



# Farragut Presbyterian Church

## ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICE

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

October 18, 2020

### ~The Gathering~

Prelude

*Pastorale No. 1*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Christopher Uehlein

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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.**  
Give thanks to God for the faith we share;  
**be steadfast in hope through Jesus Christ.**  
Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn #263

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

St. Denio

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.**

**Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.**

**To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;  
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,  
Then wither and perish; but naught changeth Thee.**

**Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,  
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**

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Prayer of Confession

**What a debt we owe to you, O God. You have given us all things in Christ and yet we withhold from you the honor and glory that are yours. Instead, we pay tribute to empire, plot to entrap the innocent, mock your truth with empty praise, and put your patience to the test.**

**Forgive us, O God, and by your grace restore in us the image of your face; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Passing of the Peace

### ~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

**Holy One, true and living God, through the message of the gospel and the power of your Spirit, make us imitators of the Lord: Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Psalm 96

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Norman Warren

Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.  
Sing to the Lord and bless his name; tell out his salvation from day to day.

Declare his glory among the nations and his wonders among all peoples.  
For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; he is more to be feared than all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are but idols; it is the Lord who made the heavens.  
Honor and majesty are before him; power and splendor are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; ascribe to the Lord honor and strength.  
Ascribe to the Lord the honor due to his name; bring offerings and come into his courts.

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; let the whole earth tremble before him.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son; and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

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Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:15-22

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“God and the State”

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

The Anthem

*Who But Jesus?*  
Jenni, Jacob and Joey Nieman

Laura Story

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~

Closing Hymn #420

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM Rhondda

**God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power;  
Crown Thine ancient church's story; bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour,  
For the facing of this hour.**

**Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail Thy ways!  
From the fears that long have bound us free our hearts to faith and praise.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days,  
For the living of these days.**

**Cure Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control;  
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal,  
Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.**

**Set our feet on lofty places; gird our lives that they may be  
Armored with all Christ-like graces, pledged to set all captives free.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not them nor Thee!  
That we fail not them nor Thee!**

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**Save us from weak resignation to the evils we deplore;  
Let the gift of Thy salvation be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, serving Thee whom we adore,  
Serving Thee whom we adore.**

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Toccata*  
Tami Newsom, organ

G. Martini

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A big thank you to all who donated to the food drive for the **Sunset Gap food pantry**. Delivery was quite opportune as Second Harvest was unable to make their usual delivery due to in-house Covid cases. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

**Coalition for Appalachian Ministry (CAM) need:** A CAM crafter is in great need of pint canning jars, rings and new lids. If you have any that you are no longer using contact Debbie Long. She will be making another fabric delivery in several weeks.

**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 Wednesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>** at [masonwarren@fpcn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org).

**Eagle Scout Project:** Jonathan Poston, one of the scouts from our church-sponsored Boy Scout Troop #444 is asking for donations for an Eagle Scout Project. He is working on a Fall Clothing Drive from Sept. 28-October 26 to benefit Holston Homes for Children. His goal is to collect 140 sets of new pajamas and 140 pairs of new socks for these children. They have urgent need for Medium thru Extra-Large children sizes. We have a big blue box in the narthex for drop off donations. Please contact Jonathan at 865/805-4898 with questions.



**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).

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>.



## This Week at FPC!

Sun, Oct 18	9:00 (outdoor) and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Oct 19	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	9:00	a.m.	Property Committee/parking lot or Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Oct 20	3:00	p.m.	4-H Club/Room A and Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Zoom
Thurs, Oct 22	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Room A and Narthex
	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
Fri, Oct 23	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	6:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/parking lot
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom
Sat, Oct 24	2:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/parking lot



### 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 Disney Pixar Shorts, <i>Lou</i> and <i>For the Birds</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.