



FARRAGUT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

John 10:1-11

April 30, 2023 ~ 11:00 a.m.

Fourth Sunday of Easter



~The Gathering~

Prelude

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
Tami Newsom, organ

Bach

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We come to worship the risen Christ.

Praise to Christ, the good shepherd!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the gate!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, the lamb!

Alleluia, praise to Christ, our savior!

Christ is risen still! Alleluia!

*Hymn #121

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

Puer Nobis Nascitur

**That Easter day with joy was bright, the sun shone out with fairer light,
When, to their longing eyes restored, the apostles saw their risen Lord.**

**O Jesus, King of gentleness, do all our inmost hearts possess,
And we to You will ever raise the tribute of our grateful praise.**

**From every weapon death can wield, Your own redeemed forever shield;
O Lord of all, with us abide in this our joyful Eastertide.**

Text: Latin hymn, 5th century, Trans. John Mason Neale, 1852; alt. Music: Trier ms., 15th century, adapt. Michael Praetorius, 1609, Harm. George R. Woodward, 1910
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Prayer of Confession

**God of community,
you call us to a world radically different from what we are used to.
You ask us to lay aside our ideas of “mine” and “yours.”
You show us a life where goods are shared, where all are loved,
and faithfulness is shown through generosity.
But we cling to our possessions, trusting them more than we trust you.
Forgive us, merciful God.
Help us to truly believe in your just and peaceful realm
and to work to make it so.**

(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~

Prayer for Illumination

Joey Nieman

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Lord is my shep - herd; noth - ing shall I want.

Lord, you are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
 Fresh and green are the pasture where you give me repose.
 Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R)**

You guide me along the right path; You are true to your name.
 If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
 You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R)**

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
 My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
 In the Lord's own house shall I swell for ever and ever. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: John 10:1-11

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"It's Not the Sheep, It's the Shepherd"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

*Affirmation of Faith (from the PCUSA *Brief Statement of Faith*)

In life and in death we belong to God. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

The Anthem

The Lord Is My Shepherd
 Chancel Choir

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,
 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
 He leadeth me beside the still waters.
 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil.
 For you are with me, you will comfort me.
 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
 And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 ~

O for a World

**O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.**

**O for a world where goods are shared and misery relieved,
Where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.**

**We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice
That opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.**

**The poor are rich, the weak are strong, the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn; outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace,
Where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

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Postlude

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!

Cherwien

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- 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



**ANNUAL SPRING POPS CONCERT
TONIGHT, SUNDAY, APRIL 30
AT 6PM**

FPC Sanctuary

UT CONTEMPORARY ACAPPELLA

This concert features two groups from the University of Tennessee:
REVOLUTION (All Female)
and UT SINGERS (Co-Ed)

This is a free concert; be sure to arrive early for the best seats!

Please take a moment to consider supporting two of our FPC youth currently raising funds for their **Eagle Scout Projects**. Graham Morrell is working to help refurbish the Boys & Girls Club of Dumplin Valley, and Parker Morrell is working to restore and clean headstones in the Pleasant Forest Cemetery. To learn more about these projects and support these two, follow the links below. Thank you for your support!



Graham Morrell: <https://gofund.me/97e505ed>

Parker Morrell: <https://gofund.me/facac193>



On Saturday, May 6, **PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN OF EAST TN** will gather at Farragut Presbyterian Church for their annual (brief) business meeting and discussions around “Connection.” Where do we need more connection? How do we make that happen? What’s working among your communities? What new ideas can we come up with to enhance our connections as Presbyterian Women? We will have lunch (\$10 per person) and end the day with worship conducted by Rev. Rachel Penmore, Campus Minister, UKirk (Presbyterian Center) at UT Knoxville. Please contact Beth White or Becky Thomason if you would like to attend.



On Thursday, May 11, a Spring Trip is being planned to take donated craft items (material, sewing notions, thread, yarn) for the **Coalition of Appalachian Ministries (CAM)** to the Craft Store in Townsend. Anyone having items to donate or wishing to ride along should contact Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster or the church office. We will leave at 10AM, with a lunch stop planned for Elvira's Café.



Evening Rockers

will be “sailing” to the Tellico Village Yacht Club on May 20th at 6pm with dessert to follow at the Hickman’s. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Please contact Irene Rice, 865/675-4804, with any questions.



It’s **FOODIES** time again! Our next Foodies dinner is on Saturday, May 13th. The menu will be:

- ❖ Crab Dip Appetizer
- ❖ Caesar Salad
- ❖ Chicken or Beef Kabobs w/Grilled veggies
- ❖ Berry Cobbler & Ice Cream

Sign up in the narthex or contact Pat Hickman for more information.



Special thanks to Wayne and MaryAnne Walls, Gayle Williams, and Kathy Emmerson for feeding the homeless in April at **Volunteer Ministry Center**. If you would like to help this month, sign up in the narthex or contact May coordinators, Jim and Linda Scothorn.



Family Promise Golf Tournament Fundraiser

You and your team are invited to be a part of the solution for family homelessness in Knoxville by being a sponsor/player for their 5th annual Drive Out Family Homelessness Golf Tournament. Family Promise is excited to host this year’s friendly fundraiser at Williams Creek Golf Course on Friday, May 19, 2023. They will tee off at 9:00 AM this year. Family Promise of Knoxville has been supporting and stabilizing the most vulnerable families in our community for 18 years. If you would like to participate, contact Jimmy Loyless at jrloyless@gmail.com.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Apr 30	9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, May 01	2:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	UT Acappella Ensembles Spring Concert/sanc.
	9:15	a.m.	PET Nominating Committee/Library
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, May 02	3:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Leaders/Library
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
Wed., May 03	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Tennessee Valley Players (TVP) Rehearsal/FH/N/RmA
Thur, May 04	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Library
	7:30	a.m.	Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, May 05	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, May 06	12:00	p.m.	Friday Book Club/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga/Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	PWPET Annual Spring Gathering/S/N/Rm A
	2:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH/Room A/Sanctuary

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	Monday Connection class and Matt's class will reconvene as a Joint Class on Sunday (April 16th) to complete the <i>Seeking: Honest Questions for Deeper Faith</i> Lenten devotional study. The remaining devotional will be covered as follows: •Easter Sunday – Seeking: Who are you looking for? will be led by Pastor Matt on April 30 th
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.