



~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Prelude on 'Halton Holgate'*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Thorne

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Call to Worship

We worship God with song and dance,  
**singing God's praise and shouting for joy.**  
We worship God with silence and sighs,  
**grieving for loss and longing for comfort.**  
We worship God with prayers and hands,  
**praying for healing and working for peace.**  
Let us create a sabbath space  
**and worship the God who gives us life.**

Hymn #229

*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

Lasst uns erfreuen

**From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, in every tongue.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**In every land begin the song, to every land the strains belong:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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**Eternal are Thy mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends Thy word:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thy praise shall sound from shore to shore,  
till suns shall rise and set no more.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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### Prayer of Confession

**We know that you call your people to lives of service and works of justice.  
Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our lives just loud enough to drown out  
your call. Forgive us, O Lord, when we keep our days just busy enough to  
convince ourselves that we have a righteous excuse.**

**We know that you work for the healing of all that is broken in the world.  
Heal us, O Lord, of our blindness by your grace.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and free us to try again.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

Kyrie Eleison #574

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Johnson

**Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.  
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

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### Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response #579

*Gloria Patri*

Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

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### The Peace

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

## ~The Word~

### Prayer for Illumination

**Loving God, your Word brings peace to all who turn to you. Send your Holy  
Spirit to dwell among us that we might praise Christ's glory. Amen.**

### First Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14

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

**Lord, all creation with Your name resounds,  
and all who dwell within earth's ample bounds;  
Ever above the seas have mountains stood,  
planted by your design upon the flood.**

**Who shall to Zion's sacred heights ascend?  
Within God's house, whom shall the Lord defend?  
The true, the meek, the righteous and the pure  
shall in God's courts of blessing long endure.**

**Lift high your heads, O gates, before the Lord!  
Unfold to greet our God with one accord!  
Break free the bonds that bind you to your walls!  
Welcome the might God, the Lord of all!**

**Lift up your heads, O ancient doors, and give  
passage unbarred to God, in whom we live;  
Who is this God, who merits such delight?  
The Lord Almighty, crowned in glory bright!**

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Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 24

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

Sermon

“Therefore”

Rev. Matt Nieman

### ~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (from Ephesians 1 in *The Message*)

**How blessed is God! And what a blessing he is! He's the Father of our  
Master, Jesus Christ, and takes us to the high places of blessing in him.  
Long before he laid down earth's foundations, he had us in mind, had settled  
on us as the focus of his love, to be made whole and holy by his love.  
Long, long ago he decided to adopt us into his family through Jesus Christ.  
(What pleasure he took in planning this!) He wanted us to enter into the  
celebration of his lavish gift-giving by the hand of his beloved Son.**

The Anthem

*Beloved, God's Chosen*  
Dr. Angela Batey, soprano

Michael Burkhardt

Beloved, God's chosen, put on as a garment compassion,  
forgiveness, and goodness of heart.  
Above all, before all, let love be your rainment that binds into one  
every dissonant part.

Within, call forth Wisdom, to dwell in you richly; let peace  
Rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.  
And from the heart's chamber, beloved and holy,  
let singing thanksgiving to God ever rise.

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 #341

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Assurance

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

Refrain

**This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

**Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (Refrain)**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with His goodness, lost in His love. (Refrain)**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

*Walk With Me*

Rev. John Rice

Walk with me, I will walk with you and  
build the land that God has planned where love shines through.

Postlude

*Allegro*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Scarlatti



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@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org)

A reminder that if you have reserved tickets for the [Smokies Baseball Game](#), you can pick up your tickets that night at the *Smokies Stadium Will Call Window*. Parking is \$5 per vehicle. Contact Leigh Ann Neely with questions.



**Tennessee SMOKIES Baseball Game  
and Fireworks Show:**

**July 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
vs. the Mississippi Braves**



**Fun, Food and Fellowship  
for those on the fabulous side of "50"**

**Daytime Rockers** will gather on  
Thursday, July 22 at 11:30 a.m.  
to "break bread" at Bonefish Grill in Turkey Creek.

You can sign-up in the narthex, or RSVP directly to Gloria Purjet.

Look for the signup board for **Sunset Gap Back to School**. Select an item and sign your name and phone number on the signup board.

Signups are also available online for other children at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2021SunsetGapSchool>. **Items are due back to the church by July 25** for delivery the following week. Please attach a tag with the child's name and number of the item to your purchase. School Supplies needed include:

Wide rule notebook paper, pencils, colored pencils, scissors, 3-ring binder, 3 spiral notebooks, pencil sharpener, 4 glue sticks, crayons, erasers, hand sanitizer, large box of Kleenex, and Clorox wipes. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.

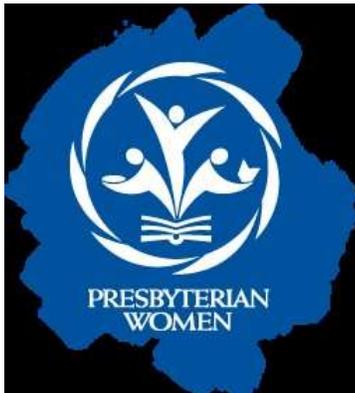


Debbie Long and Mikie Lancaster are organizing a trip to the **CAM (Coalition for Appalachian Ministry) Cabin in Townsend** later this month. If you are cleaning out closets and find sewing supplies or material to donate, bring them to the church, or Mikie will be happy to pick them up. Anyone interested in riding along is welcome. Exact date to be determined.

In lieu of our usual Vacation Bible School programming this year, we are using an amazing summer program called **FPC Kids Zone!** It runs on Sunday mornings in Room 1 from 8:45-10:00 a.m. and is open to kids ages 2-10. Our theme this summer is *Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, RENEW!* We will be focusing on how to be good stewards of God's green earth and what the Bible teaches us about how to do just that! 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.



**Presbyterian Women** invite the congregation to join them in collecting needed school supplies for the special area teachers this year. (Music, art, physical education, special ed, computers). Needed items include:



- Hand sanitizer
- Paper towels
- Kleenex
- crayons
- #2 pencils
- Expo dry erase markers

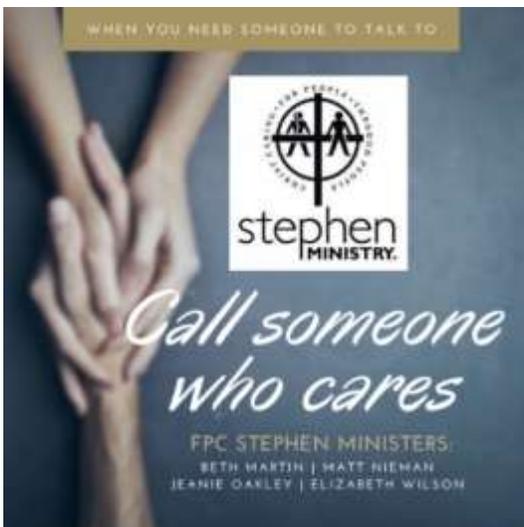


These items will be distributed to the schools in Cocke County or Sevier County.

**Deadline to donate is August 10.**

### And LADIES, MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The **PW Fall Kick-off Dinner** will be Wednesday evening, August 11 at 6:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. **All women in the church are invited to attend** and find out about the lesson study for 2021-2022, entitled “What My Grandmothers Taught Me.” A box supper from Jason’s Deli will be provided. Tickets (\$15) will be on sale Sunday mornings July 18, 26, and August 1.



### **The Stephen Ministry Program:**

*Humans like to be in control, having the power to choose exactly what is going to happen and when.* Unfortunately, life isn't like that – we only think we're in control. So when something happens and we realize we're not in control, we feel lost, overwhelmed, angry, even terrified. Stephen Ministers are trained to help when things are out of control. They provide support and encouragement while helping a person put faith and trust in God. If you would like to know more about Stephen Ministry, contact the church office or one of our

### **Stephen Ministry Leaders:**

Matt Nieman, Jeanie Oakley, Elizabeth Wilson, or Beth Martin

## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Jul 11	9:00 outdoor and 11:00 a.m. indoor/online worship		
Mon, Jul 12	8:45	a.m.	FPC Kids Zone/Room 1
	4:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Axe Throwing Night
	11:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Fellowship Hall
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
Tues, Jul 13	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry/Room A
	*****	****	<b>Montreat MS Conference</b> starts/MC Campus
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts Troop #444/Room A
Wed, Jul 14	7:00	p.m.	Personnel Committee/Zoom
Fri, Jul 16	4:50	p.m.	FPC Fellowship Golf/Avalon Country Club
Sat. Jul 17	7:00	p.m.	<b>Smokies Baseball Game</b> /Smokies Stadium

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

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Parlor	This class is currently using both a lectionary study and <i>The Present Word</i> Adult Bible Lessons. The Summer 2021 <i>Present Word</i> book looks at God's gift of faith as the source of hope.
Monday Connection	Zoom/and Room A	This class is studying <i>The New Testament You Never Knew</i> , by well-known Bible scholars N.T. Wright and Michael F. Bird. The two team up to take you on a tour of the explosive story behind the New Testament. <b>No class on 07/18.</b>
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/library	Please join Pastor Matt's Bible study in the library on Sunday mornings at 10:00. We've just started a series on the Old Testament book of Proverbs. The study is also available over Zoom. Consult Pastor Matt's Saturday morning email for the Zoom credentials.
Youth	On summer break	Please email <a href="mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org">masonwarren@fpcn.org</a> if you have any questions.



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### Church Office Hours:

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

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