

Biery

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Call to Worship

We worship 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 seek God with our whole hearts
and treasure God's word in our spirits.
 God has marked us as beloved dust
and called us together to worship.
 Let us worship God.

Hymn

O God Beyond All Praising

Thaxted

**O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
 and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
 for we can only wonder at every gift you send,
 at blessings without number and mercies without end:
 we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
 we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.**

**The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die,
 its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high;
 but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown -
 though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown:
 for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free,
 and we through him are given the final victory!**

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**Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
that we who know your favor may serve you as our king;
and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.**

Prayer of Confession

Through the season of Lent, O God, we have prayed for clean hearts and right spirits. Forgive us, O Lord, if we have prayed with our words but failed to pray with our actions. Forgive us of what we have done that has contributed to the suffering of another and forgive us of what we have failed to do that could have lightened a neighbor's burden.

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

Your Word, O God, has the power to change our lives and to create a whole new world. As we meditate on your word this day, fill us with your Holy Spirit, so we may treasure your word with our whole hearts and fix our eyes on you. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

David Clark Isele

***Refrain:* The sacrifice you accept, O God, is a humble spirit.**

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving kindness;
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin.

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

Against you only have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

And so you are justified when you speak and upright in your judgement.

Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, a sinner from my mother's womb. *Refrain*

For behold, you look for truth deep within me, and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

Purge me from my sin and I shall be pure; wash me and I shall be clean indeed.

Make me hear of joy and gladness, and the body you have broken may rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your Holy Spirit from me. *Refrain*

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Give me the joy of your saving help again and sustain me with your bountiful spirit.
I shall teach your ways to the wicked, and sinners shall return to you. *Refrain*

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Second Scripture Reading: John 12:20-33

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“On (Not) Hating Your Life”

Rev. Dr. Anne McKee

~The Response~

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

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ...who was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

The Anthem

Seed That in Earth is Dying
Dr. Angela Batey, soprano

arr. Ellingboe

Seed that in earth is dying grows into ears of grain.
Grapes that are crushed in the vessel turn into golden wine.
God, through this mystery grant us faith in our deepest darkness,
life in our night and death.

We were baptized in Jesus, into his death and grave,
to resurrection's promise: praise and eternal life.
Heaven's own praises begin here where you yourself are near us,
deep in our night and death.

Seed that in earth is dying rises to bear much fruit.
Christ, as we meet at your table, give us the bread of life.
Lord, we do thank and adore you!
Unceasing praise of the ages rises from night and death.

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 #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

**To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
While millions join the theme, I will sing!**

**And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!**

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Healer of our Every Ill
Tami Newsom, organ

Honoré

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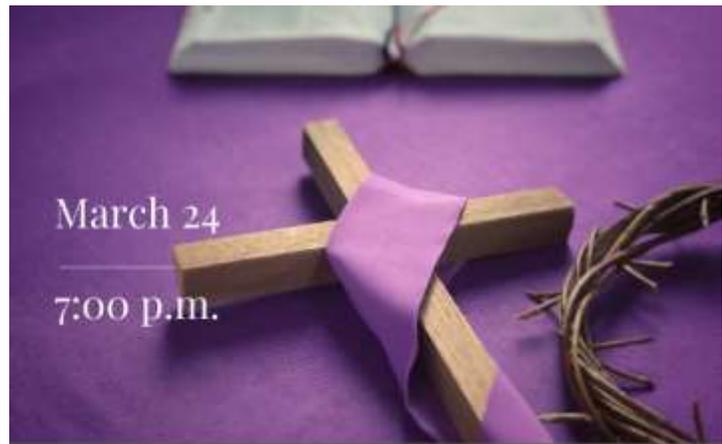
Our guest minister today is **Rev. Dr. Anne McKee**. Dr. McKee is the campus minister at Maryville College, ordained through the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). She is a minister for students, faculty, and staff of the college and facilitates the spiritual inquiry and religious life on campus. Many of you may recognize Dr. McKee, as our former associate pastor here at Farragut Presbyterian Church. We are grateful to have her fill in for Pastor Matt today.



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

The area Presbyterian Churches in partnership with Edward Jones will be constructing a **Habitat for Humanity** home in Knoxville this spring. This outreach project is in need of financial support and hands on volunteers from the area churches to help in the construction of this home. Work will be done on Saturdays. 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 Frank Dorman or the church office for more information.



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.



Easter Decorations

It has long been our tradition to decorate the sanctuary with flowers during the Easter season. If you would like to help us offset the cost of decorating the church for Easter by making a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out this form and include your check made payable to Farragut Presbyterian Church, with "Easter Flowers" designated in the memo line. Place your check and this form in the offering basket or drop them off in the church office. The cost per plant is \$10.00, however, your gift may be in any amount. There will be a special insert acknowledging gifts on Easter Sunday.

I am making a gift towards Easter decorations, to the glory of God and: (PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

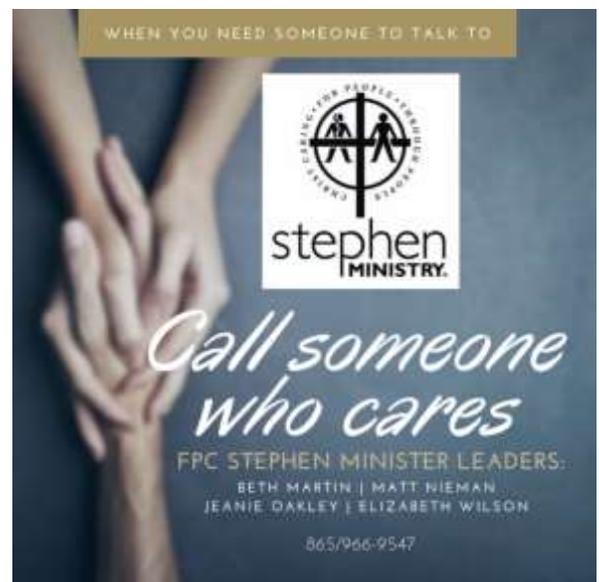
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For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, 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. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together.

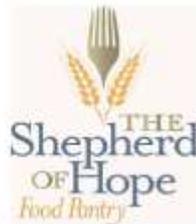


On Sunday March 28 (Palm Sunday) and April 4 (Easter) we will be collecting the first of our Special Offerings, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.



Shop for your spring plants & garden items and grab a bite to eat!

- Spring Plants, Flowers & Herbs
- Garden Decor
- Food Trucks
- Kids Activity
- Garden Items "Bargain Booth"



Proceeds benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

Our "**Posies for the Pantry**" fundraiser benefitting the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry is bigger and better than ever before!

More plants and vendors, a free kid's activity, a bargain booth of gently used pots and garden tools, and 2 food trucks!

More details to follow. Contact Betty Nicholls to volunteer and for more information.

FPC Youth are sponsoring a

BARGAIN BOOTH

During the "Posies for the Pantry" event our FPC Youth would appreciate your donations of gently-used garden tools, decor, and supplies. Clean out that shed and help support our FPC youth!

Items need to be delivered to the church prior to April 16th.

Contact Mason Warren with any questions.

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Mar 21	9:00 a.m. indoor/online and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, Mar 22	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Mar 23	7:00	p.m.	Session/Zoom
	10:30	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Room A
	3:00	p.m.	4-H Club/Fellowship Hall
Wed, Mar 24	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	1:00	p.m.	PW Bible Study/Zoom
Thurs, Mar 25	2:00	p.m.	Staff Meeting/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Lenten Evening Prayer /Zoom
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
Fri, Mar 26	10:00	p.m.	Covenant Group/Room A or outside
	6:30	a.m.	Cub Scouts/FH, Room A, Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Sat, Mar 27	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom
	All	Day	Scout Work Day



Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Monday Connection/ Adult Bible Study/Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/ and Parlor	During Lent, these three classes have joined 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.
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@fpctn.org for the link to the class.

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