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Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

~ We Gather ~

Welcome Jessica Lewis

Prelude Revival D. Carr/M. Powell/M. Lee Musical Ensemble

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*Call to Worship

We seek the kingdom of God:

where the smallest seeds turn into great plants.

We seek the kingdom of God:

as precious as pearls or treasure.

We seek the kingdom of God:

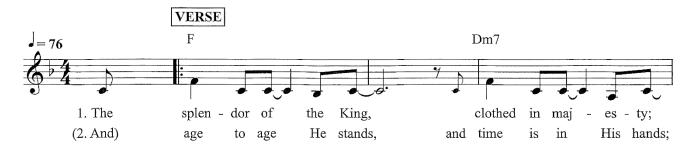
where joy and abundance reign.

Come, let us worship God!

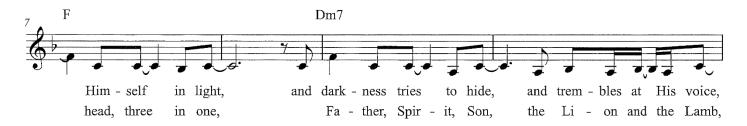
*Opening Songs

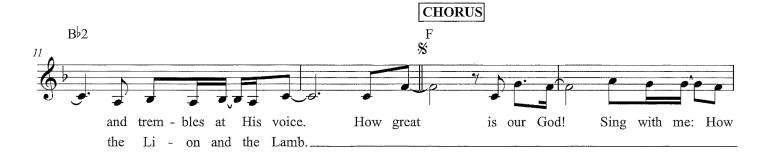
How Great is Our God and Seek Ye First

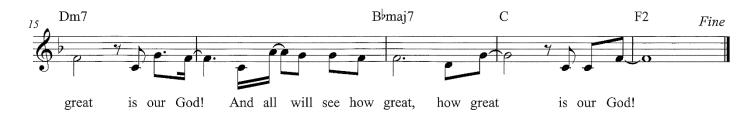
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Bridge

Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God

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*Prayer of Confession

Spirit, intercede . . .

when we fall short of your glory, when we do not deserve your promises, when we do not act like those who have been called your family.

Spirit, intercede . . .

when our words wound, when our silence speaks volumes, when our actions are a far cry from what you would have us do.

break forth into our lives, forming us into the image of your Son, that we might never feel separate from you again.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

Brian Davison

Spirit of life, we do not know how to pray as we ought. Meet us in words written, in words spoken; intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, until we shine with the hope that is hidden in our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Brian Davison Jessica Lewis

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Importance of Little Things"

Jessica Lewis

~The Response~

*The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Goodness of God Musical Ensemble

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Call for Giving

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

King of Me
FPC Children ~ Joanie Scheuer, guitar
Mason Warren and Carol Gardiner co-directors

Rend Collective Kids

My God's the king of the giants
My God's the king of the lions
My God's the king of the creatures of the deep
My God's the king of me
My God's the king of me

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*Charge and Benediction

*Song God of Science

Rend Collective Kids

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Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, vocals, guitar/piano ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar LisaKay Matchen and Jeanie Oakley, vocals ~ Monica Gardiner, percussion

Please join us after worship today for a

Reception to Thank Jessica Lewis

for her pastoral care and leadership to our congregation this summer while Pastor Matt is on sabbatical. Given that this is Jessica's last Sunday with us, Church Life will have refreshments and finger foods in the narthex between services. Be sure to stop in to offer Jessica our thanks and wish her well as she goes next to Iowa to complete her seminary studies for ordained ministry.





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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. — John 1:5



Day by day, week by week, we have traveled together as a family of faith. As we near the end of our sabbatical journey, may our light continue to shine brightly. A guide featuring daily readings from the Psalms is available at: https://tinyurl.com/Sabbatical-Prayer-Guide.

The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women in <u>collecting school supplies for special area teachers</u> (art, music, physical ed, special ed, etc.) in Cocke and Sevier Counties. **Today is the final day to donate items** before they are delivered later this week. If you have any questions, contact Debbie Long.

<u>It's Back to School time at Sunset Gap.</u> Items are due back **today** for delivery later this week. Be sure to attach a tag with the child's name (or grade and gender for the online sign-up) and the <u>tag</u> number on it. Any questions, please contact Debbie Long.



THE GOSPEL OF



SAVE THE DATE! We will have ONE WORSHIP SERVICE on Sunday, August 20th and the Summer Fair will follow with hotdogs, side dishes, ice cream and watermelon! There will be lots of fun and games for kids of all ages!

To be sure we have enough food on hand for the event, we ask that attendees sign-up with the QR code here, at https://tinyurl.com/FPCSummerFair, or in the narthex no later than August 15th. This will also be Pastor Matt's first Sunday back from his sabbatical!



<u>Our Special Thanks</u> to volunteers Jean Peretz, Turner Neely, Mason Warren and Patton Lewis for serving meals to the hungry at Volunteer Ministry Center downtown in July. If you would like to be a part of this very important outreach program, contact August coordinators Terry and Robert Olberding to help serve on Tuesday, August 15th. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

<u>Thursday Evening Bible Study:</u> Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we're turning to the shortest Gospel this

year. If you're interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we'd love to have you join us (even if you can't make every week). Our first meeting will be on September 7 at 7pm, in the church library. Thereafter, we meet from 7-8pm on Zoom, except for parties. If you'd like more information, you can talk to Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Kathi Damelio, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Barbara Kivlin, Bron Lewis, Debbie Long, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Mike Murphy, Tami Newsom, Wesson Schult, Les Shear, Janet and Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

This Week at FPC

Sun, Jul 30	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone's "Creativity Rocks!"/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	Reception for Jessica Lewis/Narthex
	3:50	p.m.	Youth Group Movie Night/Haunted Mansion at Pinnacle
Mon, Jul 31	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, Aug 01	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Wed, Aug 02	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Library
Fri, Aug 04	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/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	Library	Monday Connection class and Pastor Matt's class are studying the book, "In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land" by Max Lucado.
Youth	Summer break	The youth Sunday School class is on summer break and will resume on August 27 th .



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



