



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Little Things

JULY 30, 2023
11:00 a.m.



Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

In Heavenly Love Abiding
Tami Newsom, organ

Dale Wood

Greeting

Jessica Lewis

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!

Hymn #460

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

Grosser Gott, wir loben dich

**Holy God, we praise Your name; Lord of all, we bow before You;
All on earth Your scepter claim, all in heaven above adore You.
Infinite Your vast domain, everlasting is Your reign.**

**Hark, the glad celestial hymn angel choirs above are raising;
Cherubim and seraphim, in unceasing chorus praising,
Fill the heavens with sweet accord; Holy, holy, holy Lord.**

**All apostles join the strain as Your sacred name they hallow;
Prophets swell the glad refrain, and the blessed martyrs follow,
And from morn to set of sun, through the church the song goes on.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son, Holy Spirit: Three we name You,
While in essence only One; undivided God we claim You,
And adoring bend the knee while we own the mystery.**

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.**

Spirit, intercede . . .

**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)

Kyrie Eleison #574

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Johnson

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

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Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: "Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us." and "7 Lord, have mer - cy up - on us." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp.

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria (unison; Tune: Dix)

Kocher

**For Thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love.
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.**

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The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Kirk Morris

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: Romans 8:26-39

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.



The Lord bless you from Zi - on all the days of your life._____

Happy are they all who fear the Lord, and who follow in his ways!
You shall eat the fruit of your labor; happiness and prosperity shall be yours. **(R)**

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your house, your children like olive shoots round about your table.
The man who fears the Lord shall thus indeed be blessed. **(R)**

The Lord bless you from Zion, and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life.
May you live to see your children's children; may peace be upon Israel. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

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.

The Anthem

My Jesus, I Love Thee
Collin Kasefang, baritone

Forrest

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 #441

I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

St. Thomas

**I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.**

**I love Thy church, O God; her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

**Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!
I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

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Postlude

Christ Triumphant, Ever Reigning

Christopher Tambling

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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@fpcn.org



Thank You Jessica!

If you haven't had a chance to already, be sure 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, we want to be sure to offer Jessica our heartfelt thanks and wish her well as she goes next to Iowa to complete her seminary studies for ordained ministry.

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>.

*Joining Our Family of
Faith
in Prayer:
A Sabbatical Journey*

The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women in **collecting school supplies for special area teachers** (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.



It's Back to School time at Sunset Gap. 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 tag number on it. Any questions, please contact Debbie Long.

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!



Our Special Thanks 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.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: 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.



NO KIDZONE NEXT SUNDAY, August 6th as leaders prepare for the Fall schedule!

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/ <i>Haunted Mansion</i> 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.

Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

Pastor.....	Rev. Matthew Nieman
Sabbatical Leader.....	Jessica Lewis
Director of Family Ministries.....	Mason Warren
Director of Music.....	Dr. Angela L. Batey
Associate Director of Music.....	Tami Newsom
Music Leader for Casual Worship.....	Sandra Bohlken
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