



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

November 2023

Farragut Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9-3

Friday 9-1

Worship

9:00 am

**Casual Service
Sanctuary**

11:00 am

**Traditional Service
Sanctuary**

<https://tingurl.com/fpclivestream>

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God, graced by Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God through worship in the Reformed tradition, compassionate service to all, and the nurturing of each other so as to grow in faith together.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



Christ the Solid Rock

A few years ago, several church members donated money for a large rock outside the office doors of the church. It sits in the berm, along with the other plantings and adds beauty to the church's landscape. The rock has water flowing from it. The sound of it is soothing and reparative.

No matter what is happening outside—worship on a nice Sunday morning, the darkness of night, the wind of a thunderstorm, or the cold of winter—the water flows from this large rock that will not be moved.

As the seasons of our lives change, there is also a rock that will not be moved: Jesus Christ. He famously told the Gospel story of a man who built his house upon a rock, rather than sand. Amid the storm, his was the one that did not wash away.

Neither will ours when the storm clouds gather, the winds rage, and the waters rise. Christ our rock will always remain.

Amid the storms of war, gun violence, illness, and broken relationships, Jesus remains for us—comforting, propping up, and leading us out of the dark valleys. So also does he serve as a beacon of light and strength for the church.

The famous hymn, “The Church’s One Foundation,” says it well:

“Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forever more;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.”

On Christ the solid rock we stand. Thanks be to God.



Consecration Sunday is Coming!

November 12

Where do you belong? We all wrestle with that question at different points of our journey. Especially in times of turbulence or uneasiness, we search for where and with whom we can find our place.

As people of faith, we find that we belong in the community that is the church. Specifically, our church here at FPC is the body that sustains us, inspires us, and helps us as we navigate both the calm and choppy waters of life's travels.

The consecration theme for this year is Community Grows Here. Romans 12:4-5 says, "So, we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another." As one body and, individually, members of it, we live life in fellowship, worship, service, and faith development. Our church family anchors us, especially during life's storms.

During morning worship on Consecration Sunday, November 12, we the church will make our financial commitments as our generous response to God's provision and so that our church's many ministries in this community and around the world will be supported in 2024.

In the next few days, everyone will receive in the mail an Estimate of Giving Card. Please bring it with you on November 12. During worship (one service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary), we will make our confidential commitments. And then, following worship, we will celebrate our blessings with a wonderful meal in fellowship hall. To make your reservation, you can go online to <https://tinyurl.com/ConsecrationMeal> or scan the QR code below with your phone.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in this year's Consecration Sunday events.

The Consecration Sunday Team:

Karen Ellis, Jerry Martin, Tom Koch, Gayle Williams, Larry and Jane Byars, Dave and Megan Figel, Margo Gregory, David and Leah Key, Kelly Schueler, Jeff Thode, and Matt Nieman

TO PRAISE GOD, WELCOME ALL, SERVE OTHERS,
GROW IN FAITH AND MAKE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST.

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Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



FPC donated 7 boxes of food to the Sunset Gap food pantry during the Presbyterian women's drive. A special thank you to all who contributed.



"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

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 2023

2023 COATS FOR THE COLD

SUNSET GAP MITTEN TREE

Join Presbyterian Women in collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the mitten tree! These will be available to the community November - February for anyone who needs them. Items may be new or handmade. A bin is in the narthex for your donations. Deadline is December 3. If you have questions please see Debbie Long.



Sunset Gap Secret Santa



It's that time of year when we help 40 children in rural Appalachia have a merry Christmas. Look for the signup sheets in the narthex or on the FPC website with the list of children 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 number. Wrapped for Christmas packages are due December 3 with the child's name and tag number on the package. If you have questions please contact Debbie Long.

Sunset Gap is a Christian-based organization that unites people of all faiths by providing programs that contribute to the physical, social, economic, and spiritual growth of the Appalachian people.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

It is once again nearing the time of year to give thanks! We are so grateful to be worshipping in a beautiful sanctuary replete with magnificent musical instruments, and the capability to livestream our services, we are reaching more people than ever before! We give thanks to God, who has provided so much to the Music Ministry through the generous gifts from members of our congregation. And we give thanks to our congregation who values a quality worship time so very highly. We are so truly blessed!

One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration. Our Music Ministry is very proud to offer several opportunities to worship and celebrate together during the upcoming season. On Sunday, November 05 at 3:00 p.m., don't miss the UT Women's Chorale with reVOLution contemporary acappella ensemble in their Fall Recital!

On Sunday, November 19 at 3:00 p.m. we are very excited about our annual Christmas Festival! This year our own Chancel Choir will partner with the Chamber Singers from the University of Tennessee to sing the wonderful Carols of the Season! You won't want to miss this exciting event, which will fill our chancel with the glorious sounds of the season, and included on the program is an audience Sing-a-Long!!!


On Sunday, December 17 during our special 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will participate in our annual Service of Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. Come enjoy the music of our Chancel Choir, FPC Ringers, Flute Trio and more! Our service will be followed by a sumptuous reception in the narthex. Celebrate with us in these very special events!



Fall Recital
Sunday, November 5
3:00 pm
UT Women's Cborale
with
ReVOLution



Christmas Festival
Sunday, November 19
3:00 pm
Chancel Choir and
UT Chamber Singers



Service of Lessons
and Carols
Sunday, December 17
10:00 am

MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

November 28
11 am

Join this wonderful group of knitters and crocheters to make shawls for FPC members who need extra comfort during a difficult time. Patterns and yarn are provided.

WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO



Call someone who cares

FPC STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS

BETH MARTIN | MATT NIEMAN
JEANIE OAKLEY | ELIZABETH WILSON

865/966-9547

Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am
Leaders: Janet Tinder
865-556-8193
Kathy Emmerson

Circle #2

2nd Tuesday, 10 am
Leaders: Becky Thomason
865-607-0727
Linda Nunley

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am
Leaders: Mikie Lancaster
865-675-0360
Jo McElhaney
865-966-5424

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) groups build community, affirm women's calls to leadership and spiritual growth, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Presbyterian Women is a loving community that can challenge and nurture you, and be a vehicle for making the world a better place for all of God's children. Consider joining an FPC Circle.

Check us out on Facebook: Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) or on Instagram: PWPCUSA, Inc.
www.presbyterianwomen.org

Men's Bible Study

November 16
8 a.m. / Narthex

The men of FPC gather twice a month for fellowship and a time of bible study. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the narthex at 8am. If you would like to join us, please contact John Neighbors or the church office to get on the contact list. Breakfast, coffee, and great fellowship provided!

Chair Yoga

MONDAY AND FRIDAY
10:00 - 10:30 AM
NARTHEX

Class designed for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

TGIF Gentle Yoga

FRIDAY 7:00 - 8:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Gentle, slow flow class. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. For beginner and experienced yogis.

Contact Jenny Trussell at CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM for additional information or a private introductory session!

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Pastor Matt's Class

Library

This class will resume on November 19 at 10 am in the library.

Youth

Cafe (Parlor)

Led by Mason Warren

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.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Outdoors/Room D

Led by Elizabeth Wilson

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. There’s an optional lesson handout, but you can also join us for the conversation.



Thursday Evening Bible Study

Meetings on Zoom at 7pm

Led by Elizabeth Wilson

Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we’re turning to the shortest Gospel this year. The Gospel of Mark is the second of the four canonical gospels and one of the three synoptic Gospels. It tells of the ministry of Jesus from his baptism by John the Baptist to his death, burial, and the discovery of his empty tomb. If you’re interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we’d love to have you join us (even if you can’t make every week). For more information contact Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



Are you a reader? -- One of the “old fashioned” kind, who likes to hold an actual book in your hand? If so, here is a suggestion: give our church library a visit. Of course everyone knows that FPC has a library, since so many committees meet there. But perhaps many don’t know that it isn’t just a resource for Spiritual study and growth. While there are many commentaries, translations, and books on philosophy, ethics, theology, and other Christian topics, they are only a small part of what is available. There are books that have fun plots as well as non-fiction that covers many current important topics that affect our daily lives. There are children’s books, youth literature, and even some DVD’s.

FPC has benefitted through the years from some dedicated volunteers. Many years ago, former member Jackie Smith began the effort to bring interesting library books out for the congregation to browse before and after the service, and librarian David Stutzenberger has revived that practice. Each month he will be highlighting FPC books on specific topics in the rolling cart. We are also indebted to the organizational skills and volunteer time that the late Cathy Dorman spent in cataloging and arranging our treasure.

Checking out a book is easy. You can either peruse the shelves for a particular book or you can search the FPC Library Data Base that is available on the computer located in the library. The Database is arranged alphabetically both by author and by title and will give you the shelving number of the material you are seeking. If you want to take the material from the library there is a station under the TV screen where the signed book card is placed, and a box on the lower shelf for returned books.. Here’s a thought: when you finish a book you really liked, tell someone! Then they will know to come in and check it out!

November Anniversaries

11/01 Hal and Jeanie Oakley
11/07 David and Liz Gargan
11/10 Scott and Betsy Henderson
11/14 Kent and Joyce Williams
11/20 Jim and Carolyn Caldwell
11/27 Bob and Linda Bell
11/29 Andy and Merle Andrew



Candy Blake, Bob Bowman, Lois Burris, Denise Damelio, Kathi Damelio, Kathy Emmerson, Billy Fain, Chuck Foriska, David Greaser, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bill Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Betsy Starr, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Kent Williams

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Bereaved

Prayers of Sympathy to Brian Davison in the death of his father-in-law Fred Schmitz this week.

Cards of comfort may be sent to:

Brian Davison and Darren Schmitz

819 Sunnydale Road

Knoxville TN 37923

The family of Joanna Partain. A former member of the church, Joanna was a resident of Woodland Hills Assisted Living in Roanoke, Virginia. She died on October 7, 2023.

Online condolences can be made to the family at:
<https://memorial.oakeys.com/joanna-partain/>

November Birthdays

11/01 Mary Lutz
11/01 Becky Thomason
11/02 Dee Robinson
11/02 Debbie Long
11/05 Steve Plumlee
11/06 Sue Burton
11/06 Darren Schmitz
11/07 Mia Feldhausen
11/13 Nancy Pevey
11/14 David Countiss
11/16 Margo Gregory
11/16 Laura Hofman
11/17 Collin Greaser
11/18 John Huntley
11/21 Jan Seiler
11/21 Laura Colloredo
11/21 Gale Montgomery
11/24 John Montgomery
11/25 Robert Olberding
11/25 Beth Honey
11/28 Rick Van Allen
11/29 Greg Keagy
11/30 Helen Agee
11/30 Kathy Emmerson

Dear Friends at Farragut Presbyterian Church, My family and I want to thank you for the beautiful flowers given in honor of Fran. It meant so much to all of us. Matt and the boys certainly appreciate your support. Fran and I sure enjoyed our time at FPC. In Fran's mind there is no better preacher than Matt.

Sincerely, Bev Nieman and family.

If you have updated information about our prayer recipients you would like to share, please email office@fpctn.org or call the church office at 865-966-9547.

No meeting this month

Financial Report as of September 2023			
	Actual for September	YTD September	YTD September Budget
Operating Income	\$52,169	\$555,423	\$503,124
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$14,500	\$15,000
Total Income	\$54,169	\$569,923	\$518,124
Operating Expenses	\$63,624	\$483,754	\$528,553
Total Expenses	\$63,624	\$483,754	\$528,553
Total Income less Expenses	(\$9,455)	\$86,169	(\$10,429)



Get Social!

Farragut Presbyterian is live on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.

Have something to post?

Send to our social media coordinator, Emily Sweetland,
at social@fpctn.org or text 865-567-7636



<https://www.instagram.com/farrgutpesbyterian>



@FarrPres



<https://www.facebook.com/FPCCKnox>

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KARM STORES
The Thrift Store with a Mission

When donating used items to KARM tell the employee the name of the church. The church will receive gift cards to KARM Stores that can be given to someone in need.

SESSION

Administration

Kirby Purjet
Kathy Emmerson

Christian Education

Denise Griffin
Beth Honey

Church Life

Jeff Thode
Gayle Williams

Outreach

Kirk Morris
Bill Nelson

Property

Mark Allen
Darrell Sparks

Worship and Music

Sharon Koch
Catherine Manning

Clerk of Session

Janet Tinder



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