

*First Sunday of Advent*

**~The Gathering~**

Prelude

*Fum, Fum, Fum*

Lombardo

Ashley Boone, Lynn Kszos, MaryAnne Walls ~ flute trio

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

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.

Hymn #8

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

Truro

**Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates, behold, the King of glory waits;  
the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!**

**Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart  
from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer, and love, and joy.**

**Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to Thee; here, Lord, abide.  
Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.**

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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)*

Kyrie (Tune: Stuttgart)

Wesley

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
From our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.**

Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria Patri

Gloria

**Gloria in excelsis Deo;  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

The Peace

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

**~The Word~**

Anthem

*Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus*  
FPC Ringers

arr. Sondra K. Tucker

Prayer for Illumination

Peggy Stange

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 80:1-8, 19-20

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Colin Mawby

Show the light of your coun - te - nance, O Lord God of  
hosts, \_\_\_\_\_ and we \_\_\_\_\_ shall be saved.

Hear, O shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;  
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. **(R)**

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Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation.  
Turn us again, O God; show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **(R)**

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?  
You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink. **(R)**

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.  
Turn us again, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **(R)**

And so we will not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.  
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. **(R)**

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Second Scripture Reading: Mark 13:24-37

The Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Pleading and Waiting”

Rev. Matt Nieman

### ~The Response~

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.**

Anthem

*Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Scott

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #5

Call for the Offering

### ~The Eucharist~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparation Song

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken*  
**For the bread which You have broken,  
for the wine which You have poured,  
for the words which You have spoken,  
now we give You thanks, O Lord.**

Kingdom

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*(prayer continues)*

Sanctus

Picardy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are  
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

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

Agnus Dei

Picardy

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world:  
 have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you  
 take a-way the sins of the world: grant us thy peace.

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion



# ~ The Sending ~

Hymn

*Soon and Very Soon* (from *Glory to God* #384)

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.

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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!



**O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!**

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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](mailto:office@fpctn.org)



**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**

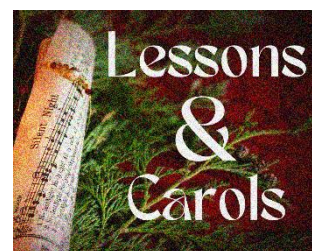
Everyone is invited to bring their children and grandchildren to our **Advent-Gift Making** this afternoon from 3:30-5:00pm. It's a wonderful time for families to spend time together with their children making Christmas gifts to enjoy and share! Volunteers, please arrive between 3:00 pm and 3:15 pm.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



*Christmas Pageant 2022*

Our **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT** will be on Sunday, December 10<sup>th</sup> 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 9<sup>th</sup> 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.



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.

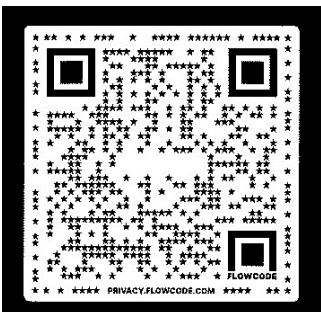
Farragut High School  
Admirals Performing Arts  
Company presents:



## TEEN EDITION

in the Vickie B. Wells Auditorium. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, December 7 thru Saturday December 9 at 7pm, with an additional matinee performance on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> 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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The **CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING** is one of four annual special offerings. This particular Christmas Joy 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 24<sup>th</sup> or you can give anytime online at [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org).



## 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

### This Week at FPC

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



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*To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.*