



Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

Sunday Worship Service
November 28, 2021
9:00 am



* indicates standing, if able

~The Gathering~

Greeting		Rev. Matt Nieman
Prelude	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> Linda Stutzenberger, keyboard	Larson
Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
Hymn	<i>O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i> (verse one)	Veni Emmanuel

**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

*Call to Worship

When will God's promise be fulfilled?

The days are surely coming.

When will we be saved?

The days are surely coming.

How will we know the signs to take place?

**The days are surely coming when a branch from David shall come forth to
execute justice and righteousness in the land.**

What shall it be called?

The Lord is our righteousness.

Let us worship the Lord.

*Opening Songs

He Came Down

He came down that we may have { love; } he
{ peace; }
{ joy; }

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{ peace; }
{ joy; }

Leader: Why did he come?

have { love, } Hal-le - lu - jah for - ev - er - more.
{ peace, }
{ joy; }

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of two staves each (treble and bass clef). The first system contains the first line of lyrics. The second system contains the second line of lyrics. The third system contains the third line of lyrics, including a leader's part. The music features several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a bracket) and a final fermata on the last note of the third system.

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We Will Glorify the King of Kings

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VERSE

D G A D G A D

1. We will glo - ri - fy the King of kings, we will glo - ri - fy the Lamb; We will
 2. Lord Je - ho - vah reigns in maj - es - ty, we will bow be - fore His throne; We will
 3. He is Lord of heav - en, Lord of earth, He is Lord of all who live; He is
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah to the King of kings, hal - le - lu - jah to the Lamb; Hal - le -

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G A A/C# Bm D/F# G D/A A⁷ D

glo - ri - fy the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.
 wor - ship Him in right - eous - ness, we will wor - ship Him a - lone.
 Lord a - bove the u - ni - verse, all — praise to Him we give.
 -lu - jah to the Lord of lords, Who — is the great I Am.

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*Prayer of Confession

**Coming Christ, you may not find us as you hoped.
 We've looked away from signs we do not wish to see.
 We've stopped listening to distress we do not wish to hear.
 We are numb to inconvenient truths.
 Keep us alert, O God, to the needs of our neighbors.
 Revive our hearts laden with compassion fatigue.
 Sharpen our minds clouded by worries.
 Sober our lives addicted to privilege.
 Show us the signs of your coming,
 so we may stand before you, the Son of Man,
 in whose name we pray.**

(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

**Holy God, our hope and strength, by the power of your Spirit
prepare the way in our hearts for the coming of your Word,
so we may see the glorious signs of your promise fulfilled;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Luke 1:23-25, 39-45, 57-66

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Characters of Advent: Elizabeth”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – Adapted from the *Confession of 1967*

**Out of Israel, God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the
response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to
Israel, the beginning of the new creation, and the pioneer of the new humanity.
He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant
for the reconciliation of the world.**

Musical Reflection

Hope Awakes
Brenda Luggie, mandolin

David Binion and Mitch Wong

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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 Song

My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.



You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?
 strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.
 crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the



fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the



dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.

*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Brenda Luggie, Tim Mashue, Jacob Nieman, Joey Nieman, Linda Stutzenberger



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.



Join us Saturday, December 4th
at 4pm in Fellowship Hall for

Polar Express Movie Night!

Come in your comfiest pajamas, and
enjoy some snacks,
hot chocolate, and a movie!
It will be fun for the whole family!
Please RSVP with Mason Warren as
soon as possible!



Sunset Gap Secret Santa: The sign-up board in the narthex!
This year we are sponsoring 40 children. Please select an item either online
<https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapChristmas2021> or in the narthex.
Include your name and a contact number. Items are to be new, and gift
wrapped for Christmas. Please have your gift returned to the church by
December 5. Contact Debbie Long with questions.

Sunset Gap Mitten Tree: Look for the Sunset Gap Mitten Tree
collection bin in the narthex. Presbyterian Women invite the
congregation to participate in this collection. Sunset Gap has a tree up
from November until February for anyone who needs a hat, scarf,
mittens or gloves. Deadline is December 5. Questions? Contact
Debbie Long.





On Sunday, December 5th at 6:00 p.m. we will participate in our annual Service of Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary. The **Service of Lessons and Carols** is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season AND will be offered live and in person with our Chancel Choir and FPC Ringers! Come sing the carols you love to sing at this most *wonderful* time of the year!

We are looking for some “awesome elves” (adults and older teens) to assist the children with easy crafts. All instructions and supplies will be provided. We also need craft supply donations of Hershey’s Chocolate Bars (full size/plain); small/mini and regular size candy canes, all colors of tissue paper, curling ribbon in holiday colors; white paper lunch bags, cute holiday cupcake liners (regular size), and assorted unused Christmas cards with envelopes. Contact Jenny Trussell or Carol Gardiner with questions.



Rollers “Holiday Gift Steal”
Saturday, December 18
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Calling all FPC Rollers for an evening of fun and festivity with your FPC family! We hope you can join us at the home of Clay and Denise Griffin, 8908 Kelsey Lane (865-368-6780). This adults night out is for all singles and couples. The attire is casual, bring a dish and beverage to share (anything goes), and bring a wrapped unisex gift (approximately value \$10 - \$20) per person for the gift steal. You don’t want to miss this fun holiday social event!

Shepherd of Hope Pantry Holiday Food Bags!

Please help fill the grocery cart in the narthex with special items our pantry offers to over 200 regular pantry guests and additional families through the school voucher program in November and December. We are storing items for scheduled distribution days so bring as soon as convenient.

For Christmas meals: Boxed scalloped potatoes, coffee and regular tea (*no specialty tea please*)

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Nicholls at bettynicholls@gmail.com or 671-8097.

The Stephen Ministry Program:

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! To learn more about Stephen Ministry, contact the church office or one of our Stephen Ministry Leaders.

Stephen Ministry Leaders:

Matt Nieman, Jeanie Oakley, Elizabeth Wilson, Beth Martin



Prayers for our church family:

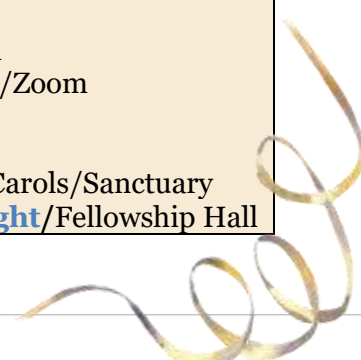
Sara Clapp, Kathi Damelio, Rosemary DenUyl, Frank Guess, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Steve Tinder, George White

Bereaved:

Mark Allen and family in the death of his mother, Mavis Allen

This Week at FPC!

Sun, Nov 28	9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 1
	10:00	a.m.	Confirmation Class/Room 1
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Friendsgiving
Mon, Nov 29	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Lectio Divina/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
Tues, Nov 30	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts/FH, Room A, Narthex
Wed, Dec 01	2:00	p.m.	Grief Support Group/Library
	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Zoom
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
Thurs, Dec 02	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Dec 03	11:30	a.m.	Friday Book Club/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Zoom
Sat, Dec 04	10:00	a.m.	Rehearsal for Lessons and Carols/Sanctuary
	4:00	p.m.	Polar Express Movie Night /Fellowship Hall



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HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

If you would like to help us offset the cost of decorating the church for the holidays by making a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out this form and include your check made payable to Farragut Presbyterian Church, with "*Holiday Decorations*" designated in the memo line. Place your check and this form in the offering basket, drop them off in the church office or mail them to the church. **The cost per poinsettia is \$10.00**, however, your gift may be in any amount. An insert will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin listing the devotions.

I am making a gift towards holiday decorations, to the Glory of God, and:

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