



# Farragut Presbyterian Church

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

*World Communion Sunday*

October 4, 2020

### ~The Gathering~

Prelude

*Meditation on Beach Spring*  
Tami Newsom, organ

arr. Hopson

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,  
**to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.**  
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.  
**We praise God's name! Amen!**

Opening Hymn #292

*All Beautiful the March of Days*

Forest Green

**All beautiful the march of days, as seasons come and go;  
The hand that shaped the rose hath wrought the crystal of the snow;  
Hath sent the hoary frost of heaven, the flowing waters sealed,  
And laid a silent loveliness on hill and wood and field.**

**O'er white expanses sparkling pure the radiant morns unfold;  
The solemn splendors of the night burn brighter through the cold;  
Life mounts in every throbbing vein, love deepens round the hearth,  
And clearer sounds the angel hymn, "Good will to all on earth."**

**O Thou from whose unfathomed law the year in beauty flows,  
Thy-self the vision passing by in crystal and in rose,  
Day unto day doth utter speech, and night to night proclaim,  
In everchanging words of light, the wonder of Thy name.**

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Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We ignore the poor and the weak and honor the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

### ~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**God who speaks, your law is perfect, reviving the soul; your commandment is clear, enlightening the eyes. May your Spirit illumine this Word that our eyes may be opened, and our souls revived. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:33-46

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Psalms 19

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Chant A

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament showeth His handiwork.

Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge.

There is no speech nor language where their voice is not heard;  
Their line is gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them hath He set a tabernacle for the sun,  
Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, and rejoiceth as a strong man to run a race.

His going forth is from the end of the heavens, and his circuit unto the ends of it;  
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

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.

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Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Forward Looking”

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (based on Philippians 3)

**Whatever gains we have had, these we have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, we regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus our Lord. We want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. Not that we have already obtained this or already reached the goal; but we press on to make it our own, because Christ Jesus has made us his own. This one thing we do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.**

The Anthem	<i>Siyahamba (We are Marching in the Light of God)</i>	South African
	Joey Nieman, soloist	Freedom Song
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~

Closing Hymn #423	<i>Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun</i>	Duke Street
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**Jesus shall reign where-e'er the sun does its successive journeys run,  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To Him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown His head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on His name.**

**Blessings abound where-e'er He reigns; the prisoners leap to lose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!**

# Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Chaconne*  
Tami Newsom, organ

L. Couperin

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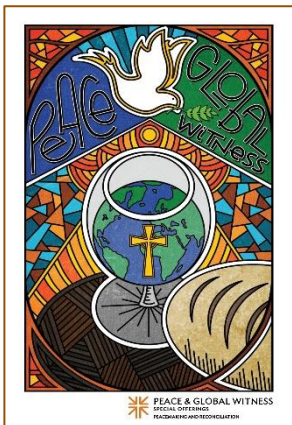
## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Oct 04	9:00 (outdoor) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Oct 05	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Oct 06	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout 444 Pack Leaders/FH
	7:30	p.m.	Emergency Preparedness Committee/A
	6:00	p.m.	Nominating Committee/Zoom
Wed, Oct 07	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Rm A, narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Zoom
Thurs, Oct 08	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Parking Lot or narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Covenant Group/Room A or outside
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Oct 09	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom



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://forms.gle/4frMSP5wWS33g7Td6> or
- email the office at [office@fpcn.org](mailto:office@fpcn.org)



Today is our 2020 special **Peace and Global Witness Offering**. A portion of today's offering will go to Knoxville Bridge Refugee Services. They have requested special help for the significant number of Bridge clients that have tested positive for COVID. With our monetary help, they will purchase Kroger gift cards to provide groceries to deliver to the homes of quarantined clients, as well as bottles of hand sanitizer to distribute to all active clients to help keep them safe. We ask for your continued support for this special offering and for your prayers and commitment for the refugee community here in Knoxville. You may make a donation by going to the e-giving section on our website, or putting a designation on your check and mailing it to the church office, or by using a Peace & Global Witness pew envelope found in the sanctuary and on the volunteer desk. *Thank you for your generosity.*

The **FPC Merry Mask Makers** are delighted to announce a face mask sale TODAY, Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. for FPC members and friends. Face masks of all colors, styles, and sizes (adults, teens, children) will be available. Most masks will be sold for \$5 each and all proceeds will go toward new medical supplies/equipment for Fellowship Hall.



**Sunset Gap Pound Party:** Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join them in restocking the Sunset Gap food pantry. Items most needed include: flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, and peanut butter. Also, any travel size toiletries are appreciated. Items may be placed in the narthex basket, given to Debbie Long, or dropped off at her home through Sunday, October 11. *Thank you!*

**Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry:** Thank you for your monetary and item donations to the food pantry. During the month of September, the pantry served 128 needy guests! Special holiday food bags are planned for Thanksgiving and Christmas. As grocers are restricting special orders and limiting quantities, the pantry could use our help to secure special items. If you would like to donate items, please place them in the designated shopping cart located in our FPC Narthex. Storage space is limited at the pantry, so we will store items here until November but *bring what you can, when you can!*



- Boxed Stuffing Mix
- Cake Mix – any flavor
- Cake Frosting in Can – any flavor
- Regular Ground Coffee – any size – avoid flavored coffee
- Tea – Regular bags for hot or cold – avoid flavored teas

If you have other types of items to donate, you can leave them in the cart as well. Thanks for your generosity. Contact Betty Nicholls for more information.

**FPC Family Ministry Corn Maze Trip:** Join us for a wonderful FPC Family Ministry trip to Oakes Farm on Sunday, October 25 from 12:00-3:00 p.m.! Admission covers a hayride, corn maze, and over 25 fun outdoor activities (food and pumpkins are extra). You can get more information at <https://oakesfarm.com>. For those who wish to carpool, we'll meet at the church at 11:00 a.m.. For those driving separately (parking is free), simply meet us at the front entrance at 12:00 p.m. Oakes Farm is located at 8240 Corryton Rd, Corryton, TN 37721. Due to COVID-19, tickets must be purchased online. FPC will cover the cost of children and youth and we ask that any adults that join us cover the cost of their ticket by submitting cash or check made out to Farragut Presbyterian Church. The ticket cost per person age 3 and up is \$10.95. Please RSVP to Mason Warren by email no later than Sunday, October 18 at [masonwarren@fpcn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org).





Although the annual FPC Trunk or Treat has been rescheduled for 2021 - the FPC Youth Group is going all out to support Farragut's **Freaky Friday** event and we need your help! Freaky Friday will be a drive-thru event on 10/30 this year. Numerous area businesses and agencies will be lined up on either side of Jamestowne Blvd. to pass out candy in costume as the cars drive through. The Youth Group is

building a "pirate ship" for one side of the road, and a "mad scientist lab" for the other – with Youth Group attendees passing out candy in full costume. We have plenty of volunteers (and the set construction is underway), but *we need bags of candy!* Please bring bags of pre-wrapped candy and place them in the clearly marked bins at either the outdoor service or in the Narthex by 10/25. For anyone interested in participating in Freaky Friday as one of the drive-thru vehicles you can find more information about the event at

<https://townoffarragut.recdesk.com/Community/Program/Detail?programId=583>.

### Sunday School at 10:05 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Youth	Zoom/ Room 1	Students in this class embark on a journey to explore the <i>Gospel According to Disney</i> . This week we will be watching two Pixar shorts, <i>Boundin'</i> & <i>Kitbull</i> .
Adult Bible Study Class	Room A	We use <i>The Present Word</i> . This fall we are exploring how God commands us to love one another as God loves us. Three units will study <i>Struggles with Love</i> , <i>Inclusive Love</i> and <i>Godly Love Among Belivers</i> . Each lesson stands alone, so join us any week to participate as you'd like.
Monday Connection	Fellowship Hall	This class is studying "All the Places to Go; How Will You Know?" by John Ortberg. Our lives are filled with divine appointments; unlimited opportunities to join God in an amazing adventure. We just need to have faith enough to walk through the doors God has opened for us.
Matt's Class	Zoom	Join Pastor Matt and his class studying "Sermon on the Mount – A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven" by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. The author takes a detailed and colorful overview of Matthew 5-7, collectively known as Jesus' Sermon on the Mount. Through her engaging method of biblical interpretation, readers will come away with a solid understanding of the Sermon on the Mount in its historical and theological context.