



~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

DeCesare

Bronwyn Clagett, trombone ~ Tami Newsom, organ  
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Call to Worship

Who is this unlikely king?  
**Hosanna! His name is Jesus!**  
 Why does he ride into the city?  
**Hosanna! He comes to save us!**  
 Let us wave our palms, throw down our cloaks,  
**and follow Christ toward the cross.**  
 Let us worship God.

Hymn #142

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

Coronation

**All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
 Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!  
 Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!  
 Hail Him who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,  
 To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!  
 To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!**

**O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
 We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!**

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Prayer of Confession

**Hosanna, we pray. Save us, Lord. Save us from ourselves when we trip over pride, doubt, or fear. Save us from the systems that keep us bound when we cannot see the way out. Save us from our sins when we feel their weight pressing on our hearts. Remind us, O Lord, that crowds shouting “Hosanna” will soon be screaming “Crucify him.” Save us we pray, O Lord, and do not let us be among them.**

*(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

**Come, Holy Spirit, source of all life. As we hear again the story of the passion, let the same mind be in us that was in Christ, who was a servant that we might be free. Awaken our ears, open our hearts, and sustain the weary with your Word. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 118

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Alan Rees

**Refrain: O give thanks to the Lord for he is good.**

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now proclaim, His mercy endures forever. *Refrain*

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. *Refrain*

I will give thanks to you, for you have answered me and have become my salvation.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. *Refrain*

This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Come, O Lord, and save us we pray.

Come, Lord, send us now prosperity. *Refrain*

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God; he has given us light;

link the pilgrims with cords right to the horns of the altar. *Refrain*

You are my God and I will thank you; you are my God and I will exalt you.

O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his mercy endures forever. *Refrain*

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Second Scripture Reading: Mark 11:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“God Persists”

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~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

*My Song is Love Unknown*

Molly Ijames

Bronwyn Clagett, trombone ~ Tami Newsom, organ  
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Call for the Offering

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Palm Sunday Litany

The streets were crowded. A parade mood filled the air.  
Shouts came from deep in the heart. **Hosanna. Save us.**  
Save us from lukewarm faith. **Hosanna. Save us.**  
Save us from callous indifference. **Hosanna. Save us.**  
Save us from paltry hopes and petty dreams. **Hosanna. Save us.**  
Save us from unquenchable greed. **Hosanna. Save Us.**  
Save us from lazy habits and faithless commitments. **Hosanna. Save us.**  
Save us from soft-mindedness and hard-heartedness. **Hosanna. Save us.**  
We cry from the depth of our hearts and the very pit of our souls.  
**Hosanna. Save us. Save us now.**

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 #90

*Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

The King's Majesty

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! Hark! All the tribes hosanna cry;  
O savior meek, pursue Thy road  
with palms and scattered garments strowed.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
O Christ, Thy triumphs now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! The winged squadrons of the sky  
Look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.**

**Ride on! Ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;  
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.**

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## Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*A Lamb goes Uncomplaining Forth*  
Bronwyn Clagett, trombone ~ Tami Newsom, organ

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“A lamb goes uncomplaining forth, the guilt of all men bearing; ‘tis laden with the sin of earth, none else the burden sharing; it goes its way, grows weak and faint, to slaughter led without complaint, its spotless life to offer; bears shame, and stripes, and wounds, and death, anguish and mockery, and saith, “Willing all this I suffer.”



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

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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.



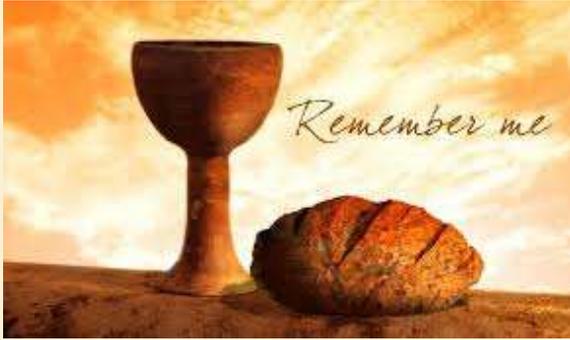
The area Presbyterian Churches in partnership with Edward Jones will be constructing a **Habitat for Humanity** home in Knoxville this spring. This outreach project is in need of financial support and hands on volunteers from the area churches to help in the construction of this home. Work will be done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

**TODAY and next week we will be collecting the first of our Special Offerings, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.**

Look for special OGHS pew envelopes, or designate “OGHS” in the memo section of your check. You may also donate through the E-Giving page of our website, [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org).



**Prayer Shawl Ministry** will start back up on April 27<sup>th</sup>. The group meets in the parlor on the fourth Tuesday of every month. If you like to knit or crochet, come join this wonderful group that makes shawls for FPC members that need extra comfort during a difficult time in their lives. Patterns and yarn are provided.



## Maundy Thursday

April 01

7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary  
and Livestreamed

In this moving service, we remember Christ's passion and sacrifice for us and our salvation. The church symbols in our sanctuary are covered in black cloth and we recall the dark time of that fateful night.

## Good Friday Prayer Vigil

April 02

8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
in the Sanctuary and/or  
in your own home

We return to the cold, darkened Sanctuary to pray, or you may choose to pray in your own home. Sign up [HERE](#) to pray for thirty minutes from 8:00 am to 8:00 pm.



## Easter Sunday

April 04

9:00 Service in the Sanctuary  
11:00 Service outside (weather  
permitting) or in the Sanctuary

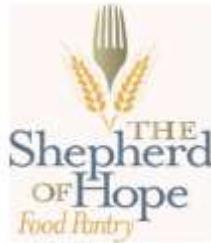
The Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring a delightful **Easter Egg Hunt** on Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 11 am worship service. Rain or shine, we'll have plenty of egg-hunting fun for the wee ones in the playground area (or indoors in the Narthex area if the weather is inclement). Our FPC Youth Group is working hard to fill eggs with treats and prizes and will be assisting the children in the fun. Bring your children, grandchildren, neighbors, or friends (or just come watch the fun) – all they need is a basket or bag (spare ones will be available as well). This event will be in lieu of Children's Church on Easter Sunday to allow the children time with their families during the service. Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at [masonwarren@fpcn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org) or (865) 966-9547 Ext. 105 for more information.





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.

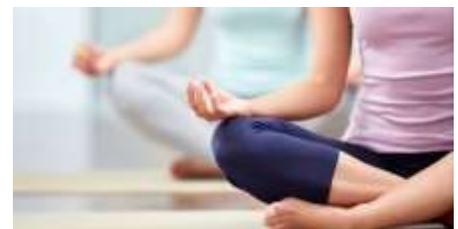
FPC Youth are sponsoring a **BARGAIN BOOTH**

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.

We are excited to announce the restart of **in-person yoga classes** at FPC! The TGIF Gentle Yoga class will restart on Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All that is needed for this 60 minute gentle/slow flow class is a mat and comfortable clothing – and it's for beginner or experienced yogis. The Chair Yoga class will start on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am (also in Fellowship Hall) and this 30 minute class is perfect for those with limited mobility or balance concerns. Please note the time change for Chair Yoga as we will be starting small lunch/brunch groups after class for those who are interested. Our virtual option will continue to be offered for those who prefer. Jenny is happy to offer a one-on-one introductory session to either course for those new to yoga or those who need assistance with modifications. Please contact Jenny Trussell (RYT500/RCYT) at [cedarstudios4@gmail.com](mailto:cedarstudios4@gmail.com) for more information. There is no cost for these classes and they are open to the community – *all are welcome!*





**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Williams Creek Golf Course**  
**Tee Off: 8:30 a.m.**  
**Format: Four Person Shotgun, Powerball Scramble**  
**Masks will be provided.**  
**Cost: \$125/person - \$360/team**

Includes: Golf, Cart, Lunch, FPL Hat and Mask, Snacks and Range Balls. Registration forms are available at: <https://www.fpcn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Golf-Tournament-05.21.21.pdf> or in the church narthex.

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

What a delight to see the growing number of families with children at our outdoor service! Currently, we are in need of volunteers from 10:45 – 11:45 am on Sundays to assist with our children's church (that will be held indoors in Fellowship Hall). Starting in early June, we are looking for volunteers to assist with our FPC "Kid Zone" to allow our new families time before and after worship to socialize and get to know other FPC members. Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at [masonwarren@fpcn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org) or (865) 966-9547 Ext. 105 for more information or to volunteer.



## COMING THIS SUMMER – FPC KID ZONE!

The Christian Education committee has exciting plans as we reinvigorate our summer children's program (including a few summer events sponsored by FPC's Church Life committee)! Starting in early June, we are looking for volunteers to assist with our FPC "Kid Zone" – an expanded children's church program (in lieu of Vacation Bible School) that will run on Sunday mornings to allow our new families time to socialize and get to know other FPC members before and after worship. Our summer Kid Zone program, titled "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Renew" - focuses on being good stewards of God's beautiful earth and will include a lesson, crafts, and games. The program is open to children ages 2 –

10, but we're happy to have older children assist with the program. As always, our nursery is open and available to parents with infants. We hope you will consider bringing your children, grandchildren, and inviting neighbors and friends! Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at [masonwarren@fpcn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org) or (865) 966-9547 Ext. 105 for more information or to register children for the program.

## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Mar 28	9:00 a.m. indoor/online and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, Mar 29	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Mar 30	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Thurs, Apr 01	10:00	p.m.	Covenant Group/Room A or outside
	7:30	p.m.	<b>Maundy Thursday Service/Sanctuary/Online</b>
Fri, Apr 02	8 am	8 pm	<b>Good Friday Prayer Vigil/Sanctuary/Home</b>
Sat, Apr 03	All	Day	Great Vigil of Easter



### 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 <a href="mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org">masonwarren@fpctn.org</a> for the link to the class.



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Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

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