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*Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Lion and the Lamb*  
 Musical Ensemble

\*Call to Worship

We observe this day as the Lord's Day, giving thanks to God, who gives justice to the oppressed,  
**who forgives us and redeems us,**  
**and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy.**  
 Let us worship the One who is worthy of our praise!

\*Opening Song

*Feels Good (Upbeat Song)*

C. Llewellyn | G. Gilkeson

1. **Verse 1**

When we live in harmony when we stand as one  
 It makes us stronger stronger  
 When we see our differences as a work of art  
 The world is brighter brighter

3. **Chorus**

It feels good when we're together  
 It feels good when we belong  
 It feels right when we're united  
 No divides livin' life as one

5. **Bridge**

Brothers sisters brighter stronger,  
 Brothers sisters better together (*Chorus*)

2. **Pre-Chorus**

What we all really need right now  
 Is an upbeat song to sing  
 An upbeat song to sing

4. **Verse 2**

Tell me why we're fighting  
 can't we just get along  
 'Cause we are brothers sisters  
 Nothing strong as family  
 nothing breaks us apart  
 'Cause life is better together  
 (*Pre-Chorus & Chorus*)

# I Am the Bread of Life

Leader or All A F#m A C#m

1 "I am the bread of life. You who  
 2 "The bread that I will give is my  
 3 "Un - less you eat of the  
 4 "I am the res - ur - rec - tion;  
 5 Yes, Lord, I be - lieve that

D Esus E

come to me shall not hun - ger, and who be -  
 flesh for the life of the world, and if you  
 flesh of the Son of Man and  
 I am the life. If you be -  
 you are the Christ, the

A C#m D E/D A C#m

lieve in me shall not thirst. No one can come to  
 eat of this bread, you shall live for -  
 drink of his blood, and drink of his  
 lieve in me, e - ven though you  
 Son of God, who has

F#m F#m/E Bm7 E

me un - less the Fa - ther beck - ons."  
 ev - er; you shall live for - ev - er."  
 blood, you shall not have life with - in you."  
 die, you shall live for - ev - er."  
 come in - to the world.

Refrain All A E A D E

"And I will raise you up, and I will raise you up,

A D Esus E7 A

and I will raise you up on the last day."

\*Prayer of Confession

**God our Judge, we admit we have double standards.  
We seek forgiveness for ourselves, but fail to forgive others.  
We seek relief for ourselves, but fail to seek relief for others.  
We seek leniency for ourselves, but fail to show that mercy to others.  
Forgive us, mighty God, and help us to forgive,  
showing others the same grace and mercy  
that you have generously shown to us.**

*(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

Tom Feldhausen

**Holy God, your Word is strong and leads our feet to your holy dwelling place.  
Strengthen and guide us with your Word through the power of your Holy Spirit;  
in Jesus' name. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Romans 14:7-12  
Exodus 14:19-31

Tom Feldhausen  
Rev. Matt Nieman

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“What We Saw”

Rev. Matt Nieman

**~The Response~**

\*Affirmation of Faith – from the PCUSA Study Catechism, question #3

*How do you live for the love of God?*

**I love because God first loved me. God loves me in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, I no longer live for myself. I live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for my sake. Therefore, I take those around me to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for me.**

Musical Reflection

*Broken Vessels* (Amazing Grace)  
Musical Ensemble

Houston/Myrin

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Sacrament of Baptism

*Wesson Robert Schult*  
son of Tim and Madelyn Schult

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, cleansed by the blood of Christ, our King;  
Heirs of salvation, trusting the promise, faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, dead in the tomb with Christ, our King;  
One with His rising, freed and forgiven, thankfully now God's praises we sing.**

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit, marked with the sign of Christ, our King;  
Born of the Spirit, we are God's children, joyfully now God's praises we sing.**

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## Presbyterian Women 2023-2024 Installation of Officers

### 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

*Feels Good (Upbeat Song) - Reprise*

C. Llewellyn | G. Gilkeson

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### \*Charge and Benediction



## Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, guitar and vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion

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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:



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- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
  - Email the office at [office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or
  - Sign the pew attendance pad
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*Congratulations* to Tim and Madelyn Schult in the holy baptism of their son,

### **Wesson Robert Schult**

“You are a child of God, you are wonderfully made, deeply loved and precious in his sight.” We pray for God’s blessing in Wesson’s life today and always.

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**SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY:** We have been asked to provide specific items for holiday meals in November and December for food pantry families. We'll be collecting boxes/bags of stuffing mix, cake mixes, and ready-to-use cans of frosting. In total for the two months, we figure we'll need 400 of each item. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this special outreach to our community.



**University of Tennessee UKirk SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER:** On Friday, September 29th from 6:00-8:00 pm [UT UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry](#), will host an open house and silent auction to raise money for this wonderful ministry. The house is at 1831 Melrose Ave, Knoxville, TN 37916 and there is some parking available on site and public parking nearby. If you would like to sign up to provide an item or bring food for the event, please follow the link below or use the QR Code. <https://tinyurl.com/UKirkSilentAuction>. If you are donating an item, please bring it to UKirk or give it to UKirk board member Susan Harbin by **September 22nd**. We hope that you will come out for the Open House and Auction to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about our campus ministry.



**SUNSET GAP FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:** Please join Presbyterian Women and help stock the Sunset Gap food pantry. Sunset Gap serves between 443-597 families monthly. Items most needed are the basics: flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, peanut butter, pasta and pasta sauce (preferably in cans, Hunts is available at Kroger and Walmart). We will be collecting Sept 17- Oct 8. Thank you for your generosity during this period when unemployment seasonally increases. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.





**ROCKERS** will be meeting for fun, food and fellowship on Thursday, September 28 at 6pm at Connor's Steak and Seafood in Turkey Creek. Dessert will follow afterwards at the home of Jan and Jerry Seiler. A sign-up sheet is on the narthex table. Please contact Irene Rice if you have any questions.

**IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!** Our Church Life Committee will be hosting our **TAILGATE POTLUCK at 11am on Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> (note new date)** after a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. The potluck luncheon will follow in Fellowship Hall. Dust off your team jerseys and pompoms and add the date to your calendar. The Church Life Committee will provide fried chicken and drinks. Attendees are asked to bring their favorite tailgate food item for the potluck. To make sure we have enough chicken, please RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCTailgate> or sign the sheet on the narthex table.

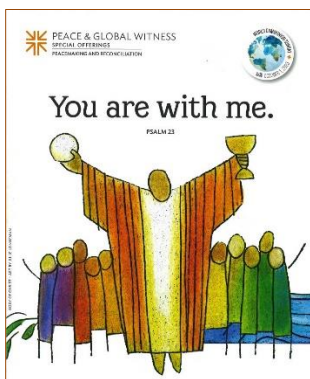


It's **FOODIES** time again! ~ **Saturday, October 14th**

Our October Menu is:  
 Cheese and Fruit Platter  
 Host Choice Italian Dish  
 Garlic Bread  
 Italian Salad  
 Caramel Apple Blondie Pie  
 with Apple Cider Caramel Sauce

Be sure to sign-up in the narthex or contact Pat Hickman for more information.

**SAVE THE DATE:** Faith Lutheran Church is sponsoring a **FALL FESTIVAL** on Sunday, October 22, from 2-5pm to benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. It will be a great time of music, food, and fellowship for the whole family. All five churches that sponsor the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry (including Farragut Presbyterian Church) will gather in Faith Lutheran's parking lot with bounce houses and face painting for kids, Faith's Praise Band, Chancel Choir and other musicians on stage, food trucks, and more. Admission will cost 2 cans of food donated to the pantry!



We will collect the 3<sup>rd</sup> Special Offering of the PC(USA), the **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING**, on October 1<sup>st</sup> - World Communion Sunday.

Through our gifts to the Peace & Global Witness Offering, we as a single congregation, participate in this larger work that we would not be able to do on our own. A gift to this Offering enables the church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world, as well as right here at home. 25% of this Offering stays with our congregation to support peacemaking and reconciliation in our own community. 25% of this Offering goes to our mid-council to join with other congregations to support peacemaking work in our region. 50% of this Offering supports the work being done by Presbyterians across the globe. Peace begins with each of us. Watch for giving envelopes starting next week or give online today at [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org)



**Help us solve the *Mystery of the Missing Library Books!***

In order to ensure that the FPC Library database is up-to-date a periodic review is made to ensure that the database reflects the holdings that are actually in the library or that are currently checked out by users. As a result of this review, 22 books listed in the Library database are “missing.” If you have borrowed any one of these books from the library and are currently using it, enjoy, but please notify “Detective” David Stutzenberger regarding its status. He can be contacted at [dstutzen@utk.edu](mailto:dstutzen@utk.edu). *Thank you for your help in solving the mystery!*

1. *Amazing Grace: A Vocabulary of Faith* – Kathleen Norris
2. *An Altar in the World* – Barbara Brown Taylor
3. *And It Was God* – Madeleine L’Engle
4. *Better Children’s Sermons*
5. *C. S. Lewis* – Kathryn Lindskoog
6. *Changes That Heal: How to Understand Your Past to Ensure a Healthier Future* – H. Cloud
7. *Christian Doctrine* – Shirley C. Guthrie
8. *Faith Seeking Understanding: An Introduction to Christian Theology* – Daniel L. Migliore
9. *Faith Unraveled* – Rachel Hood Evans
10. *God Said Yes* – Heather Hornback-Bland and Ninie Hammon
11. *Gospel-Telling* – Richard Coleman
12. *Grief Keeping: Learning How Long Grief Lasts* – Harold Ivan Smith
13. *Help, Thanks, Wow* – Anne Lamott
14. Index Volume – *The Daily Study Bible* – William Barclay
15. *Jesus, Pope Francis, and a Protestant Walk into a Bar* – Paul Rock
16. *Resonant Witness* – Jeremy S. Begbie
17. *The Big Book of Christian Mysticism* – Carl McColman
18. *The Canon Scripture* – F. F. Bruce
19. *The Last Week: A Day-by-Day Account of Jesus’s Final Week in Jerusalem* – Marcus J. Borg
20. *The Losses of Our Lives* – Nancy Copeland-Payton
21. *What’s So Amazing About Grace?* – Philip Yancey
22. *When God Interrupts* – M. Craig Barnes



**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Helen Agee, Candice Blake, Bob Bowman, Kathy Emmerson,  
Paul Hanson, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey,  
Steve Tinder, Gail Wallace, Helen Weaver

## This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 17	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Sept 18	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Library
	1:00	p.m.	Youth Group/ <b>Mountain Challenge</b> at Maryville College
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Room A
Tues, Sept 19	6:00	p.m.	Nominating Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Homeless/Volunteer Ministry Center
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Stewardship Committee/Library
Wed, Sept 20	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex, Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
Thur, Sept 21	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
Fri, Sept 22	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Sat, Sept 23	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	<b>Chancel Choir Retreat</b> /Sanctuary, Room A

### Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in Room D in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in Room D in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Room A	Monday Connection is joining with Pastor Matt's class until October 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Pastor Matt's Class	Room A	This class is studying "Questions Jesus Asked" based on the book by Magrey deVega. The class will discuss 6 of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others in order to bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives.
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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