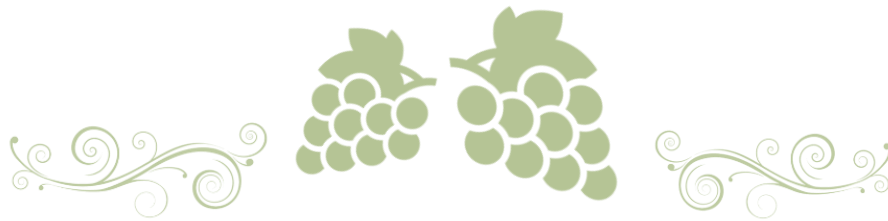




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Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost



~ **The Gathering** ~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Cornerstone

Sandra Bohlken, vocals/guitar/piano ~ Tim Mashue/bass guitar
LisaKay Matchen and Bruce Wilson, vocals

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*Call to Worship

Let us come to learn.
Let us come to witness.
Let us come to change.
Let us come to repent.
Let us come to worship God.

Verse 1

You are not alone if you are lonely
When you feel afraid you're not the only
We are all the same in need of mercy
To be forgiven and be free
It's all you got to lean on
But thank God it's all you need

Chorus

And all the peo-ple said, "A - men." Whoa And all the peo-ple said, "A -
men." Give thanks to the Lord, for His love nev-er ends.
And all the peo - ple said, "A - men."

Verse 2

If you're rich or poor well it don't matter
Weak or strong you know love is what we're after
We're all broken but we're all in this together
God knows we stumble and fall
And He so loved the world
He sent His son to save us all

Bridge

Blessed are the poor in spirit who are torn apart
Blessed are the persecuted and the pure in heart
Blessed are the people hungry for another start
For theirs is the kingdom the kingdom of God

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*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, you have planted us like a vineyard on a fertile hill.
You cleared away the stones, planted us with choice vines,
and kept watch over us by night and day.
But we have not yielded the good fruit that you expected or desired.
We are overgrown with sin, choked with violence and injustice.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Uproot our evil, prune away our sin,
and shower upon us the gift of your grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

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

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Mikie Lancaster

God of all wisdom, give us your Word and send us your Spirit so that we may know Christ. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20
Matthew 21:33-46

Mikie Lancaster
Rev. Matt Nieman

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

Sermon

“Faithful Tenants”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith – from the *Confession of '67*

We believe that we are created to respond to God’s love. Life is a gift to be received with gratitude and a task to be pursued with courage. We are free when we seek our life within the purpose of God. Thus we develop and protect the resources of nature for the common welfare, work for justice and peace in society, and use all creative powers for the fulfillment of human life.

The Anthem

My God is a Rock

R.M. Gray

Brenda Luggie, soprano ~ Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, keyboard

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 #361

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in God’s excellent Word!
What more can be said than to you God hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.”**

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**“When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.”**

**“When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake.”**

Text: “K” in *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787, Ed. John Rippon; alt. Music: American folk melody, Funk’s *Genuine Church Music*, 1832
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*Charge and Benediction

*Postlude

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Larson



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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad

IT’S FOOTBALL SEASON! Be sure to attend the

**TAILGATE POTLUCK in Fellowship Hall
immediately following worship TODAY!**

Hope you brought your team spirit with you! Special thanks to our wonderful Church Life Committee for providing fried chicken, desserts and drinks!



SUNSET GAP FOOD PANTRY DRIVE:

TODAY is the final day to help Presbyterian Women 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. Thank you for your generosity during this period when unemployment seasonally increases. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.



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.

“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 a week 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!**



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 last 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.

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, 200 for Thanksgiving and 200 for Christmas baskets. 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. For more information contact Betty Nicholls.



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 Tuesday, October 31st 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.



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 or volunteering your time this year, 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.

SAVE THE DATE: Presbyterian Women will celebrate together at their annual PW Thank Offering Luncheon on Saturday, November 4th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Watch for more information in next week's bulletin.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Candice Blake, Bob Bowman, Kathy Emmerson, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Betsy Starr, Steve Tinder, Gail Wallace, Helen Weaver, Kent Williams

BEREAVED:

The Nieman family
in the death of Matt's father and the boys' grandfather,
Francis (Fran) Nieman

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 08	1000 a.m. Blended Worship Services		
Mon, Oct 09	11:00	a.m.	TAILGATE POTLUCK /Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Tues, Oct 10	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
Wed, Oct 11	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Oct 12	7:00	p.m.	Personnel Committee/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
Fri, Oct 13	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Library
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
Sat, Oct 14	5:00	p.m.	Roane State Choral Group Rehearsal/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Sun, Oct 08	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sun, Oct 08	6:00	p.m.	FOODIES!

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 further notice.
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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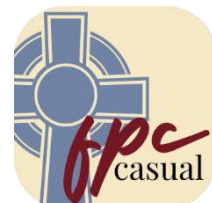
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Church Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday, 9am to 3pm

Friday, 9am to 1pm



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