

~The Gathering~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Jesus, Still Lead On*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Manz

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Call to Worship

We gather to praise and worship God,  
**the one who created us for love.**  
We gather to worship the true vine,  
**the one in whose love we abide.**  
Easter people, Christ is risen!  
**Christ is risen indeed!**

Hymn #485

*To God Be the Glory*

To God Be the Glory

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*(Refrain)* **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done!**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer, and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)**

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Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others, while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways. We have ignored your Word.**

**Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace, that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

Kyrie Eleison #573

*Lord, Have Mercy*  
Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Proulx

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Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response #579

*Gloria Patri*

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**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, Amen.**

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The Peace

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

**~The Word~**

Prayer for Illumination

**Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.**

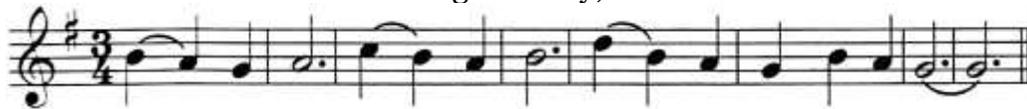
First Scripture Reading: 1 John 4:7-21

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Presbyterian 3



Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Praise the name of the Lord.

You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly;  
My vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear you.  
The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek you, O Lord,  
Shall praise you; may they be in good heart forever. **(R)**

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O Lord;  
And let all the families of the nations bow down before you.  
For yours is the kingdom, O Lord; and you are the ruler over the nations.  
As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you;  
All those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you? **(R)**

But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you:  
they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.  
To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:  
the saving deeds you have done. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 8:26-40

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Unless Someone Guides Us”

Rev. Matt Nieman

**~The Response~**

Affirmation of Faith ~ from the Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. 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.**

The Anthem

*Beloved, Let Us Love One Another*

P. Choplin

Dr. Angela Batey, soprano

Beloved, let us love one another with love that comes from God.

For love is from God, and everyone who loves is born of God.

For love is from God, and everyone who loves surely knows God.

Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.

Beloved, let us love one another with love that comes from God. So, let us love.

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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.**

*(prayer continues)*

Sanctus

Haugen

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er, God of might,  
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high- est.  
 — Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na  
 in the high- est. ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

### ~The Sending~

Hymn #369

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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Charge and Benediction

Postlude

*Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Held

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- 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)

## LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS FOR CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Currently, we are in need of volunteers from 10:45 – 11:45 a.m. on Sundays to assist with our children's church (that will be held indoors in Fellowship Hall. Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at

[masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) or (865) 966-9547 Ext. 105 for more information or to volunteer.



We are excited to announce the restart of in-person yoga classes at FPC! The **TGIF Gentle Yoga** classes have started on Fridays at 7 pm in Fellowship Hall. All that is needed for this 60 minute gentle/slow flow class is a mat and comfortable clothing – and it's for beginner or experienced yogis. The **Chair Yoga** class will start on Monday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11 am (also in Fellowship Hall) and this 30 minute class is

perfect for those with limited mobility or balance concerns. Please note the time change for Chair Yoga as we will be starting small lunch/brunch groups after class for those who are interested. Our virtual option will continue to be offered for those who prefer. Jenny is happy to offer a one-on-one introductory session to either course for those new to yoga or those who need assistance with modifications. Please contact Jenny Trussell (RYT500/RCYT) at [cedarstudios4@gmail.com](mailto:cedarstudios4@gmail.com) for more information. There is no cost for these classes and they are open to the community – *all are welcome!*

**FPC Golf Group** Contact Wayne Walls if you would like to join our informal Wednesday night FPC Golf group. We play 9 holes at Avalon Country Club starting at 5:30 p.m. Price is \$22.50 and includes cart. Masks are required inside the clubhouse. We have all skill levels, and you are not committed to play every week. Email Wayne Walls at [wwalls97@aol.com](mailto:wwalls97@aol.com) to join this fun fellowship group!



## **Family Promise “Drive Out Family Homelessness” Golf Tournament:**

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at Williams Creek Golf Course**

**Tee Off: 8:30 a.m.**

**Format: Four Person Shotgun, Powerball Scramble**

**Masks will be provided.**

**Cost: \$125/person - \$360/team**

Includes: Golf, Cart, Lunch, FPL Hat and Mask, Snacks and Range Balls.

Registration forms are available in the church narthex.

**Contact Jimmy Loyless to set up a team!**

# GIVE TO THE PENTECOST OFFERING

and share in ministries that help our young people build deep, lifelong connections to their faith and communities.



## Nurturing the faith of those who are the church to come

A gift to the Pentecost Offering helps the church encourage, develop, and support its young people, and also address the needs of at-risk children. The Presbyterian Mission Agency will receive 60% of our offering, while 40% will be used locally to benefit children in our community. The local donation this year will go to the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley. Donations may be made at any point through May 23.

### To Donate

- Use an envelope provided at the church, or
- Send a check to FPC with Pentecost Offering on the memo line, or
- Submit a gift through e-giving at [fpcn.org](http://fpcn.org)



### COMING THIS SUMMER – **FPC KID ZONE!**

The Christian Education committee has exciting plans as we reinvigorate our summer children's program (including a few summer events sponsored by FPC's Church Life committee)! Starting in early June, we are looking for volunteers to assist with our FPC "Kid Zone" – an expanded children's church program (in lieu of Vacation Bible School) that will run on Sunday mornings to allow our new families time to socialize and get to know other FPC members before and after worship. Our summer Kid Zone program, titled "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Renew" - focuses on being good stewards of God's beautiful earth and will include a lesson, crafts, and games. The program is open to children ages 2 – 10, but we're happy to have older children assist with the program. As always, our nursery is open and available to parents with infants. We hope you will consider bringing your children, grandchildren, and inviting neighbors and friends! Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries at [masonwarren@fpcn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpcn.org) or (865) 966-9547 ext. 105 for more information or to register children for the program.



## This Week at FPC!

Sun, May 02	9:00 a.m. indoor/online and 11:00 a.m. outdoor worship		
Mon, May 03	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Zoom
	3:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders/Parlor
Tues, May 04	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Pack Leaders/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Narthex
Wed, May 05	7:00	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Zoom
Thurs, May 06	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Zoom
Thurs, May 06	10:00	a.m.	Covenant Group/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/FH, Room A, Narthex
Fri, May 07	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Fellowship Hall

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

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside by the south sanctuary doors	This class uses <i>The Present Word</i> Adult Bible Lessons. The Spring 2021 book focuses on the faithful prophets of the Old Testament and their ministries.
Monday Connection	Zoom/ and Parlor	This class is studying the book <i>The Walk - Five Essential Practices of the Christian Life</i> by Adam Hamilton. The author focuses on five essential spiritual practices that are rooted in Jesus' own walk with God and taught throughout the New Testament.
Pastor Matt's Class	Zoom	Please join Pastor Matt for a time of Bible study and prayer.
Youth	Zoom	Join the Youth of FPC for Sunday School as we take a deep dive into the parables that Jesus utilized throughout his ministry! Please email <a href="mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org">masonwarren@fpctn.org</a> for the link to the class.

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### Church Office Hours:

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

*"Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith"*

