

FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



**seeking:**  
*Will you give  
me a drink?*

3rd SUNDAY IN LENT  
March 12, 2023 ~ 11 am

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~The Gathering~

Prelude

*Offrande*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Peeters

Greeting

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Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We gather together—  
**the seekers, the dreamers, the shooting-star wishers,  
in hopes of seeing God.**

We gather together—  
**the curious, the hungry, the loving, the lonely,  
in hopes of finding peace.**

We gather together—  
**those who are thirsty and those with water to spare,  
in hopes of finding justice.**

So come to the well, come to the table.  
Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #446

*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*

Austrian Hymn

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.  
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?  
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

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**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear  
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

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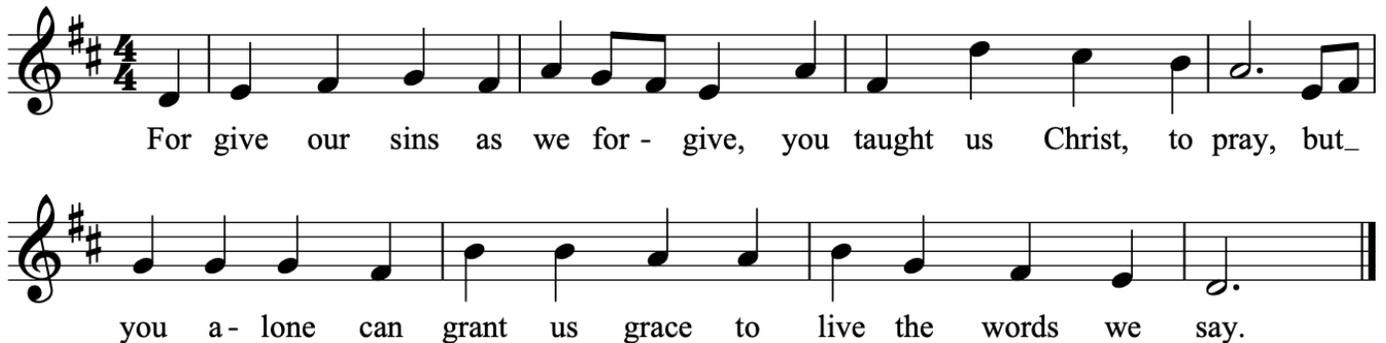
### Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we have been on every side of this story.  
We have been the one who is thirsty and in need of compassion,  
and we have been the one with a bucket and a deep well.  
So today we wonder: how often have we missed the opportunity  
to share water with our neighbors?  
How often have we forgotten that we have a bucket  
and the power to bring change?  
How often have we simply decided that justice and compassion  
were not worth the work?**

**Forgive our fragile hearts and remind us that it was you who sat at that well in  
Samaria in the heat of the day. It was you. It is still you. With hope we pray.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

### Kyrie Eleison



For give our sins as we for - give, you taught us Christ, to pray, but\_

you a - lone can grant us grace to live the words we say.

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### Declaration of Forgiveness

### Gloria Patri

### Diademata

**I praise the Christ of God; I rest on love divine,  
and with unfaltering lip and heart I call this Savior mine.  
My Lord has saved my life and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he first loved me, I live because he lives.**

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### The Peace

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

## ~The Word~

Anthem

*O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*  
FPC Ringers

arr. Larson

Prayer for Illumination

Jeff Thode

**God of conversation,  
We come to you today thirsty—thirsty for hope, thirsty for good news,  
thirsty for a glimpse of you.  
So today we pray, move in these words like a current.  
Give us the courage to wade into your story with open eyes and open hearts.  
Give us the courage to drink this moment in.  
We are listening. We are grateful. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 17:1-7

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 95

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



If to - day you hear God's voice, hard-en not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before God, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us.  
For this is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,  
The flock that is led by his hand. **(R)**

O that today you would listen to God's voice! "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
As on that day at Massah in the desert when your ancestors put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my work." **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: John 4:5-15

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

"Will You Give Me A Drink?"

Rev. Matt Nieman



*Living Water*

artwork by:

Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman  
| sanctifiedart.org |

# ~The Response~

Responsive Song

*We All Come Thirsty*

St. Columbia

Text: Anna Strickland (2022)

Music: Irish melody

We all come thir - sty to the well to  
Through dif care - fren ces our hands can reach to  
We care for God's com - mun - i - ty Our

seek the li - ving wa - ter With wounds and  
care and hold aid each oth - er ly There are no  
mu - tual aid shared free - ly To all we

pasts we'd ra - ther hide But let - ting our hearts  
stran - gers as for we they are Our sib - lings, our sis - ters,  
give as we re - ceive With grace and lov - ing

sof - ten - ten  
bro - thers  
deep - ly



The Anthem

*Come Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Thoburn

The text to this anthem may be found in The Hymnal, #356.

Outreach Presentation

Kirk Morris

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 #415

*Come, Labor On*

Ora Labora

**Come, labor on. Who dares stand idle on the harvest plain  
While all around us waves the golden grain?  
And to each servant does the Master say, "Go work today."  
  
Come, labor on. Claim the high calling angels cannot share;  
To young and old the gospel gladness bear.  
Redeem the time; its hours too swiftly fly. The night draws nigh.  
  
Come, labor on. Away with gloomy doubts and faithless fear!  
No arm so weak but may do service here;  
Though feeble agents, may we all fulfill God's righteous will.  
  
Come, labor on. No time for rest, till glows the western sky,  
Till the long shadows o'er our pathway lie,  
And a glad sound comes with the setting sun, "Well done, well done!"**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

Beach Spring

**Love and serve without distinction all earth's people, first and least.  
Know within each act of kindness hope and wholeness are increased.  
See my hands and feet, said Jesus, love arisen from the grave.  
Be my hands and feet, said Jesus, live as ones I died to save.**

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Postlude

*It is a Thing Most Wonderful*

Moore

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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](mailto:office@fpctn.org)



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

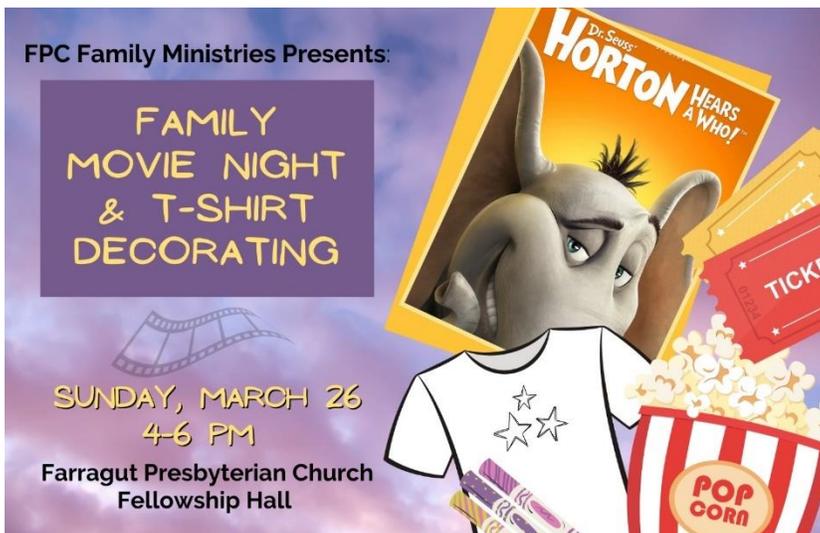
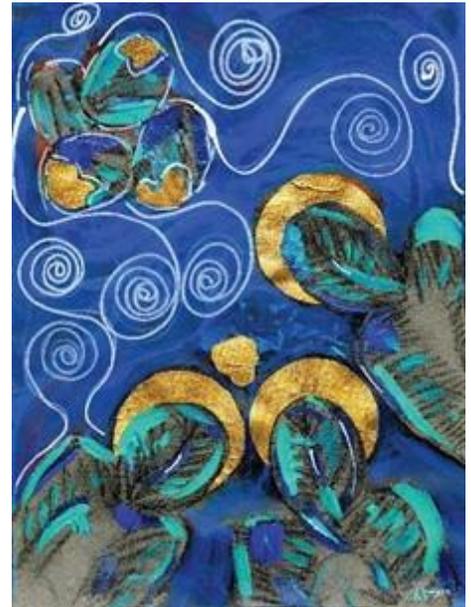
A special e-reader version of this year’s Lenten devotional is available at:

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

**seeking:** *Will you give me a drink?*  
**anything and everything**

I'd give you a drink,  
 a warm cup of tea with lemon and mint,  
 a confetti cannon, roses from the garden,  
 my favorite sweatshirt, a bed to lay in,  
 homemade bread, a hand to hold.  
 I'd give you my full attention.  
 I'd give you my phone,  
 and say, put your number in.  
 I'd give you the melody line,  
 a standing ovation,  
 a sense of security.  
 I'd give you anything and  
 everything  
 if it made you believe  
 that you were enough.

poem written by: Rev. Sarah Speed  
artwork “Wet Stones” by: Carmelle Beaugelin | [sanctifiedart.org](http://sanctifiedart.org) |



We will watch a movie,  
eat snacks and decorate  
t-shirts! Be sure to bring a  
white or light-color t-shirt  
with you.  
Contact Mason Warren for  
more information!

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. Contact Carol with any questions.



Presbyterian Women will be selling tickets today for their **BIRTHDAY OFFERING LUNCHEON** on Saturday, April 1<sup>st</sup> 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 invited! Contact Beth White with any questions.



### **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



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 has 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.



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



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



## SUNSET GAP ANNUAL AUCTION

**WHEN**  
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://www.SunsetGap.weebly.com)

**DINNER MENU**  
Spaghetti  
Tossed Salad  
Garlic Bread  
Dessert  
Drink  
All for \$18.00

**AUCTIONEER**  
John Holt

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

**BENEFITING**  
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sunsetgap@gmail.com



Be sure to ask Hal and Jeanie Oakley about their recent trip to Costa Rica and their visit with our FPC-supported missionaries, Mark Hare and Jenny Bent and their daughters, Keila and Annika.

## This Week at FPC

Sun, Mar 12	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Mar 13	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room 5
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
Tues, Mar 14	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
Thur, Mar 16	7:00	p.m.	Personnel Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Mar 17	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.*