



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

Largo
Tami Newsom, organ

Eccles

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

God calls us each by name
as we gather on holy ground.
**We come to this place,
seeking to know the great I AM.**
Let us worship God.

Hymn #488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

**The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above;
The ancient of eternal days, the God of love!
The Lord, the great I Am, by earth and heaven confessed,
We bow before Your holy name, forever blest.**

**Your spirit still flows free, high surging where it will;
In prophet's word You spoke of old and You speak still.
Established is Your law, and changeless it shall stand,
Deep writ upon the human heart, on sea, or land.**

**You have eternal life implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay, while ages roll.
We praise You, living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

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Prayer of Confession

**Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives?
Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us.
Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us.
We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take.
Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling.
Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow,
and lead us in your ways of peace.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison #574

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Johnson

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us.

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Lord, have mercy upon us.

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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~

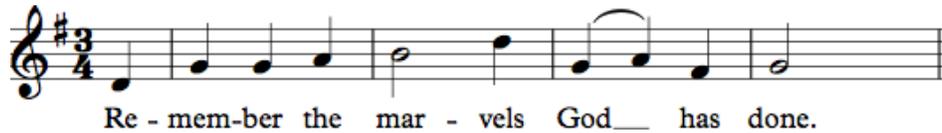
Prayer for Illumination

Kirk Morris

**By the power of your Spirit, O Lord, make your Word become a joy to us and the
delight of our hearts. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-8a, 10-15

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.
Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **(R)**

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.
Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth.
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **(R)**

Israel came into Egypt, and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
The Lord made his people exceedingly fruitful; he made them stronger than their enemies;
Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, and dealt unjustly with his servants.
He sent Moses his servant, and Aaron whom he had chosen. Hallelujah! **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Gaining and Forfeiting”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~**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.

Hymn #101

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

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Call for the Offering

~The Eucharist~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparation Song

As He Gathered at His Table

Stuttgart

**As He gathered at His table those who longed to know the way,
Christ proclaimed a holy mystery' still his words call us today.**

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)



Sanctus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho san-na in the high- est, ho san-na in the high - est.

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.

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei

Land of Rest

O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~ The Sending ~

Hymn #393

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Bourbon

**Take up your cross, the Savior said, if you would My disciple be;
Take up your cross with willing heart, and humbly follow after Me.**

**Take up your cross, let not its weight fill your weak spirit with alarm;
Christ's strength shall bear your spirit up
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.**

**Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and let your foolish heart be still;
The Lord for you accepted death upon the cross, on Calvary's hill.**

**Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and calmly every danger brave:
It guides you to abundant life and leads to victory o'er the grave.**

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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

Sound the Trumpet
Tami Newsom, organ

Purcell

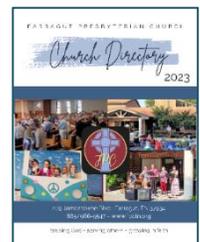
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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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

The new **2023 CHURCH DIRECTORIES** are still available to pick up in the narthex today. They are alphabetized so it should be easy to find yours. If you cannot locate your directory, please refrain from taking one with someone else's name on it, and let the office or Mikie Lancaster know, and we will get you a copy.



UT FOOTBALL PARKING! Hey Big Orange fans! Emerald Youth Foundation is excited to offer a **Parking Pass program** for the 2023 football season! Proceeds raised benefit Emerald Youth's programs in faith, learning and health serving 3,000 young people annually in Knoxville's city neighborhoods.



For more information go to: <https://www.emeraldyouth.org/parking>.

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Special thanks to Gayle Williams, Gale Montgomery, MaryAnne Walls and



August Coordinators Robert and Terry Olberding for preparing and serving a meal to the less fortunate at Volunteer Ministry Center in August. If you would like to participate in this important outreach program this month on September 19th, see September Coordinators, Karen Brown Gonzalez and Chuck Gonzalez, or you can sign up in the narthex.



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 located at 1831 Melrose Ave, Knoxville, TN. 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 attend the Open House and Auction to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about their campus ministry.



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-frost cans of icing. 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.

IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!

Our Church Life Committee will be hosting our **TAILGATE LUNCHEON** at 11am on Sunday, October 1st after a single blended worship service at 10:00 a.m. Dust off your team jerseys and pom-poms and add the date to your calendar. More information to follow in the next few weeks.



The Church Office will be **CLOSED on Monday, September 4th** so our staff can observe the Labor Day holiday with their families. We will resume normal office hours on Tuesday, September 5th at 9am. Have a blessed and safe holiday!

This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 03		9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services	
Mon, Sept 04 Tues, Sept 05	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	*****	*****	OFFICE CLOSED/LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Sept 06	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 <u>COURT OF HONOR</u> /FH, N, Sanc.
Thur, Sept 07	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
Fri, Sept 08	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Library
	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 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	Starting Sept. 10 , Monday Connection will be discussing the book, <i>“Glittering Vices – A New Look at the Seven Deadly Sins and Their Remedies”</i> by Rebecca Konyndyk DeYoung....a C.S. Lewis Book Prize Winner
Pastor Matt’s Class	Library	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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Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm

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