



~The Gathering~

Prelude

Meditation
Tami Newsom, organ

Peeters

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

As we behold the beauty of God's temple, we see God's face.

God is our shelter and our shade.

We will sing to the God of our salvation!

Hymn #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where-e'er I turn my eyes;
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the skies!**

**There's not a plant or flower below but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne;
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care,
And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God art present there.**

Text: Isaac Watts, 1715; alt. Music: *Gesangbuch der Herzogl. Wirtembergischen Katholischen Hofkapelle*, 1784; alt. 1868.
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Prayer of Confession

**Patient God,
it is so easy for us to miss the point.
We know how to perform righteousness;
we go to church, we donate, we volunteer,
but we care more about how we are seen
than our faithfulness to you.
We show off our piousness,
instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources
with those in the most need.**

**Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves,
and teach us your way,
the way that leads to justice and peace.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

Remember Not, O God

Southwell



O Lord, our Savi - ior, help, and glo - ri - fy your name; de -
liv - er us from all our sins and take a - way our shame.

Text: *The New Metrical Version of the Psalms*, 1909, alt. Music: *Daman's Psalmes*, 1579, alt.
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Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

God of Grace and God of Glory

Cwm Rhondda

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

The Peace

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

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

David Stutzenberger

God, illumine our minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed our eyes may see your kingdom, our ears may hear the call of Jesus, and our hearts may know the joy of your salvation. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 27:1, 4-9

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27 (unison; Tune: Beach Spring)

Morgan

**God, my light and my salvation, in whose strength my hope is laid;
Confident in my salvation, I shall never be afraid.
Evil hosts may rise against me, wars distress, and flesh decays;
Yet the cruelest death imagined but begins my song of praise.**

**Shelter me within the haven of Your house all time to come;
On the rock of Your protection, let me safely find a home.
Lift me high above the legions who would rail against God's word:
O'er the tumult of division make my cry for peace be heard.**

**When my trust is disappointed, faith confronted with disdain;
Friend and foe defect my purpose, even then You will sustain.
Had I not with eyes believing seen the goodness of Your face,
Never could I taste such pleasure, nor await such saving grace.**

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

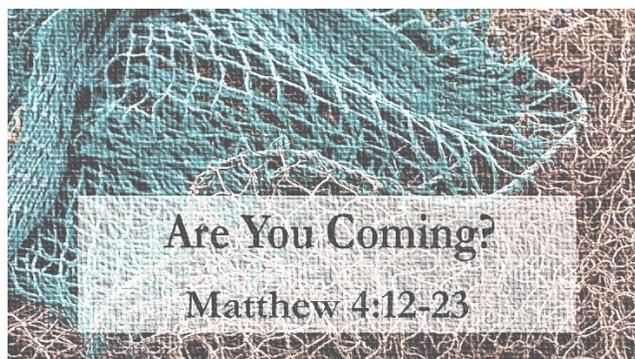
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Choosing Allegiances”

Rev. Matt Nieman



~The Response~

Song of Commitment

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



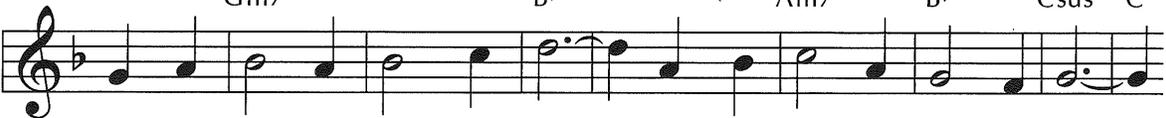
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Gather the faithful, the young and the old;
The shepherd is calling us into the fold.
The table is ready, the cups overflow,
And goodness and kindness are all we shall know.

Gather the children from places of play
And bring them to worship, for this is the day
To join in thanksgiving for all God has been,
And ask for God's blessings again and again.

Joy in the morning and joy all the day!
With hearts overflowing we sing and we pray
To God who will give us our life and our breath,
And Jesus who frees us forever from death.

Jesus, O Jesus, make our joy complete,
And let us remain in your love pure and sweet,
To keep your commandment and know what it does,
To love one another as you have loved us.

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 #421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

**The church of Christ in every age, beset by change but Spirit led,
Must claim and test its heritage and keep on rising from the dead.**

**Across the world, across the street, the victims of injustice cry
For shelter and for bread to eat, and never live until they die.**

**Then let the servant church arise, a caring church that longs to be
A partner in Christ's sacrifice, and clothed in Christ's humanity.**

**For Christ alone, whose blood was shed, can cure the fever in our blood,
And teach us how to share our bread and feed the starving multitude.**

**We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

We Will Tell Each Generation

We will tell each gen-er - a - tion all that you, our God, have done:
 how you called and let your peo- ple, chose us out_ to_ be your own.

Postlude

Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ

Walcha

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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



Please join us for the annual
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
 after worship TODAY Sunday, January 22 at 12:00 p.m.
 We will review the budget and consider the pastor's terms of call
 as part of the agenda.



FAMILY PROMISE: We will be hosting 2 guest families with teenagers and young children with Westside UUC January 29-February 5 at an extended day hotel in Knoxville. The sign-up to donate dinner cards or Kroger gas/grocery cards is at westsideuuc.org...



...just scroll down to the very bottom to click on the "sign up" icon. Family Promise is asking for one \$50 card for each family per day, so please do not feel that you need to purchase both cards for a day. The days

that cards are still needed are: Sunday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. Please put your card in an envelope with your name and the day the card is to be used and return to the church office by Wednesday, January 25. Thank you for your support of this wonderful ministry. We will begin hosting at the different congregations in April, so look for information about training and orientations at the day center and Westside in the months ahead. Any concerns or questions contact: bethloyles@hotmail.com.

Special thanks to Gayle Williams, Joyce Williams, Jean Peretz and Annette Meador for volunteering to feed the homeless at VMC this month. If you would like to help, watch for the sign-up in the narthex for the next meal on Tuesday, February 21. Please contact February coordinator Gayle Williams with questions.



Mens Bible Study



Men's Bible Study: All men of the church are invited to join an informal Bible Study on the 2nd and 4th Thursday mornings of each month at 8am in the narthex. Besides Bible Study, they enjoy fellowship with others and a breakfast snack! The next meeting is on Thursday, January 27th. If you would like to join, contact John Neighbors to be added to the contact list.

Prayer Shawl Ministry: Prayer Shawl Ministry will meet next on Tuesday, January 24th at 11am in the parlor. This is a wonderful outreach opportunity for those that enjoy knitting and crocheting and would like to share their talents for a worthy cause. Shawls are provided to our church family members in their time of need. All patterns and yarn provided. Please contact Debbie Long for more information.



FOODIES: Our Foodies groups meet 4 times/year to prepare specific menu items and then share and socialize over an enjoyable dinner at member's homes. All are invited to join in the fun! The next Foodies meal will be on February 11 and the menu will feature: Shrimp-stuffed poblano peppers, Stuffed pork tenderloin, Green rice timbales, Fully-loaded lettuce salad and Lava cake. Yum! Watch for the sign-up in the narthex. You can contact Patricia Hickman for more information.

Presbytery-Wide Bible Study Studies in Genesis

Sundays 3:00-4:30pm
(in-person & online)
led by Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

Live In-Person Teaching Schedule:

- January 22 – Northminster Presbyterian (Chattanooga)
- January 29 – First Presbyterian (Lenoir City)
- February 5 – Mars Hill Presbyterian (Athens)
- February 12 – Farragut Presbyterian (Knoxville)

In-person gatherings for participants will be available each week in all locations, including FPC.

Join us for fun, food and fellowship on Sunday, January 29 at 4pm in Fellowship Hall for a churchwide **GAME NIGHT AND SOUP SUPPER** sponsored by our Christian Education Committee. Everyone is asked to bring a soup, a salad or a bread item for dinner and CE will provide the drinks.

Go to <https://tinyurl.com/GameNightSoupSupper> to register or sign-up in the narthex.

A promotional poster for "Game Night & Soup Supper". The background is a wooden surface with several dice (white, blue, and red) scattered on it. The text "Game Night & Soup Supper" is written in a large, stylized, cursive font, with "Game Night" in blue and "& Soup Supper" in red. Below this, the date and time "Sunday January 29, 2023 4pm in Fellowship Hall" are written in a bold, white, sans-serif font. At the bottom, the text "Go to https://tinyurl.com/GameNightSoupSupper to register" is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

| Class | Room | Topic |
|---------------------|---|---|
| Adult Bible Study | Outside or in the Parlor in bad weather | This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in the parlor in bad weather. |
| Monday Connection | Zoom and Room A | This group is discussing the book <i>Everything Happens for a Reason: And Other Lies I've Loved</i> , an autobiography by Kate Bowler who is facing cancer and the prospect of her own mortality. |
| Pastor Matt's Class | Library | Meets in the library on Sunday mornings at 10am for Bible study with Pastor Matt. |
| Youth | Room 10 | The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the 2023 school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion. |

This Week at FPC

| Sun, Jan 22 | 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship | | |
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| Mon, Jan 23 | 9:00 | a.m. | KidZone/Room 10 |
| | 10:00 | a.m. | Congregational Meeting /Sanctuary |
| | 12:00 | a.m. | Congregational Meeting /Sanctuary |
| | 3:00 | p.m. | PET Bible Studies- <i>Studies in Genesis</i> /Library |
| | 6:00 | p.m. | Youth Group/Fellowship Hall |
| Tues, Jan 24 | 10:00 | a.m. | Chair Yoga/Narthex |
| | 6:15 | p.m. | STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Session/Library |
| Wed, Jan 25 | 10:00 | a.m. | PW Coordinating Team/Library and Zoom |
| | 11:00 | a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry/Parlor |
| | 11:30 | a.m. | Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Cub Scout Leaders #444/Library |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex |
| Thur, Jan 26 | 11:30 | a.m. | Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary |
| | 1:00 | p.m. | PW Bible Study/Library and Zoom |
| | 2:00 | p.m. | Staff meeting/Library |
| | 7:30 | p.m. | Chancel Choir/Sanctuary |
| Fri, Jan 27 | 8:00 | a.m. | Men's Bible Study/Narthex |
| | 12:00 | p.m. | Pastors Lunch/Library |
| | 12:30 | p.m. | Neighborhood Book Club/Room A |
| | 6:30 | p.m. | Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom |
| | 10:00 | a.m. | Chair Yoga/Narthex |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Gentle Yoga/Fellowship Hall |



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