



Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

“Alleluja” from *Exsultate Jubilate*
Lynn Kszos, flute ~ Tami Newsom, piano
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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

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.

Hymn #260

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' feste Burg

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.**

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**That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.**

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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)

Kyrie Eleison #572

Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us

Merbecke



Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri #579

Glory Be to the Father

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**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

I Sing the Mighty Power of God
FPC Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

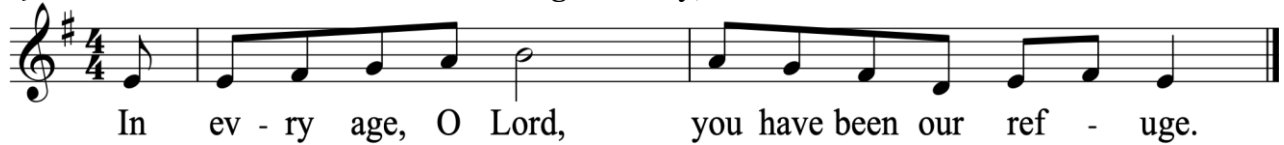
Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Kszos

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.



In ev - ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
Before the mountains were born or the earth or the world brought forth,
you are God, without beginning or end. **(R)**

You turn us back into dust and say: "Go back, children of the earth."
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep us away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Who understands the power of your anger and fears the strength of your fury?
Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"It Comes Down to This"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

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.

The Anthem

God is Our Refuge and Strength
Chancel Choir

Robert Lau

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change, though the
mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,
And the mountains tremble with its tumult.

God is within her, she will not fall.
God will help her at the break of day.

"Be still and know that I am God." God is our refuge and strength.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the god of
Jacob is our fortress.
On earth he has no equal.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the most high dwells.

Congregation please join:

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe!
His craft and pow'r are great, and armed with cruel hate.
With God we shall defeat him.**

Choir continues:

God is our refuge and strength. Be still and know that he is God.
On earth he has no equal. Amen.

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 #335

Though I May Speak

O Waly Waly

**Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain; as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.**

**Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess,
But not be giv'n by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.**

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #328

All Praise to God

Sacred Song

**All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives;
God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound.
God gave us music, gave us voice; sing alleluia and rejoice!
We lift in faith secure and strong the sacred word through sacred song.**

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Postlude

CWM Rhondda

Wood

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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

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. 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 Meal 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



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 local group of 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 21st meal or signup in the narthex.



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. 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.

Thank you to all who helped in this year's successful **"Trunk or Treat!"**



This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 29	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Oct 30	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Tues, Oct 31	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
Wed, Nov 01	6:00	p.m.	FPC/UT Joint Choir Rehearsal, Sanc, Rm. A, Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Nov 02	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex, Room A
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
Nov 03	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
Nov 04	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
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
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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.
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	Come join this Bible study group led by Pastor Matt and others at 10:00 in Room A.
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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