



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



*World Communion
Sunday*

OCTOBER 1, 2023
11:00 a.m.

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

Carlisle

Callahan

Tami Newsom, organ

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace
who accompanies us in our acts of peace.

This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.

We praise God's name!

Let us worship God.

Hymn #150

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Madrid

**Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice; Alleluia! Amen!**

**Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!**

**Praise yet our Christ again; Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"**

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Prayer of Confession

**Gracious Lord, creator of this universe,
in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity,
yet we live guided by greed and selfishness.
In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united,
and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us.
Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements
and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise.
In your mercy, forgive us our sins.**

(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~

Anthem

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
FPC Ringers

arr. Sandra Eithun

Prayer for Illumination

Paul Johnson

**Holy Spirit, grant us openness and give us understanding of what each one of us
needs to receive through Holy Scripture. When we are facing a difficult choice
between the easy and the right decision, help us to choose the narrow path.
Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:28-32

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



Hear my teaching, O my people; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable; I will declare the mysteries of ancient times. **(R)**

That which we have heard and known and what our forefathers have told us, we will not hide from their children.
We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord,
and the wonderful works he has done. **(R)**

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
He split open the sea and let them pass through; he made the waters stand up like walls. **(R)**

He led them with a cloud by day, and all the night through with a glow of fire.
He split the hard rocks in the wilderness and gave them drink as from the great deep.
He brought streams out of the cliff, and the waters gushed out like rivers. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:1-13

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Story – Again”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

We believe that we belong, in life and in death, not to ourselves but to our faithful Saviour Jesus Christ, who at the cost of His own life has freed us from the dominion of evil. Everything fits His purpose of salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit, He assures us of eternal life, and makes us willing and ready to live for Him.

Anthem

This Is My Song
Chancel Choir

arr. Wagner

This is my song, O God of all the nations,
a song of peace for lands afar and mine.
This is my home, the country where my heart is;
here are my hopes, my dreams, my holy shrine;
but other hearts in other lands are beating
with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.

My country's skies are bluer than the ocean,
and sunlight beams on cloverleaf and pine;
but other lands have sunlight too, and clover,
and skies are ev'rywhere as blue as mine.
O hear my song, thou God of all the nations,
a song of peace for their land and for mine.

This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms:
Thy kingdom come; on earth thy will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve Him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
O hear my prayer, thou God of all the nations;
myself I give thee; let thy will be done.

God of all the nations, O hear my song!

Minute for Mission

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Kirk Morris

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 #439

In Christ There Is No East or West

St. Peter

**In Christ there is no east or west, in Him no south or north;
But one great fellowship of love throughout the whole wide earth.**

**In Christ shall true hearts everywhere their high communion find;
His service is the golden cord close-binding humankind.**

**Join hands, disciples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
All children of the living God are surely kin to me.**

**In Christ now meet both east and west, in Him meet south and north;
All Christly souls are one in Him throughout the whole wide earth.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #386

O for a World

Azmon

**O for a world where everyone Respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done With justice and with praise.**

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Postlude

Chaconne
Tami Newsom, organ

Couperin

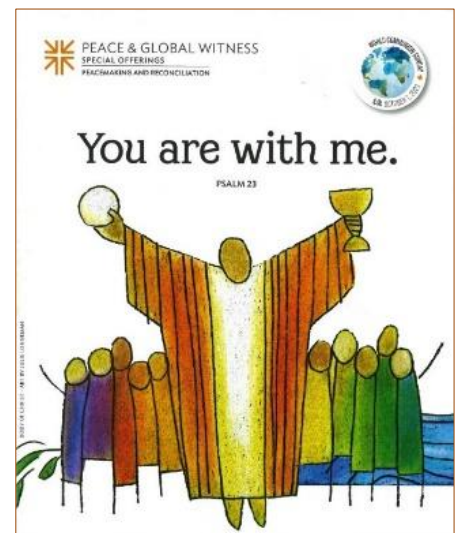
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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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

We will collect the 3rd Special Offering of the PC(USA), the **Peace & Global Witness Offering**, TODAY. 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.fpcn.org or use one of the dedicated envelopes found in your pew.



IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON! Our Church Life Committee will be hosting our **TAILGATE POTLUCK at 11am on Sunday, October 8th** 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..

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.



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” 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.

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.





Our celebration is just weeks away! We invite you, our friends, to participate in our annual **“[Invite a Friend to Choir](#)” Day**. As we have in the past, we would like to fill the choir loft with the people of God who are bonded together through music. This event is NOT just for people who know how to read music, or who have sung in a choir before. No previous experience is required! The music ministry of Farragut Presbyterian IS for ALL the people of God! Please

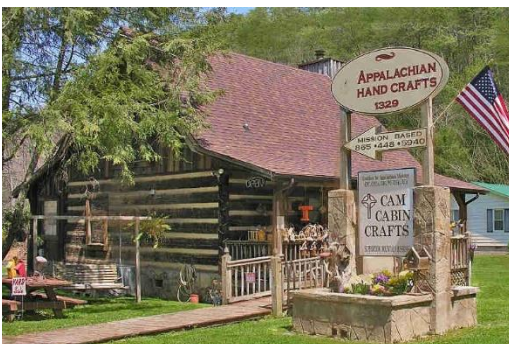
join us for rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday night, October 18, and Sunday, October 22 as we **MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!**



Join the FPC Family Ministry, in collaboration with Faith Lutheran, for this year's **TRUNK OR TREAT**, as we embark on a wild jungle adventure hunting for all kinds of treasure!

This year's event will be held on Sunday, October 22nd from 5-7 pm in the FPC parking lot. If you are interested in hosting a trunk this year or volunteering your time please reach out to Mason Warren, masonwarren@fpctn.org, as soon as possible. If you are interested in donating prizes, please contact Mason to receive a list of requested prizes.

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 late October, 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.

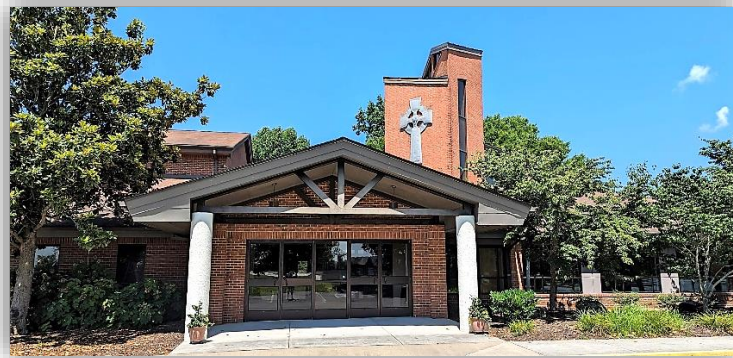
Donations can be placed in the narthex basket or contact Mikie or Debbie for pickup.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 01	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Oct 02	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Library
	1:00	p.m.	Memorial Service /Sanctuary, Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Tues, Oct 03	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
Wed, Oct 04	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
Thur, Oct 05	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Fri, Oct 06	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	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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Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm



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