

FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**seeking:**  
How do we  
begin again?

2nd SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 5, 2023 ~ 9 am

\*indicates standing, if able.  
This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

~ **We Gather** ~



Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Blessed Assurance*  
Musical Ensemble

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\*Call to Worship

What is it like to begin again?

**It is like flowers in the spring that push through frozen ground.  
It is like babies learning to walk, one clumsy step at a time.  
It is like Nicodemus in the night, asking Jesus for guidance.  
It is like a Sunday morning, starting our week anew.**

May we find God in our seeking. May we learn as we go.

**May we be brave enough to begin again.**

Let us worship the God of new beginnings.

\*Opening Songs

*Siyhamba*  
and  
*Yes, We Believe*

(see music and lyrics on next page)

(English) We are sing - ing\* for the  
 (Zulu) See yah hahm buh koo kah  
 (Spanish) Ca - mi - nan - do en la

1  
 Lord is our light, we are sing - ing for the Lord is our light. -  
 nigh nee kwen kohs. See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. -  
 luz de Dios, ca - mi - nan - do en la luz de Dios. -

2  
 Lord is our light. -  
 nigh nee kwen kohs. -  
 luz de Dios. -

— We are sing - ing for the Lord is, for the  
 — See yah hahm buh koo kah nigh nee, koo kah  
 — Ca - mi - nan - do en la luz, en la

Lord is our light. -  
 nigh nee kwen kohs. -  
 luz de Dios. -

We are sing - ing \_\_\_\_\_  
 See yah hahm buh \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ca - mi - nan - do \_\_\_\_\_

Lord is our light. We are sing - ing, sing - ing, we are  
 nigh nee kwen kohs. See yah hahm buh, hahm buh, see yah  
 luz de Dios. Ca - mi - nan - do va - mos, ca - mi -

Oh  
 Oh  
 Oh

sing - ing, sing - ing, we are  
 hahm buh, hahm buh, see yah  
 nan - do va - mos, ca - mi -

(Last time)

D.S.

sing - ing for the Lord is our light. \_\_\_\_\_ We are  
 hahm buh koo kah nigh nee kwen kohs. \_\_\_\_\_ See yah  
 nan - do en la luz de Dios. \_\_\_\_\_ Ca - mi -

(Last time)

\*Opening Song

## Yes, We Believe

### VERSE 1

Do you believe in God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth?

### REFRAIN

The musical notation is written on a treble clef staff in the key of D major (two sharps). The first line of music is marked with a chord of A2 and the instruction 'All'. The melody consists of quarter notes and eighth notes. The lyrics are: 'Yes, we be-lieve, we do, Lord! Yes, we be-lieve, we do, Lord!'. The second line of music starts with a chord of F#m7(add4) and ends with a chord of E. The lyrics are: 'Yes, we be-lieve, we do, Lord!'. A circled 'E' above the final note is followed by the instruction '(E) Last time To Verses'.

### VERSE 2

Do you believe in Jesus, God's only Son, our Lord,  
Who was born of the Virgin Mary, crucified under Pontius Pilate,  
Suffered and dies, and was buried? (*Refrain*)

### VERSE 3

Do you believe that on the third day he rose from the dead,  
and is now seated at the Father's right hand? (*Refrain*)

### VERSE 4

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit? In the Lord, the giver of all life?  
With the Father and Son, he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken to us through the Prophets.

Do you believe in the the holy catholic Church, one baptism, the forgiveness of all sin?  
Do you believe that the dead shall rise, and in life of the world to come? Amen! (*Refrain*)

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\*Prayer of Confession

**God of new life, you call us into unknown places,  
and we bury our heads in the sand.  
You promise all the stars in the sky, and we doubt it can be true.  
You speak of new life in the Spirit, and we tell ourselves we've missed our chance.  
Over and over and over again, you invite us closer to you.**

**Show us the way. Forgive our mistakes.  
Give us the courage to begin again with you. Amen.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*The Peace

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

**~We Proclaim~**

Meditation

*He Knows My Name*  
Musical Ensemble

Brenton Brown/  
Tasha Cobbs Leonard

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Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Genesis 12:1-4a  
John 3:1-17

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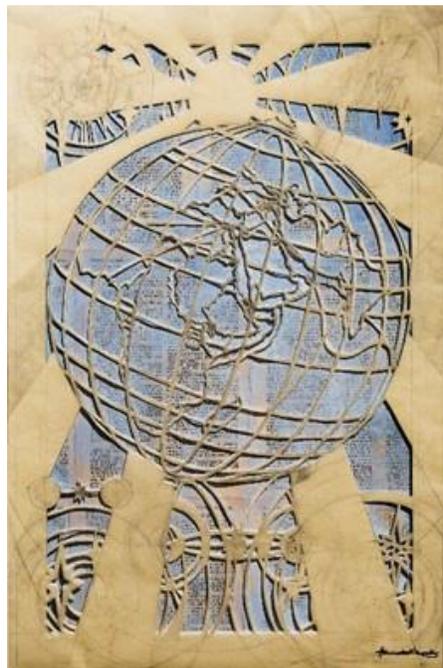
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“How Do We Begin Again?”

Rev. Matt Nieman

*To Be a Blessing*  
artwork by: Hannah Garrity  
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**~The Response~**

\*Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in a God who meets us in the shadows,  
who welcomes our questions, who invites us to begin again.  
We believe that Jesus showed us a new way, a deeper faith,  
a more compassionate existence.  
We believe that all of our beginnings should return us to this foundation,  
and that no matter how many times we lose our way,  
God always welcomes us home. Amen.**

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and  
*Light of the World*

Jay Stocker

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FPC Kids ~ Joanie Scheuer, guitar  
with Carol Gardiner and Mason Warren, assistants

## Call to Give

## Litany of Gratitude and Celebration

Today we celebrate the blessing of God calling women at all stages in life, from diverse ages, languages, cultures, races, backgrounds and in all circumstances. We celebrate God's gifts bestowed upon us, a variety of gifts and services for the common good "activated by one and the same Spirit" (1Cor. 12:11). We are grateful...

For women of all ages who serve God and neighbor in committees and on boards, as members, elders and deacons, as mid-council leaders and beyond. For young women, tweens and teens who serve in manifold ways and for the advisors who mentor, listen and hold space for their growth in wisdom and grace. For nominating committees that recognize potential and promise, hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit in all voices, regardless of age.

**We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

For women who work toward a more just world, one free of biases, discrimination, food insecurity and poverty. For women entrepreneurs, homemakers, students and volunteers who partner and lead, who sit on decision-making boards, who head micro-enterprises, small businesses, nonprofits, corporations, churches and ecclesiastical bodies.

**We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

For congregations, faith-based organizations and women's rights organizations advocating for and empowering women and girls. For those who work in refugee camps and border ministries. For those who work in helplines and call centers, who provide healthcare and counseling, pastoral care and accompaniment to women and families. For those who offer welcome, affirmation, safety and care.

**We give thanks to God for your service and love in action!**

For foremothers, trailblazers, role models, mentors, activists, educators, reformers, innovators, peacemakers, motivators, advocates, coaches and preachers.

**We celebrate and give thanks to God!**

We celebrate you and we celebrate the blessing of God's call! We give thanks for the gifts this rich diversity brings to building God's kin-dom. We pray in gratitude and joy, magnifying God for God's favor!

**Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

Celebrate the Gifts of Women Sunday • March 5, 2023



Adoration, Daniel Bonnell

## ~We Remember~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

## ~We Go Out Into the World~

\*Closing Song

*I Know I've Been Changed*

trad. Negro Spiritual

### Chorus

**I know I been changed  
I know I been changed  
I know I been changed  
The angels in heaven  
done signed my name**

### Verse 2

I stepped in the water  
the water was cold,  
The angels in heaven  
done signed my name  
It chilled my body but not my soul,  
**The angels in heaven  
done signed my name. Refrain**

### Verse 1

If you don't believe  
that I been redeemed  
The angels in heaven  
done signed my name  
The follow me down  
to the Jordan stream  
**The angels in heaven  
done signed my name. Refrain**

### Verse 3

When I get to heaven  
gonna sing and shout,  
The angels in heaven  
done signed my name  
Ain't nobody gonna turn me out,  
**The angels in heaven  
done signed my name. Refrain**

\*Charge and Benediction



### **Special thanks to our Music Ensemble:**

Dr. Khyle Wooten, piano/vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Joey Nieman, guitar  
and introducing Sandra Porter Bohlken, our new music leader for the 9:00 casual service!



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](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or
- Sign the pew attendance pad



Our 2023 Lenten Study is  
*“seeking: honest questions for a deeper faith.”*

A special e-reader version of this year’s Lenten devotional is available at:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/928029194/>

### how do we begin again?

Do we slide into something new? Do we make a formal announcement?  
Dearest reader, I have decided to begin again.

Do we turn gradually, a gentle yield in a new direction; or like a wave,  
do we crash onto the shore of a new day?

Do we grieve the change? Are there breadcrumbs on the path?

Will Nicodemus be there? Will it ever be easy?

I’m not sure exactly how we begin again,  
but I know that moths wrap themselves in silk, and after quite some time,  
after many long nights, after days spent alone, they break out of their shell. They pull  
themselves out under open sky, and they spend the rest of their days chasing the light.

Maybe it’s always that way with beginnings.  
Maybe it feels like the protective layer falling away.  
Maybe we have to go it alone at first.  
Maybe it feels like pulling and dragging yourself  
into something new.  
Maybe there’s always open sky at the other end.



poem written by: Rev. Sarah Speed  
artwork “Renacimiento” by: Carmelle Beaugelin  
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Today is **Dr. Khyle Wooten’s last day** to lead us in worship, as he has accepted a position as Director of Choral Activities at Ithaca College in New York. Congratulations, Khyle, and thank you for sharing your many, many talents with us this past year. We will miss you but are excited for you in your new journey. May God bless you and keep you.

Please be sure to introduce yourself to our new Casual Service Music Leader, **Sandra Porter Bohlken!** Sandra is an experienced leader in church Music Ministry with several decades of work in contemporary worship planning and execution. She has been involved in church programs her entire life and served in many capacities of music leadership, as a children’s minister, video production assistant, and communications director. She holds a bachelor of arts degree in philosophy from Boise State University, with additional study in communications and vocal performance at the University of Tennessee and at Shenandoah University. Sandra, a singer/songwriter in her own right, brings many gifts to the FPC Casual service as a keyboardist, guitarist, and lead singer. Her approach to worship is about coming together to worship God in church and at the same time realizing God is not only in church but with us everywhere in our lives. Welcome to Sandra and her husband Greg and their two children; Micah, 5 and Isaiah, 3.



We are also happy to announce **Jessica Lewis** will be joining us as Temporary Supply Pastor from mid-May through mid-August, the period of Matt's sabbatical. Originally from Birmingham, Alabama, Jessica attended Maryville College and received her Bachelor of Arts degree in biology in 2007. Through a connection with Rev. Anne McKee, she moved to Laurel, Mississippi in 2008 to work as the Director of Christian Education at First-Trinity Presbyterian Church. During that time, she married her husband, Josh, and her family has grown to include 3 sons: Patton, Jack, and Noah.



In 2020, they moved back to East Tennessee where she is Program Director for MAST (Maryville Adventures in Studying Theology), a partnership between Maryville College and the Presbytery of East Tennessee. Through this program, she helps lead the Small & Mighty Youth Group Collaborative with Mason Warren. Jessica is a candidate for ordination in the Presbytery of East Tennessee and will finish her seminary studies later this year. We look forward to working with Jessica this summer.



**MEN'S BIBLE STUDY:** Join men and friends of the church as they gather for Bible study, fellowship, and breakfast snacks on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday mornings of the month at 8am in the narthex. Contact John Neighbors to get on the email list and for more information. The next gathering is this Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup>. Hope to see you there!

Our church has been asked to contribute boxes of cake mix and cans of icing (festive for Easter) to the Easter Bags that will be distributed at **Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry** later this month. We are hoping to collect enough to fill 150 bags for local families. Betty Nicholls is coordinating this effort and will have a shopping cart in the narthex along with a collection table in Room A. The collection will run from now until March 31. Please contact Betty if you have questions or would like to help.



Special thanks to our "Mardi Gras" volunteers who fed the homeless at **Volunteer Ministry Center** last month: Robert and Terry Olberding, Gale Montgomery, Gayle Williams and Claire Ramsay.

The next meal will be served on Tuesday, March 21. Carol Kraft is the meal coordinator. Please consider volunteering for this valuable outreach program by signing up in the narthex.



**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:** Candice Blake, David Bolus, Bob Bowman, Jim & Jane Brannon, Patricia Dail, Chuck Foriska, Paul Hanson, Gloria Lay, Bron Lewis, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Larry Roberts, Steve Tinder, Jack Watson, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, Kent Williams

**BEREAVED:**

The family of FPC Member Ron Griffith, who passed away in December 2022. A memorial service will be held in April.



Don't forget to "Spring Forward" one hour on Saturday, March 11 before going to bed, so you won't be late for church!

## DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 12!

FPC Family Ministries Presents:

**FAMILY  
MOVIE NIGHT  
& T-SHIRT  
DECORATING**

SUNDAY, MARCH 26  
4-6 PM

Farragut Presbyterian Church  
Fellowship Hall



We will watch "Horton Hears a Who," have light snacks, toys to play with, and will decorate T-shirts! Bring a plain white or light-colored t-shirt to decorate. Contact Mason Warren for more information!

time to clean out the garden shed and donate unused items to the

*Posies for the Pantry*

# *Bargain Shed*

gently-used garden tools, décor and supplies will be resold to benefit  
**Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry**

drop off items to the church rear parking lot picnic tables between now and April 15 - contact Jim & Annette Meador for more information



And don't forget to mark your calendar for *Posies for the Pantry* on Saturday, April 22!

## This Week at FPC

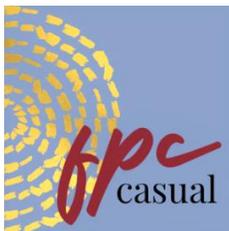
Sun, Mar 05	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Mar 06	6:00	p.m.	Youth Groups – Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	3:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders/Library
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Auditions/Sanctuary Rm, A, Narthex
Tues, Mar 07	6:15	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers Support/Rm A
Wed, Mar 08	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Zoom
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Mar 09	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	8:00	a.m.	Men’s Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Mar 10	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga/Narthex

### 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/Pastor Matt’s Class	Zoom and Room A	These two groups will combine during the Lenten season to go into a more intense study of the questions from our Lenten study “seeking: honest questions for deeper faith.”
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.

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*To praise God, welcome all, serve others,  
 grow in faith and make disciples of Jesus Christ.*