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Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost



~ We Gather ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Special Music
Jim Lang, cello

*Call to Worship

God speaks to us:

You shall be holy, for I am holy.

You shall not hate, but love your neighbor as yourself.

Come, let us worship the Lord.

*Opening Songs

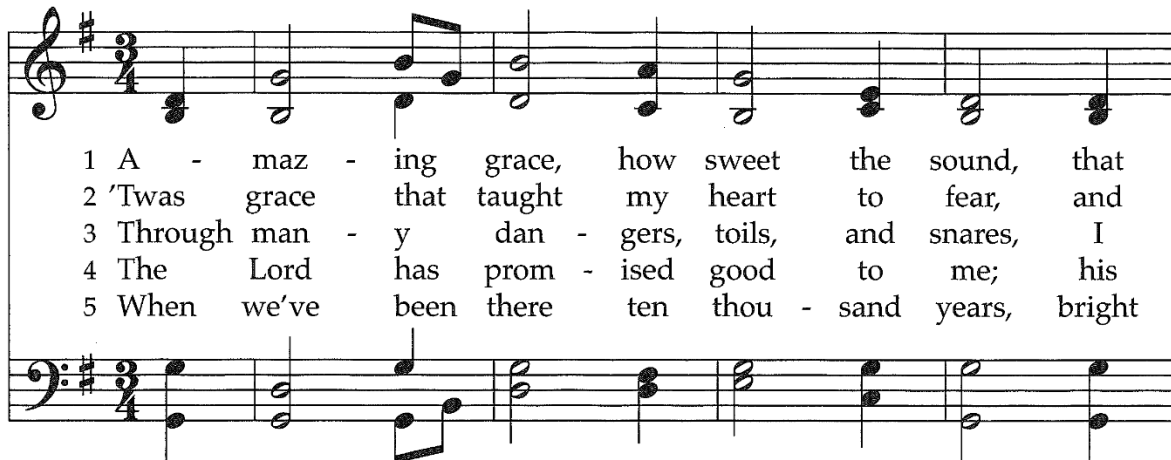
Amazing Grace
and
Be Thou My Vision

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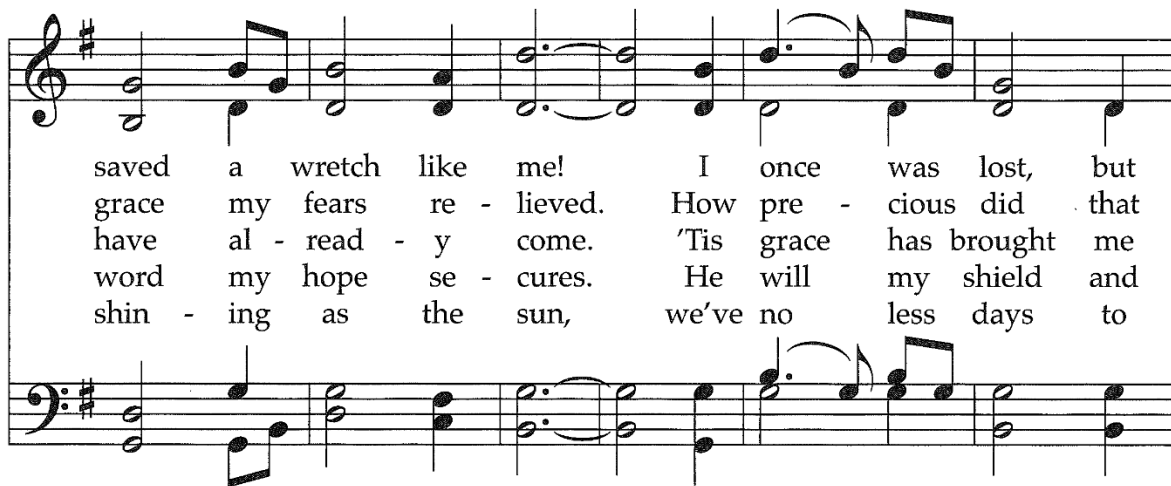
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Amazing Grace

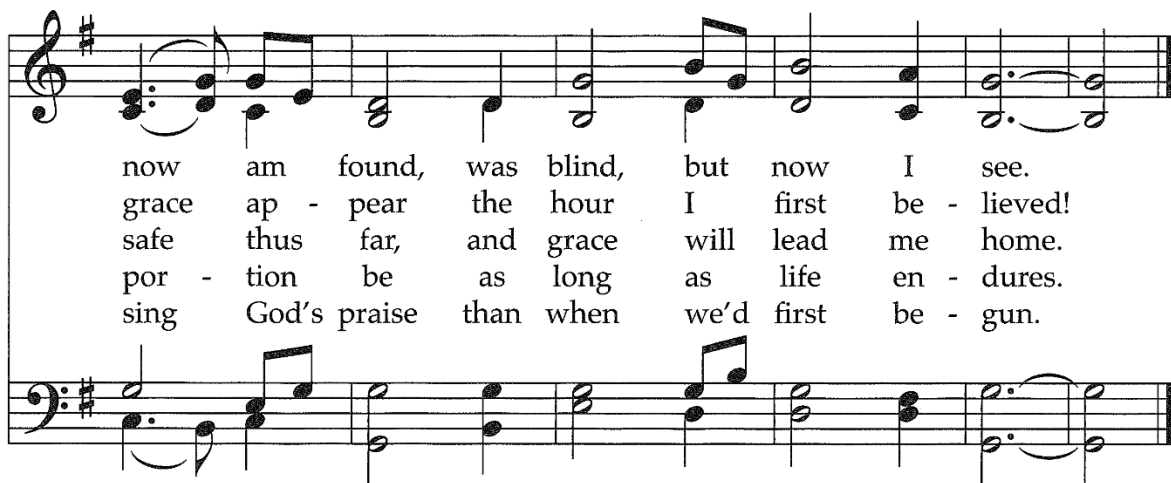
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1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to




now am found, was blind, but now I see.
grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

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Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb




1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

(A) (D) (G) (A)
 Bb Eb Ab Bb




naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav - en - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

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*Prayer of Confession

**God of love, your commandments are so simple:
 love God, love neighbor, love self.
 Yet we cannot always muster that love.
 Love for you seems too abstract and distant.
 Love for our neighbors seems too impractical and draining.
 Love for ourselves seems too impossible and unimportant.**

**But you are truly the God of love; if there is anyone who can help us love,
 it is you. Shower us with your love so we might have the greatest example,
 and help us learn from you.**

(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

Becky Thomason

Lord Jesus, your understanding of the Scripture astonished and humbled all around you. Send your Spirit to illumine this Word that our understanding and wisdom may be increased. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8
Matthew 22:34-40

Becky Thomason
Rev. Matt Nieman

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

Sermon

“It Comes Down to This”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith - based on Matthew 22:34-40

God is exceedingly gracious and loving to God’s people. Our value is determined not by our work, but the love of God alone. Therefore, our appropriate response is gratitude. One measure of this gratitude is our commitment to obeying God’s commands, namely, loving the Lord with all our hearts, souls, and minds. And secondly, we commit to loving our neighbors as ourselves. We engage in this challenge with all the energy, creativity and hope we can draw from the recognition that we are not our own — we belong to God.

Musical Reflection

Build My Life
Joey Nieman, guitar

Pat Barrett

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Moment for Stewardship

Margo Gregory

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

I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me

1. I'm so glad,
2. Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me,
3. When I was in trou - ble, }

I'm so glad,
Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me,
when I was in trou - ble, }

I'm so glad,
Sa - tan had me bound, } Je - sus lift - ed me, sing - ing
when I was in trou - ble, }

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah, Je - sus lift - ed me.

*Charge and Benediction



Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Joey Nieman, guitar and vocals ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion
With special guests Renee Stone, vocals and Jim Lang, guitar, cello and vocals

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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad if service is indoors



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.

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 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.



All women of the church are invited to the **Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Luncheon** on Saturday, November 4th at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. The guest speaker will be Lisa Grugin, owner of Meadow View Greenhouses & Garden Center in Lenoir City. She will be speaking about preparing our outdoor plants and garden beds for winter. Jason's Deli will cater the lunch. \$15 tickets will be sold today. Be sure to purchase yours at the narthex table before or after worship. For more information, contact PW moderator Nancy Rightmyer.

Consecration Sunday is coming:
NOVEMBER 12TH
One Worship Service at 10am,
followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner at 11am
in Fellowship Hall.

Please RSVP at: <https://tinyurl.com/ConsecrationMeal>.



Coats for the Cold is an annual coat drive sponsored by Knox Area Rescue Mission (KARM) to collect thousands of coats for those in our area who otherwise may not have a coat during the quickly approaching winter months. Our FPC Congregation along with the Knoxville community is invited to donate new and gently-used men's, women's and children's coats to any KARM Stores or Prestige Cleaners location any time between October 16 to November 11. "I needed clothes and you clothed me... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." ~Matthew 25:36 & 40



Thanks to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with **TRUNK OR TREAT** last weekend! Our Christian Education Committee appreciates all of you and your talents and hard work!





Our special thanks to Gayle Williams, Miki Vanderbilt and October coordinators Terry and Robert Olberding for preparing a meal for the hungry at **Volunteer Ministry Center** in downtown Knoxville earlier this month. They worked with a group of local youth in serving the meal. If you would like to help in this wonderful outreach program, contact November coordinators, Joyce and Kent Williams, to participate in the November meal on Tuesday the 21st or



sign up in the narthex.

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

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

BEREAVED:

Prayers of Sympathy to Brian Davison in the death of his father-in-law Fred Schmitz this week. Also to the family of former FPC member, **Joanna Partain** who died on 10/7 in Virginia.

BLESSINGS:

Congratulations to the Carol Gardiner family in the birth of her sixth grandchild! Thankful for the safe birth of Terry and Robert's first grandchild, *Aiden James Olberding*, who was born on Oct. 20.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 29		9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services	
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Oct 30	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	FPC/UT Joint Choir Rehearsal, Sanc, Rm. A, Narthex
Tues, Oct 31	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex, Room A
Wed, Nov 01	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
Thur, Nov 02	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Nov 03	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Nov 04	*****	*****	PW Thank Offering Luncheon/FH



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