



# Farragut Presbyterian Church

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 15, 2020

### ~The Gathering~

Prelude

*Prelude*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Robert Wexler

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.  
**God's steadfast love endures forever.**  
Keep silence before the Lord God!  
**The day of the Lord is at hand.**  
Let us worship God.

Hymn #466

*O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Azmon

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!**

**Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life, and health, and peace.**

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin, and sets the prisoner free;  
Christ's blood can make the sinful clean, Christ's blood availed for me.**

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.**

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Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, so we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace; through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

**~The Word~**

Prayer for Illumination

**Shine your light on your Word, O Lord; by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way; for Jesus' sake. Amen.**

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Haas

**Our eyes rest on you, Lord, awaiting your kindness.**

To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.  
As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters,  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress.  
So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he show us his mercy.

**Our eyes rest on you, Lord, awaiting your kindness.**

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy,  
for we have had more than enough of contempt.  
Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

**Our eyes rest on you, Lord, awaiting your kindness.**

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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Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Third Pig Thinking”

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the PCUSA *Brief Statement of Faith*

**In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.”**

Anthem

*Panis Angelicus*  
Dr. Angela Batey, solo

Frank

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 #415

*Come, Labor On*

Ora Labora

**Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, “Go work today.”**

**Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.**

**Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here;  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God’s righteous will.**

**Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o’er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, “Well done, well done!”**

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Herr jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Telemann

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

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**Congregational Meeting TODAY:** We hope you can attend one of our short annual congregation meetings following worship services today, Sunday, November 15.

We will be electing new elders for the class of 2023.



Presbyterian Women will be collecting hats, gloves, mittens and scarves for infants to adults through the months of November and early December for Sunset Gap, which has been hit hard with the pandemic and loss of area jobs. As winter comes, the need for these warm wraps is essential. The donated items will go on the Gap's "**Mitten Tree**" and will be available at no cost to the folks. Items will be delivered to the Gap in early December, when the Christmas gifts will be taken. Look for the red container in the narthex to hold your contributions. *Thank you for your help.*

**Mobile Meals** needs an additional FPC team and subs to help with deliveries in the Farragut area one Friday a month. Teams of 2 work the best, (one to drive; one to deliver the meal to the door) but one person can handle it in a pinch. Meals are picked up around 9:45 a.m. at the Mobile Meals kitchen near the News Sentinel building. Usually there are 6 to 8 homes that receive meals and deliveries are completed by noon. If you can help, please contact Irene or Dave Rice.



One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration. On Sunday, December 13, we will present on our YouTube Channel our annual **Service of Lessons and Carols**. More information will be forthcoming!

**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.

### **Christmas Joy Special Offering:**

God is with us! God saw the great needs of the world and offered the perfect gift; a gift that brought God and humanity closer together. God's perfect gift to us – Jesus Christ! One of the names given to Jesus according to Matthew's Gospel is *Emmanuel*, "God is with us."

The final Special Offering for 2020 is the annual Christmas Joy Offering which will be collected between now and December 20. This offering assists current and retired church workers and their families and provides education assistance at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. Specially designated envelopes will be available in our pews and on the welcome desk in the connector.



Persons who are not in attendance in person can make a contribution by sending a check to the church indicating the purpose to support the Christmas Joy offering. You may also give by going to [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org) and click on the e-giving section of our website.



**FPC Merry Mask Makers** have extra masks for sale at \$5 each in the narthex. Please leave your check or cash in the designated box. All of the proceeds (100%) will go to purchase new medical equipment and supplies for Fellowship Hall. If you are interested in a custom-made mask, contact Jenny Trussell at [cedarstudios4@gmail.com](mailto:cedarstudios4@gmail.com).

## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Nov 15	9:00 (indoor) and 11:00 a.m. (outdoor) Sunday Worship		
Mon, Nov 16	10:00	a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
	11:45	a.m.	Annual Congregational Meeting/Outside
	12:00	p.m.	Knoxtet practice/sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Nov 17	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Thurs, Nov 19	3:00	p.m.	4-H Club/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A
Thurs, Nov 19	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Parking Lot
	10:00	a.m.	Covenant Group/Room A or outside
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom



## 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 Pixar shorts; <i>Wind</i> and <i>Bao</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, Inclusive Love</i> and <i>Godly Love Among Believers</i> . Each lesson stands alone, so join us any week to participate as you'd like.
Monday Connection	Fellowship Hall	Starting November 15 <sup>th</sup> , this class will be studying <i>A New Reformation</i> , by author Rob Fuquay. This book will introduce you to the life of Martin Luther and two important themes of the Reformation he sparked: the centrality of Scripture and the power of God's grace. Through a close look into the life of Martin Luther and the world of sixteenth-century Europe, you will discover what makes Luther's message revolutionary today—and how we can embrace Reformation in the church and in our personal lives.
Matt's Class	Zoom/ Library	Join Pastor Matt for Bible Study and Prayer. This week: The Parable of the Prodigal Son.