



~The Gathering~



Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Prelude on Nettleton*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Burkhardt

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Call to Worship

Our help is in the name of the Lord,  
**the maker of heaven and earth.**  
Our hope is in the name of the Lord,  
**the healer of all that is wounded.**  
Our trust is in the name of the Lord,  
**the one we gather to worship and praise.**  
Let us worship God.

Hymn #483

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Mit Freuden Zart

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,  
The God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation;  
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty power hath made, God's gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning glow or evening shade God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of God's might, Lo! all is just and all is right:  
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away, but through all grief distressing,  
An ever present help and stay, our peace, and joy, and blessing;  
As with a mother's tender hand, God gently leads the chosen band:  
To God all praise and glory!**

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**Thus all my gladsome way along, I sing aloud Thy praises  
That all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.  
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart, both soul and body take your part:  
To God all praise and glory!**

Words: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675, Trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566,  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs* © 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press.

Prayer of Confession

**Let the words of our mouths and the meditation of our hearts  
be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.  
For you are our rock, and yet we place our faith in sinking sand.  
You are our redeemer,  
and yet we are convinced that we must save ourselves.  
You are our source of unity,  
and yet we isolate ourselves in every way we can.  
You are our fount of forgiveness,  
and yet we fear that we will be condemned.  
Forgive us, O Rock. Forgive us, O Redeemer,  
and show us what it means to forgive one another.**

*(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~**

Anthem

*The Lord's My Shepherd*  
FPC Ringers

Kevin McChesney

Prayer for Illumination

**Lord God, by the power of your Spirit, enlighten our eyes, instruct our  
minds, rejoice our hearts, and revive our souls so that our lips and our lives  
may bear witness to your Word. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 124  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Steve Dehmlow

Psalm 124

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Anne Krentz



Our help \_\_\_\_\_ is in the name\_ of the Lord.

If the Lord had not been on our side, let Israel now say;  
If the Lord had not been on our side, when enemies rose up against us,  
Then would they have swallowed us up alive in their fierce anger toward us;  
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us and the torrent gone over us,  
Then would the raging waters have gone right over us. **(R)**

Blessed be the Lord who has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.  
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler;  
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.  
Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: James 5:13-18  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“And the Rain Came”

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 our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Anthem

*When in Our Music God is Glorified*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Hopson

The anthem text may be found in *The Hymnal*, #264.  
Please stand and join the choir on the final verse:

**Let every instrument be tuned for praise!  
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!  
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen!**

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 #441

*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

St. Thomas

**I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,  
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.**

**I love Thy church, O God; her walls before Thee stand,  
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;  
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,  
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

**Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given  
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.**

Words: Timothy Dwight, 1800, and Music: *The Universal Psalmist*, 1763, Adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770,  
*The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs* © 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press.

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

*Fughetta on When in Our Music God is Glorified*

Stanford

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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](mailto:office@fpctn.org)



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 thru October 10. The food pantry is currently serving over 500 families each month.

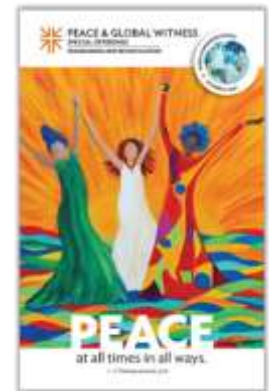
They would like us to focus on staples such as canned meat, cornmeal mix, flour, oil, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce.

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

## 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](http://www.fpctn.org).



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!

**Prayer Shawl Ministry:** If you love to knit or crochet, and would like to help support this meaningful ministry, while enjoying fellowship with others, then please consider joining this group that meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the Parlor at 2:00 p.m.

These prayer shawls are provided to FPC church members that are in need of comfort during a difficult time. All patterns and yarn are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Long.



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](mailto:rbnunley@gmail.com).

**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. 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](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).

# FAMILY FUN AT THE PUMPKIN PATCH!

**DEEP WELL FARMS**  
**Sunday, October 10th, from**  
**4:00pm-6:00pm**

Pick a pumpkin. Visit the animals.  
Play on the stationary tractor.  
Slide down the Mega Slide.

MEET AT DEEP WELL FARMS PUMPKIN PATCH  
ADMISSION IS \$12 (CASH ONLY) FOR THE  
PUMPKIN PATCH, HAYRIDE, AND  
PLAYGROUND. CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE  
OF 3 ARE FREE. PARKING IS FREE.

DEEP WELL FARMS IS LOCATED AT  
9567 U.S. 11 E, LENOIR CITY, TN.  
**PLEASE RSVP TO SARAH MASHUE BY TEXT**  
OR EMAIL AT 760-793-6818, OR  
ST.MASHUE@GMAIL.COM.



## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Sept 26	9:00 outdoor and 11:00 a.m. indoor/online worship		
Mon, Sept 27	9:00	a.m.	FPC Kids Zone/Room 1
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
	11:00	a.m.	Organ practice/sanctuary
	5:00	p.m.	Stewardship Committee/Library and Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Nomination Committee/Library and Zoom
Tues, Sept 28	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library and Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Room A
	2:00	p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
Wed, Sept 29	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Court of Honor/FH, Rm A, Sanctuary
	2:00	p.m.	Grief Support Group/Room A
Thur, Sept 30	4:50	p.m.	FPC Fellowship Golf/Avalon Country Club
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Oct 01	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
			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, <a href="mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org">masonwarren@fpcn.org</a>



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### Church Office Hours:

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

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