



~The Gathering~



Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Now the Silence
Tami Newsom, organ

Farlee

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Call to Worship

When the world around us seems to be shaking,
God's love is our foothold, which shall not be moved.
When the life within us is dry and parched,
God's word is our wellspring, our fount of living water.
Let us worship the One who offers us wisdom
and teaches us how to serve.
Let us worship God.

Hymn #477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim
**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad His wonderful name;
The name all victorious of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, He rules over all.**

**God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still He is nigh- His presence we have;
The great congregation His triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.**

**"Salvation to God, who sits on the throne,"
Let all cry aloud, and honor the Son;
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.**

Hanover

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**Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing, and infinite love.**

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Prayer of Confession

**You told us, O Lord, that whoever wants to be first
must be last and servant of all.
Oh, how we long to be first, O God:
to climb every ladder, frame every achievement,
get every promotion, and obtain every glory.
Oh, how we long to be first, O God, and oh, how we dread being last.
Forgive us, O humble Christ, and by your forgiveness, teach us.
Teach us to reframe our priorities.
Teach us to be servants first, and to let our lives flow from a heart of faith.**

(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

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**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~

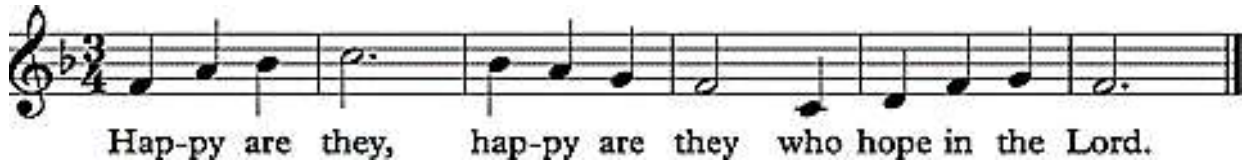
Prayer for Illumination

**Your Word is our wisdom; it gives us insight, strength, and courage.
Open our hearts and our minds on this day, that we might receive what you
want to give. Speak, Lord! Your people listen! Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Lucy Fleming

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



Happy indeed are those who follow not the counsel of the wicked,
nor linger in the way of sinners nor sit in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponder God's law day and night. **(R)**

They are like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that they do shall prosper. Not so are the wicked, not so! **(R)**

For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Mark 9:30-37
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Proper Posture”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *PCUSA Study Catechism*)

We are created to live wholeheartedly for God. When we honor our Creator as the source of all good things, we are like mirrors reflecting back the great beam of love that God shines on us. We are also created to honor God by showing love toward other human beings.

Anthem

How Can I Keep From Singing
Chancel Choir

Quaker Song

My life flows on in endless song above earth's lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off song that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; How can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging.
Since love is lord of heav'n and earth, How can I keep from singing?

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 #371

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

***Refrain: Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.***

**Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,
The Lamb victorious, Christ, the Son of God. *Refrain***

**Each newborn servant of the Crucified
Bears on the brow the seal of Christ who died. *Refrain***

**O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
Your death has brought us life eternally. *Refrain***

**So shall our song of triumph ever be:
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *Refrain***

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Charge and Benediction

Congregation Response #335

Come, Spirit, Come

O waly waly

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.**

Postlude

Sing Praise To God Who Reigns Above

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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@fpctn.org

FINAL CALL...This is the last day to...

Update!



This is the last day to update your member information and portrait photos for the new **2021 FPC Church Directory**. A directory has been placed in the narthex for you to review the current information we have on file and to make any necessary changes. A photo station has also been set up in the narthex to update your directory photo. If your directory photo is CURRENT and you would like to use it again, just initial next to it. If you have a recent portrait photo that you would like us to use, simply email it to the office at: office@fpcn.org in a .jpg format. Please be sure to initial next to your name in the directory after verifying your address, email and phone numbers, so we know you have approved your information. Please contact the office, or Mikie Lancaster with any questions.

The FPC Church Life Committee would like to invite you to join us TODAY for a

Back-to-Fellowship Brunch

following both worship services. Coffee and light brunch items will be set up in the connector. Grab your food and join us for fellowship outside after the 9:00 service, and in the narthex after the 11:00 service.

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ~Acts 2:42



Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join us in helping stock the **Sunset Gap Food Pantry** as the seasonal unemployment begins. Items may be brought to the church from September 19 thru October 10. The food pantry is currently serving over 500 families each month.

They would like us to focus on staples such as canned meat, cornmeal mix, flour, oil, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce.

Thank you for your generosity. For questions, contact Debbie Long.

Rockers: Daytime Rockers will gather at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 30 at *Seasons* in Turkey Creek to share food, fellowship and fun. Please RSVP to Gloria Purjet. Gloria's contact information can be found in the church directory or contact the church office if you don't have access to one.



Our celebration is just a few weeks away! We invite you, our friends, to participate in our annual "**Invite a Friend to Choir**" Day. As we have in the past, we would like to fill the choir loft with the people of God who are bonded together through music. This event is NOT just for people who know how to read music, or who have sung in a choir before. No previous experience is required! The music ministry of Farragut Presbyterian is for ALL the people of God! Please join us for rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday night, October 6, and Sunday, October 10 as we MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

The Stephen Ministry Program: *All alone? Don't be.*

God doesn't want us to be all alone.

He wants us to turn to others when things are bothering us. Stephen Ministers will walk with you through your trouble and be there for you when you need them. For more information about Stephen Ministry, please contact the church office or one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Matt Nieman, Jeanie Oakley, Elizabeth Wilson, Beth Martin



FPC KidZone introduced a new fall program called “**Diving into the Bible!**” All children ages 3-9 are invited to join us on Sunday mornings after the “Passing of the Peace” during the 9:00 worship service. Loving nursery care is available for younger children.

For more information, please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at masonwarren@fpctn.org.

**Peace and Global Witness Offering ~
Sunday, October 3, 2021**

A gift to the Peace & Global Witness Offering enables our church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. This offering is tied to World Communion Sunday on October 3.

The Outreach Committee has designated **Bridge Refugee Services** to receive 25% of the 2021 offering. Mid councils get 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.



To Donate:

- Use an envelope provided at the church
- Send a check to FPC with Peace and Global Witness on the memo line
- Submit a gift through e-giving at www.fpctn.org.

The **October 23 fundraiser banquet** for *Come to the Water* will soon be here, and seats are limited.

WHAT: *Come to the Water* banquet and fundraiser

WHY: Sending Kids to Camp

WHEN: Saturday, October 23 - (5:45pm mixer, 6:15pm dinner, 7:00pm program & auction, 8:45pm departure)

WHERE: Messiah Lutheran Church, 6900 Kingston Pike, Knoxville (near Papermill at Kingston Pike)

TICKETS: \$50/ticket



First come, first served tickets at \$50/ticket are available now from **Bryan Nunley and Wayne Davis**. Checks payable to *Come to the Water* may be left in the church office or mailed to: *Come to the Water*, PO Box 7163, Maryville TN 37802. Questions? Drop a note to Bryan Nunley at rbnunley@gmail.com.

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Sept 19	9:00 outdoor and 11:00 a.m. indoor/online worship		
Mon, Sept 20	9:00	a.m.	FPC Kids Zone/Room 1
	10:00	a.m.	Back to Fellowship Brunch/Outside
	12:00	p.m.	Back to Fellowship Brunch/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, Sept 21	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
	11:00	a.m.	Organ practice/sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Life Committee/Zoom
Wed, Sept 22	3:00	p.m.	4-H Group/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/Fellowship Hall, Room A, Narthex
Thur, Sept 23	1:00	p.m.	PW Bible Study/Library and Zoom
	2:00	p.m.	Staff Meeting/Library and Zoom
	2:00	p.m.	Grief Support Group/Room A
	4:50	p.m.	FPC Fellowship Golf/Avalon Country Club
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Fri, Sept 24	8:00	a.m.	Men's Breakfast/Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Pastors Lunch/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	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.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or Parlor	This class has changed to Lectionary-based lessons, so each week we look at the texts that the sermon and worship service are developed from. In good weather join us outside under the trees in the parking lot. In bad weather we will meet in the parlor.
Monday Connection	Zoom/and Room A	This class is studying <i>Love Wins – A book about Heaven, Hell, and the Fate of Every Person Who Ever Lived</i> by Rob Bell. This bestselling author presents a deeply biblical vision for rediscovering a richer, truer, and more spiritually way of understanding heaven, hell, God, Jesus, salvation, and repentance.
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/library	Please join Pastor Matt's Bible study in the library on Sunday mornings at 10:00. Consult Pastor Matt's Saturday morning email for the Zoom credentials.
Youth	Room 1	Join the Youth Sunday School as they DIVE IN to the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion to explore a different book of the Old Testament each Sunday throughout the school year! For more information, contact Mason Warren, Dir. of Family Ministries, masonwarren@fpcn.org



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