



~The Gathering~



Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

O Word, that Goest Forth on High
Tami Newsom, organ

Powell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Hymn #9

O Come, O come, Emmanuel
(verse one)

Veni Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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Call to Worship

When will God's promise be fulfilled?

The days are surely coming.

When will we be saved?

The days are surely coming.

How will we know the signs to take place?

**The days are surely coming when a branch from David shall come forth
to execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

What shall it be called?

The Lord is our righteousness.

Let us worship the Lord.

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

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Prayer of Confession

**Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped.
We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see.
We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear.
We are numb to inconvenient truths.
Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.
Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.
Sharpen our minds clouded by worries. Sober our lives addicted to privilege.
Show us the signs of your coming, so we may stand before you,
the Son of Man, in whose name we pray.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, Have Mercy

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Lord, _____ have__ mer - cy. Christ, _____ have__
mer - cy. Lord, _____ have__ mer - cy. _____

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

**Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit prepare the
way in our hearts for the coming of your Word, so we may see the glorious
signs of your promise fulfilled; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

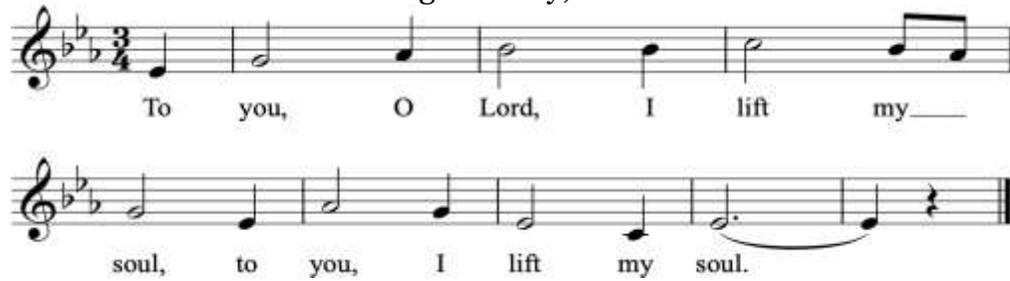
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Marty Haugen



To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
 My God, I put my trust in you; let me not be put to shame,
 Nor let my enemies triumph over me. Let none who look to you be put to shame;
 rather let those be put to shame who are treacherous. **(R)**

Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me,
 for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long. **(R)**

Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting. Remember not the sins of my youth
 and my transgressions; remember me according to your steadfast love and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord. **(R)**

You are gracious and upright, O Lord; therefore you teach sinners in your way.
 You lead the lowly in justice and teach the lowly your way. All your paths, O Lord, are steadfast love and faithfulness
 to those who keep your covenant and your testimonies. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:23-25, 39-45, 57-66

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Characters of Advent: Elizabeth”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

The Anthem

Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming
 Chancel Choir

arr. Rouse

Lo, how a Rose e’er blooming from tender stem hath sprung.
 Of Jesse’s lineage coming as saints of old have sung.
 It came, a floweret bright, amid the cold of winter,
 when half-spent was the night.

Isaiah ‘twas foretold it, the Rose I have in mind;
 With Mary we behold it, the virgin mother kind.
 To show God’s love aright she bore to use a Savior,
 when half-spent was the night.

Of the Father’s love begotten, ere the world began to be,
 He is Alpha and Omega, He the source, the ending He,
 of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
 evermore and evermore.

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 #2

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

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**Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**Born Thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit raise us to Thy glorious throne.**

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Charge and Benediction

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Postlude

Saviour of the Nations Come

Powell



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



Join us Saturday, December 4th at 4pm in Fellowship Hall for

Polar Express Movie Night!

Come in your comfiest pajamas, and enjoy some snacks, hot chocolate, and a movie! It will be fun for the whole family!

Please RSVP with Mason Warren
as soon as possible!



Sunset Gap Secret Santa: Look for the sign-up board in the narthex. This year we are sponsoring 40 children. Please select an item either online (<https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapChristmas2021>) or in the narthex. Include your name and a contact number. Items are to be new and gift wrapped for Christmas. Please have your gift returned to the church by December 5. Contact Debbie Long with any questions.

Sunset Gap Mitten Tree: Look for the Sunset Gap Mitten Tree collection bin in the narthex. Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to participate in this collection. Sunset Gap has a tree up from November until February for anyone who needs a hat, scarf, mittens or gloves. Deadline is December 5. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.



On Sunday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m. we will participate in our annual Service of Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary. The **Service of Lessons and Carols** is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season AND will be offered live and in person with our Chancel Choir and FPC Ringers! Come sing the carols you love to sing at this most *wonderful* time of the year!

We are looking for some “awesome elves” (adults and older teens) to assist the children with easy crafts. All instructions and supplies will be provided. We also need craft supply donations of Hershey’s Chocolate Bars (full size/plain); small/mini and regular size candy canes, all colors of tissue paper, curling ribbon in holiday colors; white paper lunch bags, cute holiday cupcake liners (regular size), and assorted unused Christmas cards with envelopes. Contact Jenny Trussell or Carol Gardiner with questions.



Rollers “Holiday Gift Steal”
Saturday, December 18
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Calling all FPC Rollers for an evening of fun and festivity with your FPC family! We hope you can join us at the home of Clay and Denise Griffin, 8908 Kelsey Lane (865-368-6780). This adults night out is for all singles and couples. The attire is casual, bring a dish and beverage to share (anything goes), and bring a wrapped unisex gift (approximately value \$10 - \$20) per person for the gift steal. You don’t want to miss this fun holiday social event!

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Holiday Food Bags!

Please help fill the grocery cart in the narthex with special items our pantry offers to over 200 regular pantry guests and additional families through the school voucher program in November and December. We are storing items for scheduled distribution days so bring as soon as convenient.

For Christmas meals: Boxed scalloped potatoes, coffee and regular tea (*no specialty tea please*)

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Nicholls at bettynicholls@gmail.com or 671-8097.



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

If you would like to help us offset the cost of decorating the church for the holidays by making a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out this form and include your check made payable to Farragut Presbyterian Church, with "*Holiday Decorations*" designated in the memo line. Place your check and this form in the offering basket, drop them off in the church office or mail them to the church. **The cost per poinsettia is \$10.00**, however, your gift may be in any amount. An insert will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin listing the devotions.

I am making a gift towards holiday decorations, to the Glory of God, and:

Please Print Clearly

In Honor/Memory of _____
(Circle One)

Donated by: _____



This Week at

Sun, Nov 28	9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 1
	10:00	a.m.	Confirmation Class/Room 1
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Friendsgiving
Mon, Nov 29	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, Nov 30	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Room A, Narthex
Wed, Dec 01	2:00	p.m.	Grief Support Group/Library
Thurs, Dec 02	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Zoom
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Dec 03	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	11:30	a.m.	Friday Book Club/Room A
Sat, Dec 04	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols/Sanctuary
	4:00	p.m.	Polar Express Movie Night /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>In a Boat on the Middle of a Lake – Trusting the God Who Meets Us in Our Storm</i> by Patrick & Ruth Schwenk. The authors weave together lessons from their own experience to remind us that one of the greatest ways God transforms us is through trials.
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@fpctn.org



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