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Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Raise a Hallelujah
Musical Ensemble

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*Call to Worship

To you, O God of the heavens, we lift our eyes.

Have mercy on us!

God has been our dwelling place from generation to generation.

Hear us when we call!

From everlasting to everlasting, God is with us.

We will magnify your holy name!

Come, let us worship and sing praises to God.

*Opening Songs

Let All Things Now Living
and
Spirit Song

(words and music printed on following pages)



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing
2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,



to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,



by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,



till shad - ows have van - ished, all fear - ful - ness ban - ished,
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing:



as for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
to God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!

♩ = 90

VERSE

D A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



1. Oh, let the Son of God en - fold you with His Spir - it and His
2. Oh, come and sing this song with glad - ness as your hearts are filled with

4 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A D



love; Let Him fill your heart and sat - is - fy your soul.
joy; Lift your hands in sweet sur - ren - der to His name.

8 A/E D/F# G A⁷ F#m⁷



Oh, let Him have those things that hold you, and His Spir - it, like a
Oh, give Him all your tears and sad - ness, give Him all your years of

12 Bm Em⁷ A G/A A⁷ D



dove, will de - scend up - on your life and make you whole.
pain, and you'll en - ter in - to life in Je - sus' name.

CHORUS

17 G A⁷/G F#m⁷ Bm⁷ Em⁷ A



Je - sus, oh Je - sus, come and fill Your

23 D G A⁷/G F#m⁷



lambs. Je - sus, oh Je -

28 Bm⁷ Em⁷ A A⁷ G/A D



-sus, come and fill Your lambs.

*Prayer of Confession

**God of abundance, you have given us so many gifts.
You bless us with talents, resources, skills, and knowledge,
and yet we hide them under a bushel.
We hoard these gifts, instead of following you and sharing with those in need.
We have been poor stewards of all you have given.**

**Forgive us, and help us grow what we are given,
that it might be returned in service to 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

Darrell Sparks

**Come, Holy Spirit, open our minds and hearts this day, that we may be illumined
by your living Word and walk together as children of light. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Deuteronomy 8:7-18 (pg. 165)
Luke 17:11-19 (pg. 80)

Darrell Sparks
Rev. Matt Nieman

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

Sermon

“Taking Time to Turn Back”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith

**We give out of an abundance of blessings. God has given us everything; therefore,
we respond by giving a portion of our money, time, and talent to God’s work.
Sometimes our gifts only meet the minimum; other times, they go beyond. Yet,
all our gifts are reflective of our thanksgiving for the generosity of a loving and
benevolent God.**

Musical Reflection

Goodness of God
Musical Ensemble

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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

Feels Good (Upbeat Song)

C. Llewellyn | G. Gilkeson

1. **Verse 1**

When we live in harmony when we stand as one
It makes us stronger stronger
When we see our differences as a work of art
The world is brighter brighter

3. **Chorus**

It feels good when we're together
It feels good when we belong
It feels right when we're united
No divides livin' life as one

5. **Bridge**

Brothers sisters brighter stronger,
Brothers sisters better together (*Chorus*)

2. **Pre-Chorus**

What we all really need right now
Is an upbeat song to sing
An upbeat song to sing

4. **Verse 2**

Tell me why we're fighting
can't we just get along
'Cause we are brothers sisters
Nothing strong as family
nothing breaks us apart
'Cause life is better together
(*Pre-Chorus & Chorus*)

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*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, guitar and vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion

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.

We will have a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** today immediately following worship to elect new elders for the Class of 2026. Please plan on attending this brief meeting.



The Nominating Committee wishes to place the following elder candidates into nomination at the Congregational Meeting today, November 19, 2023. Upon election, they will serve a three-year term on Farragut Presbyterian's Session. The Committee that each candidate will co-chair is in parenthesis beside his or her name. We believe they make up an excellent Class of 2026, and we encourage you to give each one your prayers, support and vote.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Kirby Purjet (moderator), Darrell Sparks (vice moderator), Krista Belding, Becky Dangel, Betsy Hopson, Scott McKinney, Nancy Pevey



Cheryl Cardwell (Administration)

I'm Cheryl Cardwell and I am a native of Knoxville. I started my church life at Shiloh Presbyterian Church and at an early age I was very active in church activities. As an adult, I was a youth leader and a Deacon. When I moved to Farragut I became a member of Faith Presbyterian Church which later combined with Heritage Presbyterian Church to form Farragut Presbyterian Church. Over the years, I was a long time member of the Thursday Night Bible Study. I also served as the president of the Women's Circle. Unfortunately, my participation in church activities was reduced when I took my current position, which required weekly travel. Presently, I support the construction activities at the Tennessee Valley Authority as a project controls engineer which I have done for the past ten years.

After graduation from the University of Tennessee with a Masters of Business Administration, I began my career working at the K25 Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Oak Ridge, TN. Following that position, my work took me to several cities, including Washington, DC, Dayton, Ohio and Charlotte, NC. I eventually returned to Knoxville where I married my husband Henry. We settled in east Knox County where we still live today.

My hobbies include quilting and sewing, which I have done for over fifty years. I enjoy camping in our 5th wheel camper, which we have taken on many trips, such as the Grand Canyon, Albuquerque, Myrtle Beach, and Florida to name a few places. When we are not in the camper, you can find us on a cruise ship.



Cheyenne Feldhausen (Christian Education)

I was born in Marysville, KS; grew up in Blue Rapids and graduated from Kansas State University. I met my husband Thomas before attending university. After graduation, we moved to Kansas City for a year and then moved to Atlanta for Thomas to pursue his PhD. After a short stint at Georgia Tech we moved to Knoxville where Thomas started working at Oak Ridge National Lab and I became a stay at home wife (soon to be mom). We have two children, Elias (4) and Emilia (2). I started working for Big Fish Academy this Fall as a part time 2-year old teacher. While in Kansas, I was heavily involved in 4-H and a summer youth program at a church close to my hometown.

Attending FPC for just a year, I have been a member since May, when I was baptized with my daughter Emilia. I've been involved with a few of the Christian Education activities over the last year along with attending Presbyterian Women events.

I have never had a church that I felt I truly belonged to and within the first few times I visited I felt like I was home. Also during my time here at FPC I have felt the pull to help do more in our community and feel that being an elder on session will only grow that.



Jeff Thode (Church Life)

Originally from Wayne NJ, I moved to Atlanta after graduating from college in 1984 and worked as an engineer for Lockheed Georgia company. In 1987, I decided to change careers and become an investment advisor and have been one ever since. After marrying my first wife, we moved to Knoxville in 1989 to start and raise a family. I found Knoxville to be a wonderful place to raise a family, so I poured myself into the community by serving it through various leadership roles on charitable boards including Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the American Heart Association, Farragut High School Education Foundation and UT Medical Center NICU capital campaign where the girls were born.

While initially attending Sequoia Hills Presbyterian Church when we first moved to Knoxville, after having children we found a real home at Farragut Presbyterian, joining in 2001. I have three girls through my first marriage who have all been involved with Farragut Presbyterian in one way or another. I remarried in 2008 to Ms. Kelly Shreve. While I have been involved with the youth group over the years in different capacities, both Kelly and I have participated in mission trips and youth activities with the church. I think the biggest impact I've gotten by being a member of this church, is how much we are all loved by God, and I continue to applaud the leadership at the church by constantly sending that message, to not only the members but the youth as well.

I was asked to be an elder years ago at the church and I look forward to serving the session again.

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Thom Haig (Property)

I was born and raised in Whiting, Indiana and graduated from Purdue Veterinary College in 1975. I was in the U.S. Army Veterinary Corps for 5 years and spent most of that time in Germany.

After leaving the service, I practiced in Las Vegas and Reno as a small animal veterinarian for almost 25 years. I moved to Knoxville in 2006, and have been practicing at Powell Animal Hospital ever since.

I met Mary Ellen Sherry in 2019 and she brought me back to the church. I always joke that part of our prenuptial agreement was to continue to go to FPC. We were married at FPC in March of 2021, just as Session opened the sanctuary after COVID. I was warmly welcomed by the choir and then the rest of the church family. I enjoy helping with the various decorating activities and have also been helping with the grounds keeping activities.

I am honored to be asked to serve as a member of the property committee.



MaryAnne Walls (Worship & Music)

I grew up in Carrollton, Ohio, a small, rural area in NE Ohio. During those years, I was active in the First Presbyterian Church in Carrollton. I am a graduate of Milligan University and the University of Tennessee. My teaching career began in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, as a language arts teacher, then I was involved in preschool activities in Naperville, IL, and finally as a kindergarten teacher for 20 years in Lenoir City.

Wayne and I have been married for 53 years and have raised two children, Adam and Amanda. We are blessed to have both their families living in the area and of course, we are kept busy with the four grandchildren's activities. We have lived in the Avalon community for 23 years and are active in the golf club and serving on homeowners' committees. I enjoy many activities: bridge, golf, music, reading, walking our dog, "Annie", and of course, being with our family.

We were members of First Christian Church of Knoxville for 24 years before getting closer to our home in Lenoir City. A visit to FPC set us on the path as members (we have been here 9 years). The beautiful music and the commitment to serving others convinced us this was "home". I enjoy serving on the Worship and Music Committee, attending a women's circle group, and playing handbells and flute.

FPC has deepened my faith and emboldened me to witness to others. I feel empowered at the end of each service when Matt encourages us to go out and be disciples for Christ. It will be an honor to serve on the Session of FPC and grow in faith and service to God.

The Candidates for the 2024 Nominating Committee are:

Darrell Sparks (moderator), Beth Honey (vice moderator)
Becky Dangel, Brett Eiffert, Jimmy Loyless, Nancy Pevey, Joanie Scheuer



One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration. **TODAY at 3:00 p.m.** we are very excited to present our **Annual Christmas Festival!** This year our own Chancel Choir will partner with the Chamber Singers of the University of Tennessee to present wonderful music of the season. You won't want to miss this exciting event that always fills our chancel with the glorious sounds of the season.

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.



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 last 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.

SUNSET GAP MITTEN TREE

The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women in collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the mitten tree which is available to the community Nov-Feb for anyone who needs these warm items. Items may be new or handmade. A bin is in the narthex for your donations. Deadline is Dec 3. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.



Sunset Gap Secret Santa

Look for the signup sheets both on-site in the narthex and on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapChristmasFor2023> (or use the QR code) for the 40 children that we are sponsoring this Christmas. Select a tag, sign up on the sheet with both your name and phone number. Be sure to note your tag's number. Please return wrapped for Christmas, with the child's name and tag number on the package by Dec 3rd. Questions? Please contact Debbie Long.



ADVENT GIFT-MAKING

Everyone is invited to bring their children and grandchildren to our **Advent-Gift Making** on Sunday, December 3rd from 3:30-5:00pm. This is a wonderful event for families to spend time together with their children making Christmas gifts to enjoy and share! Volunteers, please arrive between 3:00 pm and 3:15 pm. To be sure we have enough supplies on hand, please register with Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org.



Christmas Pageant 2022



SAVE THE DATE!

Our **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be on Sunday, December 10th during a single worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will have a Christmas Cookie Reception following worship that day. (A reminder to our families that the children will have a **rehearsal on Saturday, December 9th at 3pm** in the sanctuary.) Make sure you plan to attend this special Advent program!



You can now view worship services LIVE in the parlor on the big screen TV on Sunday mornings.

This **VIEWING ROM** will be helpful to anyone who may need to leave the sanctuary for a separate space.



HOLIDAY DECORATIONS

If you would like to help us offset the cost of decorating the church for the holidays by making a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out this form and include your check made payable to Farragut Presbyterian Church, with "Holiday Decorations" designated in the memo line. Place your check and this form in the sanctuary basket, drop them off in the church office or mail them to the church. **Our cost per poinsettia is \$10.00**, however, your gift may be in any amount. An insert will be included in the Christmas Eve bulletin listing the dedications.

I am making a gift towards holiday decorations, to the Glory of God, and:

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Advent and Christmas at FPC

FPC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL
November 19th at 3pm

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT
W/ CHRISTMAS COOKIE RECEPTION
December 10th at 10am

SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS
WITH RECEPTION
December 17th at 10am

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES
Morning Worship at 10am
Casual Service at 3pm
Traditional Service at 7pm

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Be sure to add these dates to your calendar!



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

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



This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 19	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Nov 20	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room A
	3:00	p.m.	FPC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL /Sanctuary
	5:00	p.m.	Small & Mighty Youth Group Friendsgiving/Kingston
Tues, Nov 21	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex or Room A
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Room A
Wed, Nov 22	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Homeless/Volunteer Ministry Center
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Thur, Nov 23	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444 /FH, Narthex
Fri, Nov 24	12:00	p.m.	Church Office Closes at noon for Thanksgiving
	*****	*****	Thanksgiving Day/Office Closed
	*****	*****	Church Office Closed

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 not-so-good weather.
Pastor Matt’s Class	Library	Come join this Bible study group led by Pastor Matt and others as they discuss topics based on the book “Generous Orthodoxy” by Pastor Brian McClaren.
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.