



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

January 2024

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



From the Pastor:

In the book of Revelation, Jesus declares, “See, I am making all things new.” Also, he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.”

Christ had a plan, that the world would be transformed. And he began working on it, and he continues to work on it now.

Imagine all the moments in history since he uttered those words when he could have thrown in the towel—all the horrors of the world that brought out only evil, suffering, and pain. Despite numerous setbacks, Christ has not given up his resolve. He is still working to make all things new.

God is making us new as a church. As is always the case, congregations evolve. And with that evolution come new voices, new talents, and new commitments. We are blessed here at FPC with good energy for serving in ways that make a difference in our community. Christ is working to renew us and reshape us into a vehicle for his grace that will more effectively serve our neighbors.

As 2024 begins, don’t shy away from setting a new course in your own journey. How is the Lord renewing you? What is God doing to set you on a new course? Sometimes the old ways are hard to relinquish. But, a “new thing” may be in store that sets you on a path toward greater hope and joy.

Join us for

TRIVIA NIGHT

FPC Family Trivia Night
Sunday, January 28th, 2024
3-5 PM

Join FPC Family Ministries on Sunday, January 28 from 3-5 pm for an afternoon of fun and fellowship at Family Trivia Night! Families are encouraged to come and compete alongside others in a friendly game of intergenerational trivia! Topics covered will range all ages and you are sure to walk away having learned something new! Please contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries, for more details.

YOUTH GROUP is currently on holiday break and will resume youth activities on Sunday, January 7th with a **YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS PARTY** starting at 5:45 pm in the youth room! Contact Mason Warren for more information.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

A Note of Appreciation

What a wonderful Advent and Christmas season we have experienced! Our musicians have really out done themselves. We began the Advent season with our annual Christmas Festival, which featured a choir loft full of voices in our chancel, and a very appreciative audience as we presented a number of seasonal favorites and a very fun sing-a-long!

The second Sunday of Advent saw our children present their annual Christmas pageant. There were a number of highlights from the pageant, but the blow-up sheep may have been my favorite! Thanks to the many people who helped with the pageant.

Our third Sunday of Advent brought us to our Twenty-sixth Annual Festival of Lessons and Carols, a particular favorite of many of our congregation. We gathered once again to hear in scripture and song the miraculous story of Christ's birth. It was so exciting to have over 300 people experience this wonderful traditional service and we all enjoyed the fantastic reception by our Church Life committee after the service.

Our Christmas Eve services, as always, are carefully planned to be so wonderful and meaningful.

I want to thank all those associated with the Music Ministry of Farragut Presbyterian Church for all the wonderful work they put into our ministry day after day, week after week, month after month. Most of our congregation is not aware of the many hours many people volunteer to our ministry to make it so successful. We appreciate so much the support of the Worship and Music committee and our wonderful congregation. Thank you to all for all you do!



We Are Looking For A Few Ding-a-Lings!

Our FPC Ringers Handbell Ensemble needs a few folks. If you are interested, please contact Angie Batey for more information.

We rehearse September – Easter at 6:00 pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month.



START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT!

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR!!!

The Advantages of Choir Membership:

- 1. You never have to worry about what to wear.**
- 2. You have excellent seats and are assured a reserved seat for Christmas and Easter.**
- 3. From your advantageous seat, you can gawk at, smile at, ignore and otherwise enjoy the rest of the people in the congregation.**
- 4. The minister is nearly always looking the other way.**
- 5. You're in a wonderful spot to see new members.**
- 6. The cost of all these benefits? Just one evening a week.**
- 7. One final reason you'll want to be in the choir: You are a leader in our worship experience.**

**ALL ARE WELCOME IN THE
MUSIC MINISTRY OF FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN!**



MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

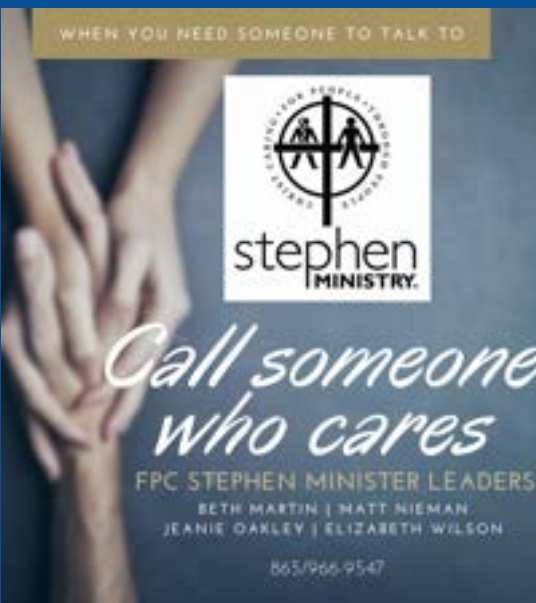
January 23

11:00 am

Room D

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.



Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Janet Tinder

865-556-8193

Kathy Emerson

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

January 11 and 25

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

Please come join this Bible and faith topics study at 10:00 in the library led by Pastor Matt

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.

January Anniversaries

1/01 Mark and Joanie Scheuer

1/01 David and Zettie Bell

1/22 Ron and Nancy Pevey



**Remember in
your prayers...**

Candy Blake, Denise Damelio, Kathy Emmerson, Billy Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Barbara Kivlin, Bron Lewis, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Janet Murphy, Bill Nelson, Tami Newsom, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Bereaved

The family of Ruth Ewald, mother of member Linda Ewald. A memorial service is scheduled for Saturday, December 6 at 2:00 pm at Second Presbyterian Church.

The family of Diane Lovin, friend of the church.

The family of member Bill Lester.

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.

January Birthdays

1/03 Billie Fain

1/06 Irma McGuffey

1/06 Tom Feldhausen

1/07 Jimmy Loyless

1/08 Brenda Luggie

1/09 Marlene Woodard

1/11 Les Shear

1/14 Kathy Ransdell

1/15 Patricia Watson

1/17 Jim Rich

1/17 Nathan Mathis

1/20 Cheryl Cardwell

1/20 Brenda Moore

1/21 Leonard Loveday

1/23 Jack Plumlee

1/23 Abby Plumlee

1/25 Emily Sweetland

1/26 Laura McFee-Adams

1/27 Helen Weaver

1/30 David Sweetland

1/30 Sandy Latimer

Congratulations to Marc And Kirsten Maley on the birth of baby Charlotte Karen Maley, born 12/28/23 at 12:34 pm weighing 9 pounds 6 ounces and 21 inches long! Mom, baby, Dad and big brother Thomas are all doing well. Proud grandparents are Karen Brown Gonzalez & Chuck Gonzalez.

Thank you, Pastor Matt and my church and Circle family for all your prayers, messages of encouragement, cards, and gifts. Your outpouring to me carried me through my seven weeks of treatment at MD Anderson. God listened to all your prayers and was certainly with Dale and me in Houston and with us during our trip home. I am looking forward to seeing you all when I am back at church service and church activities.

Blessings, Kathy Emmerson 12/27

Many thanks for the support, concern and especially the prayers during my recent hospitalization. I appreciate it so much. ~ Sue Burton

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its December meeting, the Session:

- Said thank you and farewell to four retiring elders: Kirby Purjet, Sharon Koch, Mark Allen, and Denise Griffin.
- Approved the 2024 operating budget of \$724,650. The budget will be presented and changes to the pastor's terms of call will be approved at the annual congregational meeting on January 28, 2024.
- Recognized Janet Tinder upon her retirement as Clerk of Session following ten years of service. A Certificate of Appreciation was presented to Janet as a token of the Session's deep gratitude.
- Elected Lisa Gary as the new Clerk of Session beginning in January.

Financial Report as of November 2023

	Actual for November	YTD November	YTD November Budget
Operating Income	\$64,196	\$682,575	\$614,896
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$18,500	\$19,000
Total Income	\$66,196	\$701,075	\$633,896
Operating Expenses	\$43,614	\$584,320	\$628,320
Total Expenses	\$43,614	\$584,320	\$628,320
Total Income less Expenses	\$22,582	\$116,755	\$5,576

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Thom Haig

Worship and Music
Catherine Manning
MaryAnne Walls

Clerk of Session
Lisa Gary



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>



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.



Support FPC Christian Ed with Kroger Community Rewards Program. Link your Kroger reward card to FPC. Sign up at: Visit <https://www.kroger.com/account/enroll> CommunityRewardsNow/ Our organization number is YU915.