



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Matthew 20:1-16

AUGUST
SEPTEMBER 24, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

Largo
Tami Newsom, organ

Eccles

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We will sing to God
and bless God's name forever and ever.
Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised!
We will declare God's mighty acts and celebrate God's abundant goodness.
Let us worship, singing of God's righteousness.

Hymn #469

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

**Morning has broken like the first morning,
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!**

**Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
Like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
Sprung in completeness where God's feet pass.**

**Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning,
Born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, Praise every morning,
God's recreation of the new day!**

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Prayer of Confession

**God of generosity, we find ourselves bitter when faced with your abundant grace.
We believe ourselves more deserving than others.
We nurse our anger and resentment at those you forgive,
instead of rejoicing in the abundant love you show.**

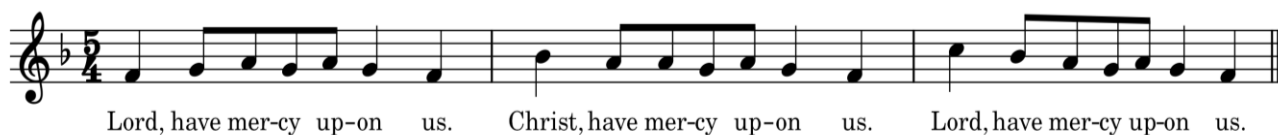
**Forgive us when we wish your grace was scarce.
Forgive the double standards we hold.
Help us to know that we are all in need of your grace,
and help us rejoice as we all gratefully receive your mercy.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Merbecke



Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #579

Glory Be to the Father

Greatorex

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Bruce Wilson

Gracious God, your Word surprises, challenges, upsets, and overturns our way of seeing and thinking. Come and find us today wherever we are, however we are. By the power of your Holy Spirit, cause that which is withering in us to blossom and that which is exacting in us to broaden until we see as you see, and thereby glimpse the kingdom you are bringing. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

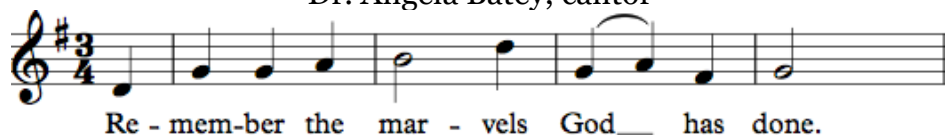
First Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:21-30

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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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)**

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He led out his people with silver and gold; in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
Egypt was glad of their going, because they were afraid of them. **(R)**

He spread out a cloud for a covering and a fire to give light in the night season.
They asked, and quails appeared, and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
He opened the rock, and water flowed, so the river ran in the dry places. **(R)**

For God remembered his holy word and Abraham his servant.
So he led forth his people with gladness, his chosen with shouts of joy.
He gave his people the lands of the nations, and they took the fruit of others' toil,
that they might keep his statutes and observe his laws. Hallelujah! **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

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

Sermon

“Late to Work”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the PCUSA Study Catechism

How do you live by the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ?

I am not my own. I have been bought with a price. The Lord Jesus Christ loved me and gave himself for me. I entrust myself completely to his care, giving thanks each day for this wonderful goodness.

Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful, The Lord God made them all.
Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden – He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty, Who has made all things well.

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 #422

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending

Beach Spring

**God, whose giving knows no ending, from Your rich and endless store,
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by You, we turn to You, offering up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.**

**Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your Son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.**

**Treasure too You have entrusted, gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #422

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Postlude

Concerto #2 in G Major
Tami Newsom, organ

Bach

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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

University of Tennessee UKirk SILENT AUCTION FUNDRAISER: On Friday, September 29th from 6:00-8:00 pm [UT UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry](https://tinyurl.com/UKirkSilentAuction), 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>.



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-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.



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. 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 8th (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, desserts 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:

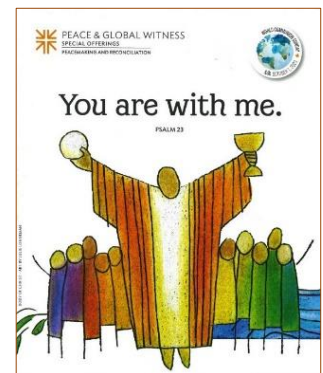
- Cheese and Fruit Platter
- Host Choice Italian Dish
- Garlic Bread
- Italian Salad
- Caramel Apple Blondie Pie with Apple Cider Caramel Sauce

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

Faith Lutheran's Fall Festival on Sunday, October 22, to benefit the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later time..

We will collect the 3rd Special Offering of the PC(USA), the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, on October 1st - 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. You can give online at www.fpctn.org or use one of the dedicated envelopes found in your pew.



SUNSET GAP FOOD PANTRY DRIVE: Please join Presbyterian Women and help stock Sunset Gap food pantry. Sunset Gap serves from 443-597 families each month. 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.



Chat with Matt

October 15th and 22nd
at 10am in Fellowship Hall

If you would like to know more about FPC, our Presbyterian beliefs, ministries, committees, and activities, then consider attending these informative classes with Pastor Matt. Curious members and anyone thinking about joining our church family are encouraged to attend.



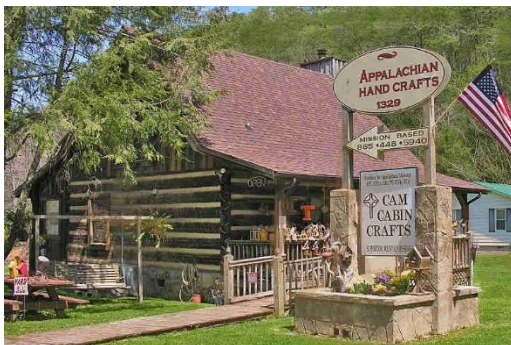
“CHAT WITH MATT” INQUIRER CLASSES: Pastor Matt will be leading two weeks of a class tailored for interested visitors, as well as any curious member of the congregation. Called an “Inquirer Class”, Matt will cover a short review of Reformed Theology and specifically what Presbyterians feel is important to their faith. This is also a time to learn more about the mission and outreach emphasis here at FPC. Have you ever wondered what responsibilities the Administration Committee has? or Church Life? Come meet Matt in the Fellowship Hall at 10am on October 15th and 22nd, and find out! For more information check with Dawn in the church office, or Mikie at mikielancaster@gmail.com.



FEEDING THE HUNGRY: Our special thanks to Gayle Williams, September Coordinators Karen Brown Gonzalez and Chuck Gonzalez, and Jean Peretz for



volunteering to prepare and serve the less fortunate at Volunteer Ministry Center in downtown Knoxville this month. If you would like to participate in this important ministry, be sure to sign up in the narthex for the next luncheon on Tuesday, October 17th, led by Terry and Robert Olberding.



OCTOBER TRIP TO CAM: It's time again to clean out your craft and sewing rooms for donations to the CAM (Coalition for Appalachian Ministry) Craft Store in Townsend, TN. The trip is planned for Thursday, October 26, and you are welcome to ride along by contacting Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster. All donations are appreciated but some specific items are particularly needed: zippers (any size), thread (especially brown, black and white), buttons (1/2” black are used most), quilt batting, flannel, old jeans and bandanas, and old, even broken, costume jewelry. Donations can be placed in the narthex basket or contact Mikie or Debbie for pickup.

This Week at FPC

| Sun, Sept 24 | 9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services | | |
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| Mon, Sept 25 | 9:00 | a.m. | KidZone/Fellowship Hall |
| | 6:00 | p.m. | Youth Group/Parlor |
| Tues, Sept 26 | 10:00 | a.m. | Chair Yoga/Narthex |
| | 11:45 | a.m. | Big Fish Music/Room A |
| Wed, Sept 27 | 7:00 | p.m. | Session/Library |
| | 10:00 | a.m. | PW Coordinating Team/Library and Zoom |
| Thur, Sept 28 | 11:00 | a.m. | Prayer Shawl Ministry/Room D |
| | 11:45 | a.m. | Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary |
| Fri, Sept 29 | 7:00 | p.m. | Cub Scout Leaders #444/Library |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex, Room A |
| Sun, Sept 24 | 11:45 | a.m. | Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary |
| | 1:00 | p.m. | PW Bible Study/Library |
| Mon, Sept 25 | 2:00 | p.m. | Staff Meeting/Library |
| | 7:30 | p.m. | Chancel Choir/Room A |
| Tue, Sept 26 | 8:00 | a.m. | Men's Bible Study/Narthex |
| | 11:45 | a.m. | Big Fish Music/Room A |
| Wed, Sept 27 | 12:00 | p.m. | Pastors Lunch/Library |
| | 12:30 | p.m. | Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor |
| Thur, Sept 28 | 6:00 | p.m. | ROCKERS /Connors Steak and Seafood |
| | 7:00 | p.m. | Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom |
| Fri, Sept 29 | 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 | Monday Connection is joining with Pastor Matt's class until October 15 th . |
| 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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Church Office Hours:

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



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