



Farragut Presbyterian Church

# Wandering Heart

"Jesus sought me"

1st Sunday of Lent ~ February 18, 2024 ~ 9am

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## ~We Gather~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Reckless Love*  
Musical Ensemble

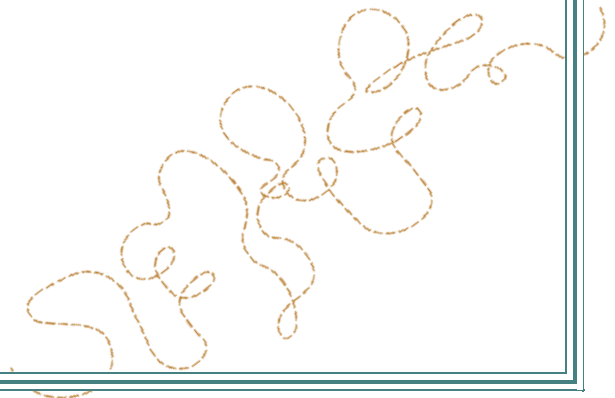
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Call to Worship

Come in. Feel your feet on the floor.  
Settle your worries. Take a deep breath.  
Dust the cobwebs from your ears.  
Relax the tension in your jaw,  
**for Christ is here.**  
**God never stops seeking us.**  
We have been found.  
**Let us find God in return.**  
Let us worship the God of deep waters.

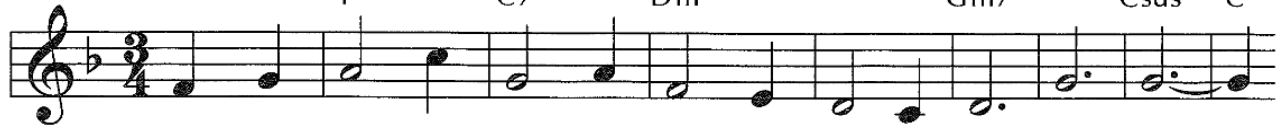
\*Opening Songs

*The Summons*  
and  
*Come Thou Fount*



\*Opening Song **Will You Come and Follow Me/ The Summons** G. Maule | J. Bell

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C



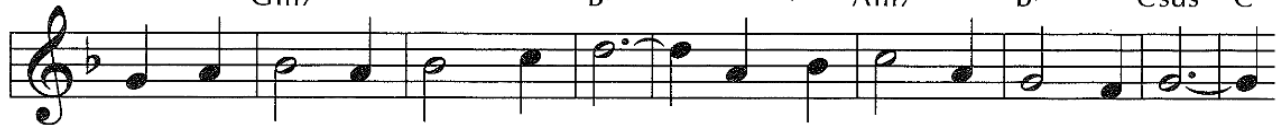
1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?  
 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you set the pris - oners free and nev - er be the same?  
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus) (A)  
 Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> Am7 B<sup>b</sup> Csus C



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?  
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the world a - round,  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)  
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B<sup>b</sup> F



will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

\*Song

## Come Thou Fount

Wyeth/Robinson

### VERSE

$\text{♩} = 80$  G7 C G C F C G7 C G7 C



1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er  
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good  
3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a

6 G C F C G7 C C Em F F/C C C Em F



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of  
fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I

12 C G7 C G C F C G7 C



bove; Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
God; He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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\*Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, You call us by name. You join us in the deep waters of life.  
You invite us to drop our nets and follow you, and yet, more often than  
we'd like to admit, we are like Peter. Over and over again,  
we stand slack jawed and surprised to find you in our midst.**

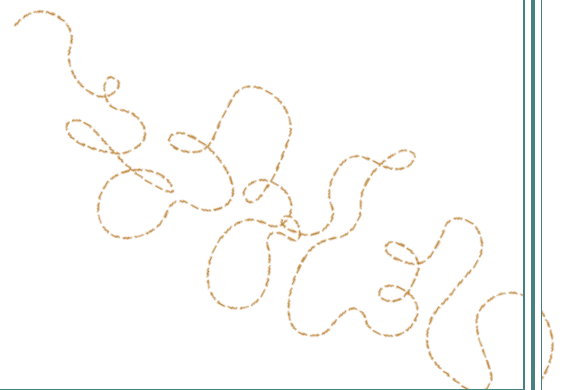
**Forgive us for drowning out your voice with our own.  
Forgive us for assuming that we can tackle deep waters by ourselves.  
Forgive us for forgetting that you will never stop climbing into our boat.  
Turn our hearts, our minds, and our spirits toward you,  
for you are the Lord our God, and it is in your name that we pray.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*The Peace

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



## ~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

Darrell Sparks

**Creator God, You hear everything.**

**You hear the rush of the wind through the trees. You hear a baby's first cry.**

**You hear the crickets chirping, our silent prayers, and laughter around tables.**

**You hear it all! We don't need that same capacity, but we do need to hear your Word, O God, for we cannot live on bread alone.**

**So today we pray: give us the ability to truly listen.**

**Give us the ability to listen with our hearts,**

**and may the truths revealed in your scripture today change us.**

**With hearts full of gratitude we pray, amen.**

Scripture Readings: Psalm 25:1-10

[Pew Bible pg. 502]

Darrell Sparks

Luke 5:1-11

[Pew Bible pg. 62]

Rev. Matt Nieman

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon

"Jesus Sought Me"

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith –

I believe in a God of abundance—

**a God who sees possibilities where I cannot,**

**and who holds onto hope when I am at the end of my rope.**

I believe in a God who comforts—

**a God who says, "Do not be afraid;" a God who joins me in life's deep waters.**

I believe in a God who invites—

**a God who says, "Follow me," and, "You will be fishers of people."**

I believe in a God who seeks after me relentlessly and persistently—

**a God of second chances and boundless mercy; a God who calls us by name.**

**We believe. Help our unbelief. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

Musical Reflection

*Who Am I*

Mark Hall

Joey Nieman, soloist

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Call for Giving

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.**

# ~We Go Out Into the World~

\*Closing Song

*I Will Follow*

C. Tomlin | J. Ingram | R. Morgan

VERSE 1



4 All Your ways are good, all Your ways are sure; I will  
trust in You a-lone. High-er than my sight, high a-bove my life;

7 CHORUS



12 I will trust in You a-lone. In You a-lone. Where You go, I'll go;  
14 Where You stay, I'll stay; When You move, I'll move.  
17 I will fol-low You. Whom You love, I'll love; How You serve, I'll serve;  
If this life I lose, I will fol - low You.

## Verse 2

Light into the world  
Light into my life  
I will live for You alone  
You're the One I seek  
Knowing I will find  
All I need in You alone  
In You alone

## Bridge

In You there's life everlasting  
In You there's freedom for my soul  
In You there's joy unending joy  
And I will follow

\*Charge and Benediction



**Special thanks to today's music ensemble:**

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar  
Kevin Zetina, percussion ~ Mindy Houlihan, vocals

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## THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### Wandering Heart: "Jesus sought me"

# All This Time

I put my headphones in. I walk quickly. I look toward the ground.  
I create one million barriers of independence, but *still* God seeks after me.  
God leans a rainbow over the sky. God sends sun after the rain.  
God blankets the earth with wildflowers.  
God allows music to carry and laughter to rise, all so that I might notice.  
And when I do notice,  
the unfurling that begins in my soul is slow and holy and burning.  
I am not alone.  
God has been chasing after me all this time.

~Rev. Sarah Speed

### Fish: *Jesus sought me*

Jesus instructs Peter to cast his nets after an unsuccessful day of fishing and he catches an absurd abundance of fish. Peter doesn't feel worthy of this gift, but Jesus calls him to be a fisher of people all the same. The fish represents God's abundant provision of sustenance and grace, as well as Peter's shift in vocation and calling – from fisher of fish to fisher of people.



## River of Grace

By Lisle Gwynn Garrigy  
Inspired by Luke 5:1-11

"Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" (Luke 5:8)

As we begin Lent, this desperate confession introduces us to Peter, the disciple whose story—and wandering heart—we will follow for the next 7 weeks....Peter was a commercial fisherman; his business partners were Andrew (his brother) as well as Zebedee and his two sons. Based in Galilee, he was most likely bilingual, speaking Aramaic and Greek. Culturally, he was immersed in Judaism and Hellenism....He was likely a blue-collar worker daily constrained by tides and taxes. With this backstory in mind, we may hear Peter's response to the abundant catch of fish with fresh ears. There are so many messages within his protest: "I'm not prepared. I'm not capable. I'm not deserving. I'm not faithful enough. I'm not smart enough. I'm not the type you're looking for." Have you ever found yourself saying these things in response to a new calling, or to an abundant gift of grace? In this image, the bursting nets transform into a river of grace meandering through the composition of Peter's life. The river pours into Peter's hands, but he can't quite grasp the fullness of this gift and calling quite yet, and so most of it rushes right by. As you will see in my other pieces for this series, this river of grace will wander alongside Peter throughout his life. The river represents how his journey with Christ begins and ends: with an abundant catch of fish. He is forever tethered to the overflowing love of God. The river is a symbol of Peter's gifts, as God uses what Peter knows how to do well (being a fisher of fish) and invites him to apply his skills to a new calling (being a fisher of people). It's a visible reminder of the ways God's grace bends and turns and rushes to find each of our wandering hearts. Despite Peter's resistance, grace seeks him out. His right thumb gets caught in the net. He can't escape the fact that God's goodness and mercy will pursue him all the days of his life (Psalm 23:6). The river rushes in. The question for Peter—and for each of us—is will he follow where it leads?

~Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrigy



Volunteers are needed to serve lunch to the hungry at **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER** 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.

**2024 FOODIES DATES !! March 16 ~ May 4 ~ July 13 ~ October 26th**

Save the dates for Foodies dinners this year and join us for fun, food and fellowship! Foodies meet in small groups and prepare designated recipes. Sign-up in the narthex or contact Pat Hickman with questions.



The first dinner is March 16<sup>th</sup> and the menu will include:

- appetizer - Chips and Guacamole
- entrée - Cedar plank salmon
- sides - Artichoke Rice Casserole  
Grilled or Baked Asparagus
- dessert - Strawberry Shortcake

Our 2024 Lenten Series is **“Wandering Heart - Figuring out faith with Peter”** from Sanctified Art.

The worship series focuses on the life and faith of one of Jesus’ most famous disciples. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. By following Peter’s journey, we watch the story of Jesus unfold through the eyes of a very normal human trying to figure it all out – just like us. A digital version of the accompanying devotional booklet is available at:

<https://online.flippingbook.com/view/1072485778/>.

If you would prefer a hard copy, please contact the office and we can print one for you.



For your convenience, Sunday morning services are livestreamed and available to watch in the viewing room (parlor) on the big screen tv should you ever need to leave the sanctuary during worship.

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Lois Burris, Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Bill Nelson, Jim Rich, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

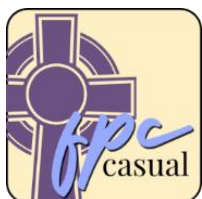
Our prayers are with Kirby and Gloria Purjet who will be moving to Georgia in March. Their new address will be: 539 Hornbeam Drive, Griffin, GA 30223.

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**Church Office Hours:**

Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm



## This Week at FPCC

Sun, Feb 18	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services		
Mon, Feb 19	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Tues, Feb 20	*****	*****	<b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> /Presidents' Day
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/Volunteer Ministry Center
Wed, Feb 21	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Room A
Thurs, Feb 22	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
Fri, Feb 23	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Pastors Lunch/Library
	12:30	p.m.	Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Feb 23	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

## 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 <i>Wrestling with Doubt, Finding Faith</i> .
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.

*"To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith,  
be disciples of Jesus Christ and share the Good News."*