



~The Gathering~

Prelude

*Adoro te devote*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Clark

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Lift your hearts, raise your voices, and join the heavenly host who forever sing: Amen!

**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Processional Hymn #111

*Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!*

Gelobt sei Gott

**Good Christians all, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King!  
To all the world glad news we bring: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The Lord of life is risen today! Bring flowers of song, bedeck the way;  
Let every tongue rejoice and say: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die,  
And sing with hearts uplifted high: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord  
The life laid down, the life restored: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in the presence of our enemies, we divide and demonize. When you face our enemies, you choose neither contempt nor punishment, but set a table and make provision for us all. Our ways are not your ways, O Creator, and they are an affront to the work of your hands.**

**Have mercy on us, O God, and heal us. Send our risen Lord among us again to repair relationships and restore humanity. Set us free to share the love of Christ Jesus just as he does at his table.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

Kyrie Eleison #572

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Merbecke



Lord, have mer-cy up-on us. Christ, have mer-cy up-on us. Lord, have mer-cy up-on us.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response

*Gloria Patri*

O'Carroll



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**Shepherd of Souls, you call us to an abundant feast at the table of your word; open our hearts to feed on your goodness, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might dwell evermore deeply in you. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: John 10:22-30

Martha Edington

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name:  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways;  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**When I walk through the shades of death Your presence is my stay;  
One word of Your supporting breath drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows, Your oil anoints my head.**

**The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;  
O may Your House be my abode, and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;  
No more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

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Second Scripture Reading: Psalm 23  
The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon "Green Pastures, Dark Valleys, and the Mercy of the Lord" Rev. Matt Nieman

**~The Response~**

Affirmation of Faith (a compilation from the 2022 Confirmation Class's statements of faith)

**God is the creator of us all. He loves us all equally and unequivocally. He is kind and always there through my hard times. Jesus is the Messiah who is the son of God. He is a teacher and a leader. He died for our sins on a cross and then rose from the dead even though we don't deserve it. The Holy Spirit is within all of us and is present everywhere. It guides us to serve God and others. The Church is more than just a place where we worship, pray, and have fellowship. It's a community where people love each other, welcome others with grace and care, and act as a family.**

The Anthem *Come and Go with Me* Grier and Everson  
Men's Ensemble

It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.  
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
standing in the need of prayer.

Reception of New Members – Confirmation Class of 2022

*Graham Jonathan Morrell ~ Parker Thomas Morrell  
Turner Charles Neely ~ Joseph John Nieman  
Dawson Curry Sweetland*

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 #281

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CWM Rhondda

**Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response#367

*Jesu, Jesu*

Chereponi

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

Postlude

*Alleluia! O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing*

Peeters

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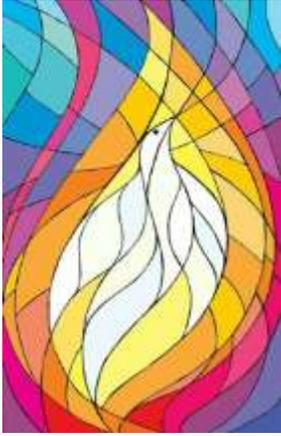
If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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)



**Our FPC Men sing today in honor of Mother's Day.**

***HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL OF OUR WONDERFUL FPC MOMS!***



# Confirmation Sunday

## 2022 Confirmation Class Statements of Faith

### **Graham Jonathan Morrell**

“God is loving, kind, just and a gracious creator. He forgives us when we make mistakes. Jesus is the Messiah who is the son of God. He is a Teacher and a Leader. One of my favorite stories is when Jesus was in the temple as a kid preaching to grown men. He died for our sins. The church is a place where we can be together as we strive to serve God’s will.”

### **Parker Thomas Morrell**

“I believe that God is the creator of all things. He loves all of us. He is always ready to forgive. God is our redeemer and our sustainer. He is our father. He is gracious and kind. He is just. I believe that Jesus died for our sins on a cross, then rose from the dead. He is the messiah. Jesus is our teacher and our leader. He is the son of God. I believe that the Holy Spirit is in all of us. It guides us to serve God and others. It comes from God and brings comfort, strength, and guidance to his disciples. I believe that the church is more than just a place, it’s a community. It’s the family of God, and a place where we can be together as we strive to serve God.”

### **Turner Charles Neely**

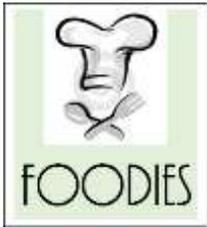
“God is loving, gracious, forgiving, caring, understanding, and a listener. Jesus is the son of God, a teacher, a leader, died for our sins, a healer, passionate, and a listener. The Holy Spirit is within all of us, present everywhere, is a guide, motivator, and makes us believe. The church is a supportive community of worshipers, helpers, and friends, the family of God, a sacred place where we can strive to serve God’s will together.”

### **Joseph John Nieman**

“God is loving and forgiving. He is kind and is always there through my hard times. His son, Jesus, died so that we could be forgiven of sin. To me, the Church is a community where people love each other, welcome others with grace and care, and act as a family.”

### **Dawson Curry Sweetland**

“God is the creator of us all. He loves us all equally and unequivocally. He is forgiving of all our sins. Jesus is the son of God. He is a miracle worker. He died for us and rose for us even though we don’t deserve it. The Holy Spirit is always with us and calls us to love and serve others. The Church is a place of worship, gathering, prayer, communion, fellowship. A place where we can confess our sins and be a community of believers.”



**FOODIES:** Please come and join us on May 14 for our next Foodies fellowship event. We gather at designated host homes in groups of 6-8. Participants bring an assigned dish to pass from a provided menu recipe. May's menu includes Lamb chops with Mint Jelly-Feta, Peas, and Mint Salad-Herbed Roasted Potatoes and a Mini Chocolate Carmel Cheesecake for dessert. Sign up is in the narthex. For more information, contact Pat Hickman.

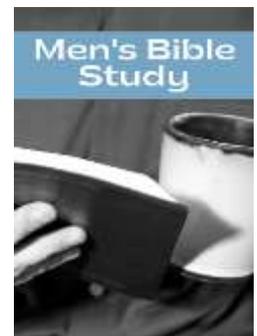
**RAIN GUTTER REGATTA and PICNIC:** *Ahoy!* It's off to the races with a spring regatta on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm in Fellowship Hall. Everyone will have the opportunity to design and build their winning boat with all supplies provided. Boats will be propelled with water blasters so watch out for the splash zone! This is a churchwide event with hotdogs, chips and cookies provided for lunch. Trophies will be awarded to excellence in boat building and design. Volunteers are needed as Race Officials and as Boat Building Buddies to partner with junior boat builders. RSVP to Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) so we can have sufficient food and supplies on hand.



**HELP FEED THE HUNGRY:** Sign up in the narthex to feed the hungry at Volunteer Ministry Center this month on Tuesday, May 17. Contact May Lunch Coordinator, Terry Olberding for more information.

All men of the church are invited to join us for our bi-weekly **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** in the narthex. We meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month.

Our next gathering is on May 12. Good fellowship, coffee and donuts provided. Please contact John Neighbors to get on the email notification list. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!



**FPC FELLOWSHIP GOLF:** Our Wednesday Night Golf League continues at Avalon Golf and Country Club. Tee times start at 4:50 pm and the cost to play 9 holes with cart is \$22.50. Following golf, the group enjoys dinner and fellowship at the club grill. This group has men and women golfers of all skill levels, so don't let that stop you from joining us! Please let Wayne Walls know by Tuesday of the week you want to play to reserve your tee time.



**4<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY PROMISE "DRIVE OUT FAMILY HOMELESSNESS" GOLF TOURNAMENT:** Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup> @ Williams Creek Golf Course. Tee off at 9am. Format will be a four-person shotgun playing a powerball scramble. Cost is \$125/person or \$400/team.

Includes golf, cart, lunch, snacks and range balls. \$10 putting contest. \$20 for 2 mulligans. Send names and check to Family Promise of Knoxville, PO Box 10184, Knoxville, TN 37939.



**ROCKERS:** Calling all of those over the age of 50 who love food, fun, and fellowship. Rockers will meet on Thursday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am at Aubrey's on Middlebrook Pike. If you would like to attend, please register on the sign-up sheet in the narthex, or contact Gloria Purjet.

Europe is facing its largest humanitarian crisis since World War II. The United Nations estimates up to 18 million people, both internally displaced and refugees, will eventually be impacted. Your gifts allow for an immediate response from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) when emergencies first occur, often responding to crises that never make it into the news. To stay informed about the work Presbyterians are doing in and around Ukraine, visit [pcusa.org/pda/Ukraine](http://pcusa.org/pda/Ukraine). Pray for our siblings in Ukraine. Pray for peace.



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When attending worship services indoors, we humbly ask that you **avoid wearing strong perfumes and colognes** as many in our congregation have asthma and other respiratory illnesses. The chemicals in fragrances can cause headaches, migraines, nausea, and other symptoms to some individuals. Thank you for your consideration and compassion for others in our church family.

**Stephen Ministry** is an important way we at Farragut Presbyterian care for one another. If you are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. Make use of it! Stephen Ministry belongs to you!



For more information, please contact the church office or one of our

**Stephen Ministry Leaders:**  
Matt Nieman, Jeanie Oakley,  
Elizabeth Wilson or Beth Martin.



**Tennessee Smokies Baseball!**

**June 25th at 7:00 pm**

**vs. the Chattanooga Lookouts**



Join us for a fun night of baseball and fireworks on Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at Smokies Stadium in Kodak. We have limited seats set aside, so get your reservation in soon. You can turn this form in to the office, email the office at [office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or call the office at 865/966-9547 to reserve your seats. **Non-refundable tickets are \$11 each** –Seats will be in section 114 on the third base side! Parking is \$5 cash per vehicle.

Thomas Ian Nicholas, the actor who played Henry Rowengartner in the 1993 film *Rookie of the Year* will be attending for an autograph meet-and-greet with the fans!

Please complete the RSVP and include cash or your check made out to FPC for the amount of your tickets with 'Smokies BB' in the memo line. (We must have payment by **June 6** to reserve tickets.) Tickets will be held at the stadium Will Call.

✂ Name: \_\_\_\_\_ # attending: \_\_\_\_\_

My payment of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ with  cash or  check # \_\_\_\_\_ is attached. **Play Ball!**

# Pentecost Sunday – June 5, 2022



Our second special offering for 2022 is the **Pentecost Offering**, designed to help children, youth and young adults build a life of faith. Since the Pentecost offering began in 1998, Presbyterians have given more than \$16 million for ministries that benefit younger people. Per PCUSA guidelines, your gift will be allocated as follows:

- Congregational Initiatives with Young People – 40%
- Serving Communities (Young Adult Volunteers) – 25%
- Guiding Youth (Youth Ministries) – 25%
- Child Advocacy – 10%

Your Outreach Committee has designated the **Emerald Youth Foundation** to receive the local 40% this year. As always, your support of PCUSA special offerings goes to help those in need. A special thanks from your Outreach Committee.

*This special offering will be collected on June 5,  
or you can make your donation before then.*

## To Donate:

Use an envelope provided at the church or send a check to FPC with *Pentecost Special Offering* on the memo line or submit a gift through e-giving at [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org).



At Emerald Youth Foundation, our mission is to raise up a large number of urban youth to love Jesus Christ and become effective leaders who help renew their communities.

## This Week at FPC

Sun, May 08	9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, May 09	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 1
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, May 10	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
Wed, May 11	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Personnel/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout #444 Summer Camp meeting/FH, N, A
Thurs, May 12	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Room A
	4:50	p.m.	FPC Fellowship Golf/Avalon Country Club
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall, Narthex
Fri, May 13	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
Sat, May 14	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
	1:00	p.m.	<b>Rain Gutter Regatta &amp; Picnic</b> /FH
	6:00	p.m.	<b>Foodies</b> /Designated Host Home



### Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or Parlor	This class has Lectionary-based lessons, so each week we look at the texts that the sermon and worship service are developed from.
Monday Connection	Zoom and Room A	This class is studying "Wholehearted Faith" by Rachel Held Evans. This unforgettable and moving book is for those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness.
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom/Library	Jack Rightmyer is leading a 4-week study of the book of Chronicles. Come join us at 10am in the library.
Youth	Room 1	Join the Youth Sunday School as they study <i>The Gospel According to Harry Potter</i> by well-known Christian author and Harry Potter fan Connie Neal.



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### Church Office Hours:

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

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