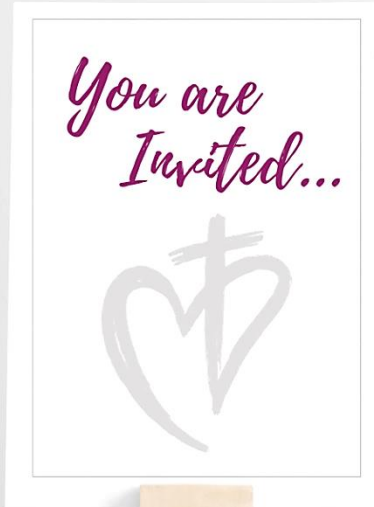




FARRAGUT
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Matthew 22:7-14

OCTOBER 15, 2023
11:00 a.m.



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

Now, Holy Spirit, We Pray to Thee

Buxtehude

Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, guest organist

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

You have been called to the banquet.

This is the feast.

You have been summoned to the wedding.

This is the feast of life and light.

From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

We have come to the banquet that has no end.

Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn #145

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

Marion

**Rejoice, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.**

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!

**Yes, on through life's long path, still chanting as ye go;
From youth to age, by night and day, in gladness and in woe.** *Refrain*

**At last the march shall end; the wearied ones shall rest;
The pilgrims find their home at last, Jerusalem the blest.** *Refrain*

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Then on, ye pure in heart! Rejoice, give thanks, and sing!
Your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King. *Refrain*

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Prayer of Confession

**You invite us to your feast, O God,
and we do not come.
You beg us to give thanks for life,
and we fail in our thanksgiving.
You have made for us a wonderful earth,
and we neglect the gift.**

**Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the pathway
you desire for us.**

Be our guide and conscience.

**Turn our feet and hands to your will,
that all we do might give glory to you.**

(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

Jeff Thode

**Your word, O God, is a feast all its own. Let your Holy Spirit open our minds to
your call to listen, for we know your holy Word heals and reconciles your people.
Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

**Our gracious Lord be always praised,
Give thanks to God above;
The blessings we enjoy on earth
Are gifts of God's great love.**

**Remember, Lord, our faithfulness
When in Your courts we meet:
May our degree of righteousness
Find mercy at Your feet.**

**The chosen ones, from bondage freed,
Were sheltered in Your fold:
With hands unmoistened by the sea,
They cast an ox of gold.**

**The righteous remnant of their tribe
From sin found liberty:
When my own judgement shall be due,
Be gracious unto me.**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:1-14

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Accepting the Invitation”

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.

Anthem

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Mueller

David Stutzenberger, baritone ~Linda Stutzenberger, piano

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.**

**O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
 Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
 I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
 Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.**

**O let me feel Thee near me! The world is ever near;
 I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
 My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
 But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer and shield my soul from sin.**

**O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
 Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
 O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
 O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.**

**O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
 That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
 And, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
 O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #435

Now Let Us Be United

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.
 Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming word.
 We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,
 Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

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Postlude

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Peeters

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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

“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.



Our celebration is this week! 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 this 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 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.



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.

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 baskets 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.





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, October 22 and October 29th. Be sure to purchase yours at the narthex table before or after worship. For more information, contact PW moderator Nancy Rightmyer.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 15	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Library
	10:00	a.m.	Chat with Matt Inquirer Class /Fellowship Hall
	5:00	p.m.	Small & Mighty Youth Group Game Night/FH
Mon, Oct 16	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library
Tues, Oct 17	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Homeless /Volunteer Ministry Center
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex, Room A
Wed, Oct 18	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Invite A Friend to Choir Welcome /Narthex
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir and Friends Rehearsal/Room A
Thur, Oct 19	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Oct 20	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 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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To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.