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First Sunday of Advent



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Hosanna
Musical Ensemble

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Lighting of the Advent Candle

Come to the Manger: Hope for Advent
Sarah and Savannah Mashue

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*Call to Worship

Keep alert, for the day is coming soon.
Now the earth and heavens tremble.
Pray for the gift of hope from God:
Shine in our lives, Lord Jesus Christ.
Come, let us worship God.

*Opening Songs

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus
and
O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

(words and music printed on following pages)

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra-cious king-dom bring.

Is-rael's strength and con-so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf-fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo-rious throne.



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
 2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
 3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
 4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
 all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
 tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
 Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
 law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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*Prayer of Confession

**God our Maker, we confess that we are not ready to meet you.
 We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign.
 We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise.**

**Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so we may be ready for
 that day when you come to reign in glory; 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.

~We Proclaim~

Moment with the Children

Mason Warren

Prayer for Illumination

Jack Rightmyer

**Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not pass
 away; Your Word stands forever. May our generation be attentive so that, by the
 power of your Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting
 you wherever and whenever you appear. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9 (pg. 694)
Mark 13:24-37 (pg. 50)

Jack Rightmyer
Rev. Matt Nieman

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

Sermon

“Pleading and Waiting”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith (Book of Common Worship)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God’s purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Musical Reflection

The Lion and the Lamb
Musical Ensemble

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Call for Giving

~We Remember~

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People

Reprise of “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

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The Prayer after Communion



~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

Soon and Very Soon

Soon and Very Soon

1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

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*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Guest musicians Renee Stone, vocals ~ Jim Lang, guitar and vocals
with 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@fpcn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

SUNSET GAP MITTEN TREE

Deadline to donate is TODAY. Questions? Contact Debbie Long.



SUNSET GAP SECRET SANTA

Please be sure to return wrapped gifts for Sunset Gap children with the child's name and tag number on the package TODAY in the narthex. Questions? Please contact Debbie Long.

ADVENT GIFT-MAKING

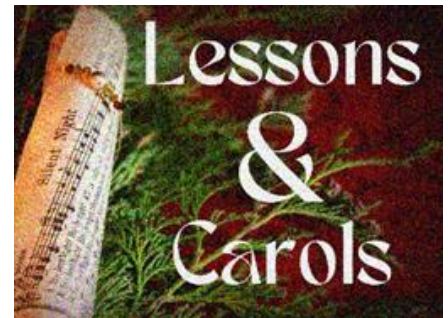
Everyone is invited to bring their children and grandchildren to our **Advent-Gift Making** this afternoon from 3:30-5:00pm. It's a wonderful time for families to spend time together with their children making Christmas gifts to enjoy and share! Volunteers, please arrive between 3:00 pm and 3:15 pm. Contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpcn.org with questions.



Christmas Pageant 2022

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 for the pageant on Saturday, December 9th at 3pm** in the sanctuary.) Make sure you plan to attend this special Advent program! **We encourage congregants to bring your favorite Christmas cookies to share for the Cookie Reception following the program.**

On Sunday, December 17 at the 10:00 combined service, we will participate in our twenty-sixth annual **SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** followed by a heavy hors-d'œuvre reception! Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season. Come sing the Christmas carols you know and love and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us!



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY: We have been asked to provide specific items for holiday meals in December for food pantry families. We are collecting boxes/bags of stuffing mix, cake mixes, and ready-to-use cans of frosting. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex.



Special thanks to our volunteers: coordinator Joyce Williams, Margo Gregory, Gale Montgomery, Gayle Williams, coordinator Kent Williams, MaryAnne Walls and Jean Peretz for feeding the hungry at **Volunteer Ministry Center** last month. The Thursday Men's Bible Study group will be serving lunch on Tuesday, December 19th. If you are part of that group and would like to help, please contact Wayne Walls.

The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one of four annual special offerings. The Special Offerings offer opportunities for partnership, learning, and witness and they profoundly affect the life of the church as a collective witness to Jesus Christ's love for the whole church. This offering provides assistance to current and retired church workers and their families in their time of need, and develops our future leaders at Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. We will be collecting this offering on Sunday, December 24th or you can give anytime online at www.fpctn.org.



My name is Turner Neely, and I am a member of Boy Scout Troop 444 and Farragut Presbyterian Church, sponsor of the troop. I am currently working on my **Eagle Scout project for SOS Beagle Rescue** located in Knoxville. I will be constructing a retaining wall in the puppy run to fix erosion issues. This will allow the puppies to play in a dirt and mud free environment where potential adopters can interact with the puppies and choose which one to adopt. I expect this project will cost at least \$300-\$500 for supplies of stone, gravel, and grass. If anyone would like to donate to my project, it would be greatly appreciated. Any funds raised above the cost of the project will be donated to SOS Beagle Rescue. For more information on how to donate, see me or go to <https://tinyurl.com/TNeagleproject>. *Thank you for your support.*

Advent and Christmas at FPC

**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

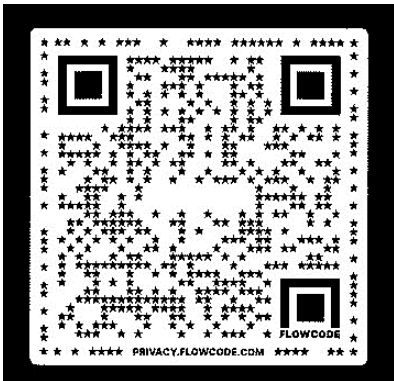
Farragut High School
Admirals Performing Arts
Company presents :

CHICAGO

TEEN EDITION

in the Vickie B. Wells Auditorium. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, December 7 through Saturday December 9 at 7pm, with an additional matinee performance on Dec. 9th at 1:30 pm. Joey Nieman will be performing in the cast for all shows, and has a lead role in the matinee performance on Saturday afternoon. Doors open one half hour prior to show time.

Scan this QR code to purchase tickets.



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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PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Andy Andrew, Candice Blake, Lois Burris, Sue Burton, Kathy Emmerson, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, December 10 at 3pm in the sanctuary to honor the life of FPC member Dianna Lynn Daw.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Dec 03	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Dec 04	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room A
	3:00	p.m.	Advent Gift-Making /Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, Dec 05	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Dec 06	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	New Elder Orientation/Library
Thur, Dec 07	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
Fri, Dec 08	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts #444/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Sat, Dec 09	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga/Narthex
	3:00	p.m.	Children's Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary
	4:00	p.m.	Children's Pizza and Movie Night/Fellowship Hall

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 at 10:00 in the Library. The class study is currently based largely on reflections of author and pastor Brian McClaren in his book <i>A Generous Orthodoxy</i> .
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.