



## ~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Thine is the Glory*  
 Orchestral Ensemble and Tami Newsom, organ

arr. Stephen Walters

Call to Worship

Early in the morning light,  
**the women went to Jesus' tomb.**  
 The tomb was empty, the stone rolled away,  
**for God's love is stronger than death itself.**  
 Let us join our voices with Mary Magdalene:  
**"We have seen the Lord!"**  
 Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

Hymn

*Jesus Christ is Ris'n Today*

arr. D. Cherwein

Jesus Christ is ris'n today, Alleluia! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!  
 Who did once upon the cross, Alleluia! Suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia! Unto Christ, our heav'nly king, Alleluia!  
 Who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

But the pains which he endured, Alleluia! Our salvation have procured, Alleluia!  
 Now above the sky he's king, Alleluia! Where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Sing we to our God above, Alleluia! Praise eternal as God's love, Alleluia!  
 Praise our God, ye heav'nly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Amen!

Prayer of Confession

**O God, you raised Christ from the tomb and shattered the powers of sin and evil. Raise us from the tombs of our sin, O Lord, and bring us to new life in you. You bring us good news of Easter joy. Forgive us when we cannot hear it. You send us out to share your love. Forgive us when we cannot carry it. You cast a vision for peace and justice. Forgive us when we cannot imagine it. Forgive us when we stand in its way. For you are the God of the empty tomb, the one who makes all things new.**

*(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

**Living God, with joy we celebrate the presence of your risen Word. Enliven our hearts by your Holy Spirit so that we may proclaim the good news of eternal and abundant life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Acts 10:34-43

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 118

Jenni Nieman, cantor

Hopson

*Refrain:* This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Give thanks, give thanks to our gracious God, whose love endures forever;  
The Lord, our strength and song shall be, from whom no fault can sever. *Refrain*

Sing joyful songs of victory, both now and through eternity,  
for God will leave us never, for God will leave us never. *Refrain*

I shall not die, but I shall live, and sing God's grace with elation.  
Though I deserve no more than death, God blesses me with salvation. *Refrain*

The gate that should unyielding be is open wide to welcome me,  
give thanks and adoration, give thanks and adoration. *Refrain*

Upon the stones the builders judged imperfect, weak and tender,  
now rest the corners of God's house, still unsurpassed in splendor. *Refrain*

This is the day the Lord has made; God is my sun, and God my shade;  
Rejoice, your praise now render! Rejoice, your praise now render! *Refrain*

Second Scripture Reading: Mark 16:1-8  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“God Wins!”

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

*Now Praise the Lord*  
Orchestral and Vocal Ensemble ~ Tami Newsom, organ

arr. John A. Behnke

Call for the Offering

### ~The Eucharist~

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

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 Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

## ~The Sending~

Hymn #104

*Christ is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

Hymn to Joy

Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!  
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.  
In the desert all-surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.  
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.  
Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.  
Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.  
Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

Christ is risen! Earth and heaven nevermore shall be the same.  
Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.  
Tell its grim, demonic chorus: "Christ is risen! Get you gone!"  
God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

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### Charge and Benediction

Response

“Hallelujah Chorus” from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth!  
The kingdom of this world has become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ!  
For He shall reign forever and ever.

Postlude

*Postlude on "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Brown

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- go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance> or
- email the office at [office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org)

*Easter lilies symbolize virtue, innocence, hope and life, while commemorating the resurrection of Christ and the hope of eternal life in heaven.*

**Alleluia! Christ the Lord is Risen Today!**



The Christian Education Committee will be sponsoring a delightful **Easter Egg Hunt TODAY**, 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 has worked 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!



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.

**TODAY 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).

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!*



**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 who need extra comfort during a difficult time in their lives. Patterns and yarn are provided.





## Are you interested in learning more about Farragut Presbyterian Church?

Join us on Sunday April 11 and April 18 for our Inquirer's Class at 10 a.m. in Fellowship Hall with Pastor Matt. This class is for those interested in joining FPC, as well as those that just want to learn more about our history, beliefs & traditions, and unique opportunities that are offered here. All are welcome to come and have a "Chat with Matt!"



**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.



**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.fpctn.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Golf-Tournament-05.21.21.pdf> or in the church narthex. Contact Jimmy Loyless to set up a team!

**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@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.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@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) or (865) 966-9547 ext. 105 for more information or to register children for the program.

## This Week at FPC!



Sun, Apr 04	9:00 a.m. indoor/online and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, Apr 05	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
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	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
Tues, Apr 06	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers Support/Room A
Wed. Apr 07	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
Thurs, Apr 08	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Zoom
Fri, Apr 09	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	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/Fellowship Hall

### Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

*(No Sunday School Classes Today)*

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Zoom	This class uses <i>The Present Word</i> Adult Bible Lessons. The Spring 2021 book focuses on the faithful prophets of the Old Testament and their ministries.
Monday Connection	Zoom/ and Parlor	Starting April 11, this class will be studying the book <i>The Walk - Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life</i> by Adam Hamilton. The author focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom	Jack Rightmyer will be leading this class in Bible study and prayer for the next few weeks.
Youth	Zoom	Join the Youth of FPC for Sunday School 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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### Church Office Hours:

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

*"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"*

