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~ **We Gather** ~



Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Closer to Fine
 Musical Ensemble

Indigo Girls

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*Call to Worship

Scripture is full of questions...

Where are you?

Am I my brother's keeper?

Whom shall I send?

Who do you say that I am?

Who sinned?

How many times shall I forgive?

If God is for us, who can be against us?

Scripture is full of questions, so just like those in our scriptures, may we bring our full curiosity and wonder into this space.

Let us ask and seek after our merciful God.

*Opening Songs

You Are Welcome in This Place
 and
Just As I Am
 (see music and lyrics on next page)

♩=75

VERSE 1 & 2

C C^{sus} C C^{sus} C



1. Ho - ly Spir - it. Ho - ly Spir - it.
2. Ho - ly Spir - it, sent from heav - en. The

5

F F/G

1. C 2. C



Com - for - ter, Coun - sel - lor here. (here.)
God of all glo - ry is here.

PRE-CHORUS

10

A/C# Dm A



Rise up with - in me, Liv - ing Wa - ter, Spir - it of God.

CHORUS 1

14

Dm⁷ C/E F G F G



in me. You are wel - come in this place. You are

18

F/A G/B F G



wel - come in this place. God of pow - er, love and grace, sat - u -

22

F G F/A G/B C C^{sus} C



-rate my soul.

Verse 3

Closest friend here
In Your presence
Is fullness of joy overflowing

Chorus 2

You are welcome in this place
You are welcome in this place
Holy Spirit guide my way
Saturate my soul

Ending

Saturate my soul
Saturate my soul
Saturate my soul

1. Just as I am, with - out one plea But that Thy
 2. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout With man - y a
 3. Just as I am, Thou wilt re - ceive, Wilt wel - come,
 4. Just as I am, Thy love un - known Has bro - ken

blood was shed for me, And that Thou biddest me
 con - flict, man - y a doubt, Fight - ings and fears with -
 par - don, cleanse, re - lieve; Be - cause Thy prom - ise
 ev - ery bar - rier down; Now to be Thine, yea,

come to Thee,
 in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!
 I be - lieve,
 Thine a - lone,

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*Prayer of Confession and Declaration of Forgiveness

Who here has sinned?

**We have sinned. We put our heads in the sand. We ignored people in need.
 We make false assumptions and fail to be kind. We are in need of forgiveness.**

Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges, or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives. When you lose your way, God comes running.

Thanks be to God for a love like that.

Have you sinned?

I have sinned. I put my head in the sand. I ignore people in need. I make false assumptions and fail to be kind. I, too, am in need of forgiveness.

**Good news! Our God is a merciful God. God does not punish, hold grudges,
 or keep score. When you suffer, God weeps. When you sin, God forgives.
 When you lose your way, God comes running.**

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(please continue in silent prayer)

*The Peace

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

Moment with the Children

Mason Warren

~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Readings: Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-7

[NT pg. 194]
[NT pg. 102]

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

Sermon

“Who Sinned?”

Rev. Matt Nieman



Son, Rise

artwork by: Rev. T. Denise Anderson
| sanctifiedart.org |

~The Response~

*Responsive Affirmation of Faith

We believe in a merciful God,
a God who does not keep score,
a God who wants good for us.

We believe in a creative God,
a God who would heal with mud,
a God capable of seeing what we cannot.

We believe in a saving God,
a God who heals,
a God who greets our questions with patience,
a God who sends us out with hope in our step.

What wondrous love is this. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Trust in You
Musical Ensemble

Lauren Daigle

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Call to Give

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.**

~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

My Lighthouse

Chris Llewellyn | Gareth Gilkeson

Verse 1

In my wrestling and in my doubts
In my failures You won't walk out
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Verse 2

In the silence You won't let go
In the questions Your truth will hold
Your great love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Chorus

My Light-house, my Light-house, shin-ing in the dark-ness,
4 I will fol-low You! Oh,- my Light-house, my Light-house,
7 I will trust the prom-ise: You will car-ry me safe to shore, safe to
11 shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

Verse 3

I won't fear what tomorrow brings
With each morning I'll rise and sing
My God's love will lead me through
You are the peace in my troubled sea whoa oh
You are the peace in my troubled sea

Bridge

Fire before us
You're the brightest
You will lead us
Through the storms (hey)

*Charge and Benediction

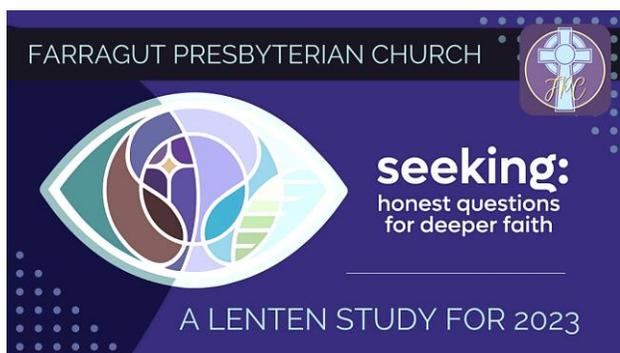
Special thanks to our Music Ensemble:

Sandra Porter Bohlken, vocals, piano and guitar ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Joey Nieman, guitar



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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad



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

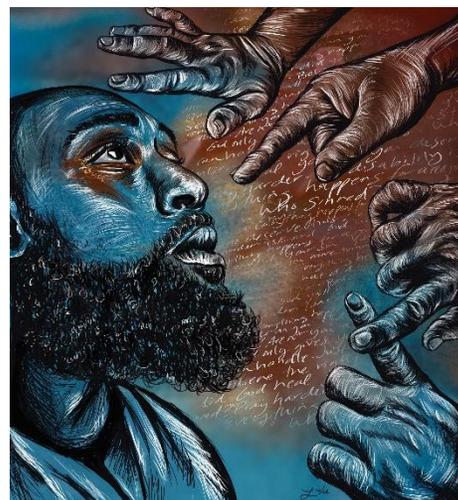
A special e-reader version of this year’s Lenten devotional is available at:

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

seeking: *Who sinned?*

Jesus in the psych ward

He’s in group therapy, plastic chairs in a circle.
Paper cups with weak coffee. Everyone in the room has seeking eyes.
The Pharisees admitted him. They said things like,
He’s more than we can handle. They let the rumors fly.
The other patients like him. They say, He listens to me.
He calls them by name.
And when one of them asks, Is this our fault?
Are we here because we sinned?
Jesus does not wait for the facilitator to speak.
He crosses the circle. He kneels down. He grabs their hands
in his and says, Child of the covenant,
God loves you too much to ever wish you pain.
Bodies and minds crumble sometimes, but God’s love for you does not.
And after that there were happy tears and the group was dismissed to lunch,
where they broke bread and no one talked of sin.



poem written by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed
artwork: “Insight” by Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity
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Presbyterian Women will be selling tickets today for their **BIRTHDAY OFFERING LUNCHEON** on Saturday, April 1st at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Lisa Grugin, owner of Meadowview Greenhouse, will be the guest speaker and lunch will be provided by *Chicken Salad Chick*. Tickets are \$15 each and will be sold before and after services in the narthex. All women of the church and friends are invited! Contact Beth White with any questions



Volunteers Needed!

**ANNUAL
SPRING
CLEANUP
March 25
9am-12pm**

Bring your yard & garden tools, gloves, and a willing attitude to this special fellowship activity! Sign-up sheet is in the narthex or contact Irene Rice.

(Rain date is April 1st)

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.

FPC Family Ministries Presents:

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26
4-6 PM

Farragut Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Hall



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

FAMILY: Candice Blake, David Bolus, Bob Bowman, Jim & Jane Brannon, Patricia Dail, Chuck Foriska, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Larry Roberts, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, Kent Williams

BEREAVED: The family of Gloria Lay, mother of Gloria (Kirby) Purjet

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!



Palm Sunday, April 2

One worship service at 10am with Children's Palm Processional followed by a Congregational Brunch in Fellowship Hall

Maundy Thursday, April 6

Worship Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

Good Friday, April 7

Prayer Vigil in the Sanctuary or at home
Sign up at:

<https://tinyurl.com/fpcgoodfridayprayervigil>

Easter Services, April 9

9am Casual and 11am Traditional worship services with
Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10am



All are invited to join us for a joyful **EASTER EGG HUNT** for the children around 10 am following the Easter Sunday service on April 9th. Donations of a dozen filled plastic eggs (treats, prizes, and candy without nuts kindly requested) will be graciously accepted in the containers in the narthex in advance of the event. Families with participating children should RSVP to Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org by April 2nd so we have plenty of eggs and bags for everyone.

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



SUNSET GAP ANNUAL AUCTION

WHEN
Saturday, April 15th, 2023
Supper - 4:00 to 5:30
Auction starts @ 5:45

WHERE
Sunset Gap Community Center
1300 Sunset Gap Road, Cosby TN 37722

FEATURING - Dinner -
- Hundreds of Items up for Auction -

www.SunsetGap.weebly.com

DINNER MENU
Sorghum
Tossed Salad
Oatle Bread
Dessert
Drink
All for \$10.00

AUCTIONEER
John Beth

ITEMS FOR AUCTION
Gift Certificates
Gift Baskets
Country Bams
Sports Memorabilia
Plus, Much More!

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Mission Work

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or
sunsetgap@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE



Posies for the Pantry

A flower fundraiser of annuals, perennials, herbs and native plants plus unique crafters

April 22, 2023
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
(rain or shine)

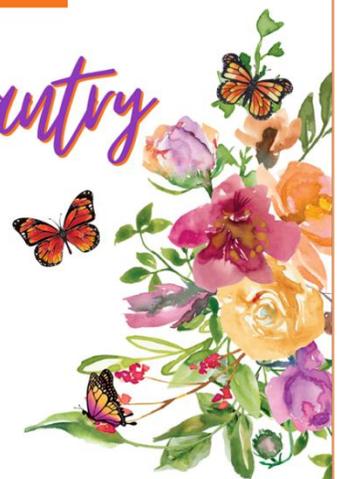
Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd.

proceeds benefit



Community churches supporting the pantry:

Faith Lutheran~ Concord Methodist~First Baptist, Concord~ Grassy Valley Baptist & Farragut Presbyterian

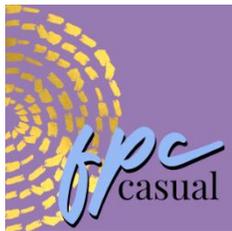


This Week at FPC

Sun, Mar 19	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Mar 20	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Auditions/Sanctuary, Narthex
	6:15	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Mar 21	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Homeless/Volunteer Ministry Center
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
Wed., Mar 22	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	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
Thur, Mar 23	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Pastors Lunch/Library
	12:30	p.m.	Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Mar 24	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Mar 25	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga/Narthex
	9:00	a.m.	Spring Cleanup/outside grounds

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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