



Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost



~The Gathering~

Prelude

Nun danket alle Gott
Tami Newsom, organ

Crüger

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

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.

Hymn #559

We Gather Together

Kremser

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine;
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!**

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**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Text: Netherlands folk hymn, 1625. Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894. Music: *Nederlandsch Gedenccklanck*, 1626. Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877.
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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)

Kyrie Eleison #565

Lord, Have Mercy

John Weaver



Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Nun Danket

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things has done, in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

~The Word~

Anthem

Crown Him Lord of All
FPC Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

Prayer for Illumination

Phil Jacobs

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 8:7-18

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

1. **I lift my eyes to You, O Lord,
Your throne, earth's canopy,
As masters hold their servant dear
So, Lord, remember me.**
2. **More like a child than bonded slave,
I claim Your grace outright;
The proud shall fall, but yet the meek
Find favor in Your sight.**
3. **Your boundless mercies, Lord, outweigh
The scorn we must endure;
While foes shall fade in their contempt.
Your love will long endure.**

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Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:11-19

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Taking Time to Turn Back”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

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.

The Anthem

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Chancel Choir

arr. Waite

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, and to spread the gospel word.
Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, serving You by loving all.

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 #555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gott

**Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
Who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills, in this world and the next.**

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given.
The one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
The God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

Text: Martin Rinkart, c. 1636, Trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1858; alt. Music: Johann Crüger, 1648, Harm. adapt. *Lobegesang*, Felix Mendelssohn, 1840.
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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #554

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving,
To God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

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Postlude

Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland

Walcha

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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

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. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex.



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 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.

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 in the narthex, and online 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.



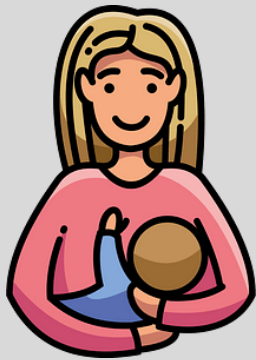
ADVENT GIFT-MAKING

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 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. 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 the worship service live in the parlor on the big screen TV on Sunday mornings.

This **viewing room** 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!



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
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex or Room A
Tues, Nov 21	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Homeless/Volunteer Ministry Center
Wed, Nov 22	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
Thur, Nov 23	12:00	p.m.	Church Office Closes at noon for Thanksgiving
Fri, Nov 24	*****	*****	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.

