



Farragut Presbyterian Church

OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE

1st Sunday of Lent
February 21, 2021

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Tami Newsom, keyboard

Call to Worship

God's bow has been hung in the clouds – a unilateral disarmament in spite of our sin.

God remains faithful to the covenant of steadfast love, even when we are unfaithful. Without fear then, we confess our sins.

Let us worship God.

Opening Hymn

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

Robert Lowry
arr. Craig Duncan

Prayer of Confession

In the season of Lent, O God, we say lofty words about renewing our spiritual disciplines, journeying with you to the cross, or denying ourselves material wants for the good of the soul.

Forgive us, O God, if our actions are in vain: if we are concerned with the good of the soul rather than the good of your people; if we have twisted this season of penitence into a reason for praise or judgment; if we are so preoccupied with the sins of the world that we cannot recognize and confess the sins of our own lives. Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your mercy. Forgive us, O God, and free us to try again.

(please continue in silent prayer)

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Peace

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

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, in rushing waters and in dry wilderness, in every season and circumstance, we need your sustaining word. By the power of your Holy Spirit, proclaim the good news among us today so we may repent and believe and see anew how the time is fulfilled and the kingdom has come near; in Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Mark 1:9-15
Genesis 9:8-17

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“God Promises”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (from the PCUSA *Brief Statement of Faith*)

In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God’s commands, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

The Anthem

Counting Every Blessing—

Rend Collective

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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Spiritual
arr. Craig Duncan

Charge and Benediction



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@fpcn.org

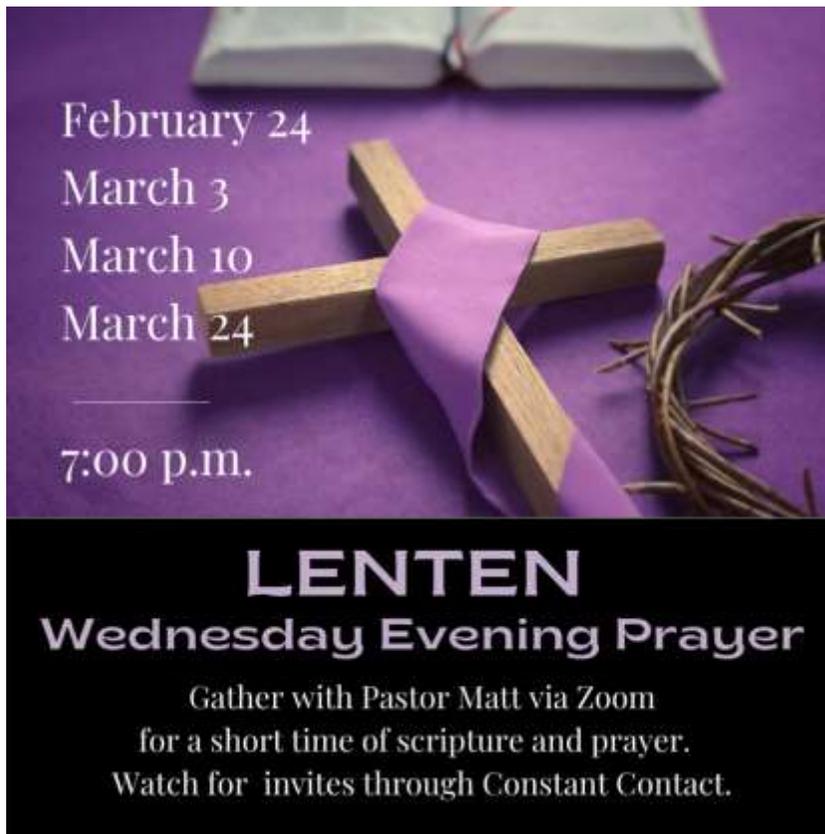
This Week at FPC!

Sun, Feb 21	9:00 a.m. live stream and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, Feb 22	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
Tues, Feb 23	7:00	p.m.	Session/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
Wed, Feb 24	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	1:00	p.m.	PW Bible Study/Zoom
Thurs, Feb 25	2:00	p.m.	Staff Meeting/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Lenten Evening Prayer/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Covenant Group/Room A
Fri, Feb 26	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/FH, Room A, Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Feb 26	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom



Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom	Please join Pastor Matt for a time of Bible study and prayer at 10 a.m. via Zoom. Please consult his Saturday email for the links to the Zoom gathering.
Adult Bible Study Class	Zoom (9:30-10:30 am)	We use <i>The Present Word</i> . Our winter lesson book looks at God's call throughout the New Testament as a way to explore our own calls. The three units focus on Jesus' heritage (Matthew), Jesus' call (other Gospels), and faithful women (a mix of Gospels and Epistles). Within the overall theme, each lesson stands alone, and we'd love to have you join us any week you're able.
Monday Connection	Zoom/ and Parlor	During Lent, this class is studying <i>Entering the Passion of Jesus – A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week</i> by Amy-Jill Levine. This book explores the biblical texts and risks surrounding the Passion story. The author shows us how the text raises ethical and spiritual questions and how we all face risk in our Christian experience.
Youth	Zoom	Join the Youth of FPC for Sunday School at 10 am Sunday mornings as we take a deep dive into the parables that Jesus utilized throughout his ministry! Please email masonwarren@fpcn.org for the link to the class.



February 24
 March 3
 March 10
 March 24

7:00 p.m.

LENTEN
Wednesday Evening Prayer

Gather with Pastor Matt via Zoom
 for a short time of scripture and prayer.
 Watch for invites through Constant Contact.

Lent is a time of reflection on what God has done to redeem us and how we can live a whole and full life as a child of God.

New online and printable **Lenten devotional for 2021** from *Presbyterians Today*...

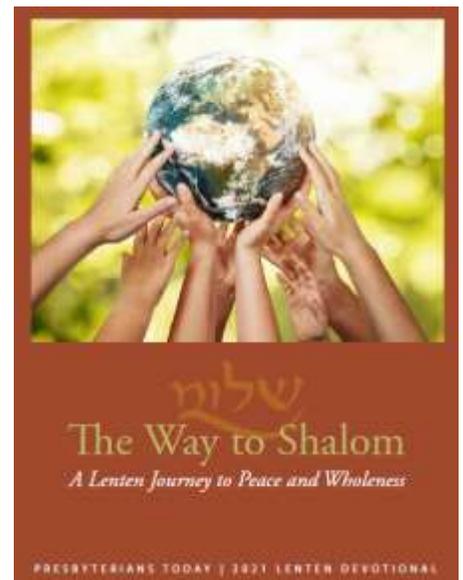
The Way to Shalom: A Lenten Journey to Peace and Wholeness

Lent is all about spiritual renewal. It is a sacred time of preparation for Easter and a time to reflect on what God has done to redeem us and how we can live a whole and full life as a child of God. Many of us see Lent as a season of penitence, fasting, service and contemplation — but at the top of our list should be a prayer for the acquisition of peace. In our devotional this year, we invite you to reflect upon the gift of shalom, the Hebrew word with a host of meanings: peace, security, well-being, health, completeness. Our spiritual goal: *exploring how can we receive this gift of shalom and, in turn, bestow it upon the world.* Now, more than ever, we deeply crave shalom. Our world is in desperate need of peace.

The United States has just come out of a contentious election, a struggle with a global pandemic, and painful racial violence. Poverty, misery and despair fill many corners of the world. Yes, we desire peace. We need peace. Every week from Ash Wednesday (February 17) through Easter (April 4), this year's devotional focuses on shalom — and what it can mean in our lives and how we can bring it to the world. We explore themes of justice, peace, healing, hope, repairing and reconciliation. You'll find Scripture readings along with beautiful meditations and prayers written by the director and staff of the Presbyterian Office of Public Witness in Washington: the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Catherine Gordon and Christian Brooks. You'll be challenged and moved — and hopefully, spiritually enriched.

The Way to Shalom is online and free for download or printing at

<https://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/today/lent2021/>. You're invited to use it, share it, excerpt from it and make it your spiritual companion this Lent.





The area Presbyterian Churches in partnership with Edward Jones will be constructing a Habitat for Humanity home in Knoxville beginning on March 20, 2021. The cost of this project is \$55,000 and Edward Jones has committed to pay \$25,000 leaving \$30,000 to be raised by the area Presbyterian Churches. Farragut Presbyterian Church has pledged \$2,000 from the Outreach budget for this project. Per the Presbytery E-Newsletter, only \$11,000 of the \$30,000 needed has been pledged so far.

Habitat of Knoxville is in need of volunteers from the area churches to help in the construction of this home along with volunteers from Edward Jones. Work will be done on Saturdays beginning on March 20, 2021. Volunteers can work whatever number of days or time their schedule allows. If you, would like to contribute as a **volunteer** or **donor**, please contact Wayne Walls (wwalls97@aol.com) for more information on how to assist.

For over 70 years, **One Great Hour of Sharing** has provided Presbyterians a way to share God's love with our neighbors in need around the world. In a world of disaster, hunger, and oppression
Millions of people lack access to sustainable food sources, clean water, sanitation, education, and opportunity. The three programs supported by One Great Hour of Sharing - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - all work in different ways to serve individuals and communities in need. From initial disaster response to ongoing community development, their work fits together to provide people with safety, sustenance, and hope.

Repairers of the Breach

As Jesus says in Matthew 25, the Church belongs with those in need – with those suffering from natural and human-caused disasters; with those lacking access to food, water and healthcare; and with those struggling for justice, righteousness, and peace. Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing, we are there because we are the Church, together.



On Sunday March 28 (Palm Sunday) and April 4 (Easter) we will be collecting the first of our Special Offerings, ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING.



Farragut Presbyterian Church is seeking a **part-time (10 hours per week), musically gifted worship leader** who will oversee and direct its contemporary worship team during its alternative worship service.

Candidates should have experience in the area of alternative/contemporary worship music, profess Christian faith and a commitment to the expression of faith through the gift of music in worship, and be able to lead, recruit, develop, and rehearse the worship team while setting standards for musical excellence. More information is available at www.fpctn.org.

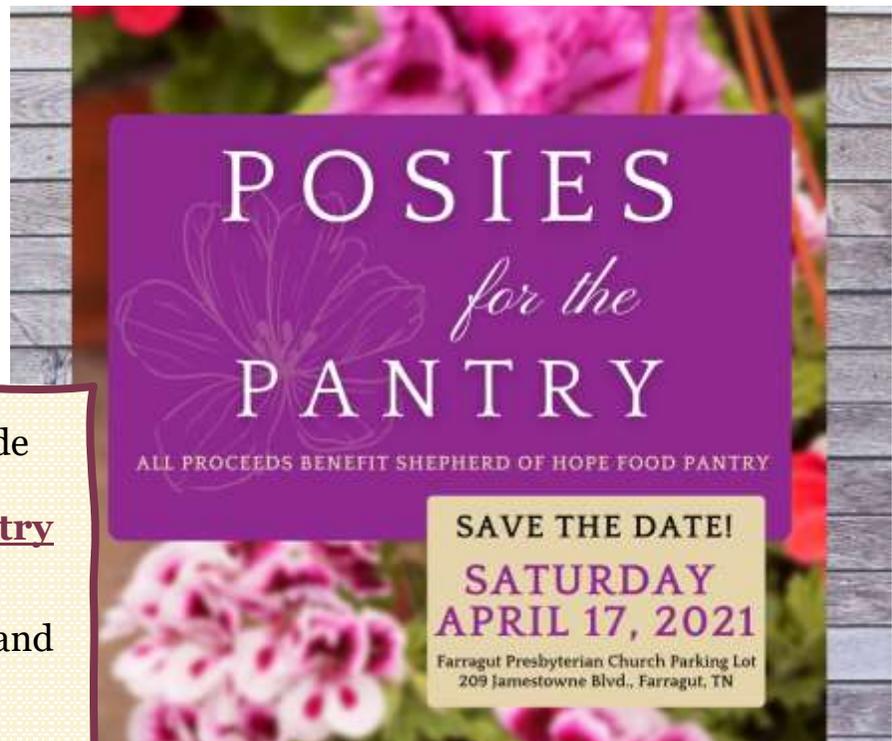
To apply, email resume and cover letter to Dr. Angela Batey, director of music ministries, at abatey@utk.edu.

Plans are being made
for our 2021
Posies for the Pantry
this spring....

and it will be *bigger* and
better than ever!

If you have questions
or would like to help,
contact Betty Nicholls...

and be sure to
SAVE THE DATE!



Prayers for Our Church Family

Beth Allen, Phill and Judith Bradbury, Denise Damelio, Cathy Dorman, Billie Fain, Faye Greenlaw, Ron Griffith, Beth Loyless, Bill and Sue Lester, Deena Ramey, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Connie Rutenber, Dorean Stuewe, Janet and Steve Tinder, Hazel West, George White

Military

Joshua Meador, Kevin Shelton, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Mission Workers

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent – Costa Rica
Carlton “Cobbie” and Dessa Palm – Philippines

Bereaved

Linda Scothorn in the loss of her cousin from Covid
Phill and Judith Bradbury in the unexpected death of their daughter-in-law



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