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# 4th Sunday after Epiphany



# ~The Gathering~

**PRELUDE** 

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light Tami Newsom, organ

Groom te Velde

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**GREETING** 

Rev. Matt Nieman

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

With our whole hearts, we give God thanks.

Great are the works of the Lord!

We ascribe honor and majesty to God.

God's righteousness endures forever.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Let us worship God!

### \*HYMN #470 O Day of Radiant Gladness Es flog ein Kleins Waldvögelein

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#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*Prayer of Confession

Great God, we know that you are our God and that we are mere mortals, but self-righteousness still consumes us, arrogance still guides our decisions, and we become isolated and alone.

Bring us back to rest in your sovereign love, encourage us in relationship, and guide us to live in the community of faith, that we might experience your love building us up, enabling us to do the work to which you call us. In the name of Jesus, we pray.

(please continue in silent prayer)

\*KYRIE ELEISON

O Waly Waly

Come, Spirit come, our hearts control. Our Spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed, By this we worship and are freed.

\*GLORIA PATRI Festal Song

Arise, your light is come! The Mountains burst in song! Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's pow'r will make us strong.

\*THE PEACE

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

~The Word~

ANTHEM

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name FPC Ringers

arr. John A. Behnke

<sup>\*</sup>DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LisaKay Matchen

Send your Spirit among us, O God, as we meditate on your love. Prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 1:21-28

[Pew Bible pg. 35]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

PSALM 111

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

**Andrew Moore** 



I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the faithful and in the congregation. The words of the Lord are great, sought out by all who delight in them. **(R)** 

His work is full of majesty and honour and his righteousness endures forever. He appointed a memorial for his marvelous deeds; the Lord is gracious and full of compassion. **(R)** 

He gave food to those who feared him; he is ever mindful of his covenant. He showed his people the power of his works in giving them the heritage of the nations. **(R)** 

The works of his hands are truth and justice; all his commandments are sure.

They stand fast forever and ever; they are done in truth and equity. (R)

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant forever; holy and mighty is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; a good understanding have those who

Live by it; his praise endures forever. (R)

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

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The Word of the Lord.

[Pew Bible pg. 174]

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Prophetic" Rev. Matt Nieman

# ~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from the Confession of 1967

The risen Christ is the Savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as His reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the Church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations.

INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION OF ELDERS ~ Class of 2026

Cheryl Cardwell ~ Administration
Cheyanne Feldhausen ~ Christian Education
Jeff Thode ~ Church Life
\$\$\mathref{T}\$ Thom Haig ~ Property
\$\$\mathref{T}\$ MaryAnne Walls ~ Worship and Music
\$\$(\mathref{t}\$ - will be ordained today)\$\$

THE ANTHEM

And The Father Will Dance Chancel Choir arr. M. Hayes

And the Father will dance over you in joy!

He will take delight in whom He loves.

Is that a choir I hear singing the praises of God?

No, the Lord God Himself is exulting o'er you in song!

My soul will make its boast in God, For He has answered all my cries. His faithfulness to me is as sure as the dawn of a new day.

Awake, my soul, and sing! Let my spirit rejoice in God!

Sing, O daughter of Zion, with all your heart! Cast away fear for you have been restored! Put on the garment of praise as on a festival day. Join with the Father in glorious, jubilant song!

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 #281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

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#### \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*Congregational Response # 339 Be Thou My Vision

Slane

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art-Thou my best thought, by day or by night, Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

\*Postlude

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König

Saffe

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- Go to <a href="https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance">https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance</a>, or
- Email the office at <u>office@fpctn.org</u>, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.



<u>ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETINGS</u> will be held immediately following worship services today. Please plan on staying for a few minutes as we review the budget for 2024 and consider the pastor's terms of call.



Jessica Lewis, our sabbatical worship leader last summer will be ordained as Minister of the Word and Sacrament within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) TODAY, January 28 at 3pm in Lambert Hall at Maryville College, Maryville, TN. The ordination is open to the public and all are invited to attend and show Jessica their



support. (This event was rescheduled from last week due to the weather.)





**CHILI COOKOFF & BINGO NIGHT!** Dust off your crockpots and find that favorite recipe for the *Chili Cookoff & Bingo Night* on Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. We have multiple judges to award prizes for the best tasting chili! Of course, there will be prizes for our Bingo winners as well. Bring that favorite chili, cornbread or other bread item, a salad, or a small dessert for the potluck. Our Church Life committee will provide drinks, chili condiments and prizes. Please register at <a href="http://tinyurl.com/ChiliBingoNightatFPC">http://tinyurl.com/ChiliBingoNightatFPC</a>, or on the narthex table so we have an idea for set-up and supplies. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Do you enjoy cooking?** Do you have the time to share the fruit of your efforts with others? If so, please consider volunteering to provide an occasional meal (or part of a meal) with somebody in need within our congregation. For someone coming home after surgery, for



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someone who is temporarily unable to cook for himself/herself and family due to injury or continued treatment, or for someone grieving the loss of someone dear, a home-cooked meal is a comforting gesture of care and concern our church family can provide. If you're able to contribute to this care-giving ministry, please email Gayle Williams: gayle.elizabeth.williams@gmail.com.



Volunteers are needed to serve lunch to the hungry at <u>VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER</u> on Tuesday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. If you can help in this meaningful ministry, contact February coordinator Gayle Williams, or sign up in the narthex.

### ATTENTION ALL YOUTH AND KIDS:

sign up below for the "Surprise Valentine" Gift Exchange on Sunday, February 11th at 10am in Fellowship Hall. Sign up with Beth Honey at this link: <a href="https://forms.gle/f6h4M45796zETwAB8">https://forms.gle/f6h4M45796zETwAB8</a>



### PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Candy Blake, Denise Damelio, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

### **BIRTH:**

John and Connie Begovich have a new granddaughter, *Tess Amelia Hanson*, born on 1/24/24 at 6:20 pm! Baby, mother and father are all doing well. Congratulations and blessings for all!

### **This Week at FPC**

Sun, Jan 28	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services			
	3:00	p.m.	Jessica Lewis Ordination/Lambert Hall, Maryville College	
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor	
Mon, Jan 29	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex	
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A	
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall	
Tues, Jan 30	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary	
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH,Room A, Narthex	
Wed, Jan 31	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary	
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A	
Thurs, Feb 01	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A	
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall	
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom	
Fri, Jan 02	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex	
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex	
Sat, Jan 03	8:00	a.m.	Big Fish CPR Training/Fellowship Hall	

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Room D	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and will meet under the trees in good weather and in Room D in not-so-good weather.
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	Doubts are a common part of our faith. This six-week study will focus on some of the most popular doubts Christians and non-Christians face. And hopefully, we will be led to a greater trust in God that is not afraid of the hard questions. Based on Adam Hamilton's Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith.
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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