



Farragut Presbyterian Church

Wandering Heart

"Praise the mount"



3rd Sunday of Lent ~ March 3, 2024 ~ 9am

* indicates standing, if able.

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~We Gather~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

How Deep The Father's Love For Us
Musical Ensemble

Stuart Townend

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Call to Worship

If you ask the sky who God is,

the sky will tell you of God's reach.

If you ask the day who God is,

the sun will tell you of God's warmth.

If you ask the night who God is,

the moon will tell you of God's comfort.

"The heavens are telling the glory of God." (Psalm 19:1)

Are you listening?

We are listening! We will sing of God's glory.

Let us worship Holy God.

*Opening Songs

*Let God Arise
and
Here at the Peak*



Verse 1

Hear the holy roar of God resound
Watch the waters part before us now
Come and see what He has done for us
Tell the world of His great love

Pre-Chorus and Chorus

PRE-CHORUS

Our. God___ is a God___ who saves.____ Our God___ is a God___

CHORUS

6
___ who saves.____ Let God. a - rise,___ let God. a - rise.____ Our. God reigns___

13
___ now and for - ev___ er, He reigns___ now and for - ev er,___

Verse 2

His enemies will run for sure
The Church will stand she will endure
He holds the keys of life our Lord
Death has no sting no final word

Chorus 2

God arise
Let God arise
Our God reigns now and forever
He reigns now and forever





Here at the peak I ___ clear - ly ___ see
 Here I pro - claim the ___ truths I ___ know
 Here my Cre - a - tor ___ stands en - fleshed
 Here at the peak you ___ clear - ly ___ name



All of the pie - ces ___ you've laid ___ out
 Be - yond the know - ledge of this ___ world
 In - fin - ite glo - ry ___ here con - tained
 Who you cre - a - ted ___ me to ___ be



And in this brief though time - less ___ peace
 Truths plant - ed deep with - in my ___ bones
 Hum - ble and rug - ged, ___ sim - ply ___ dressed
 I - den - ti - fied not ___ by my ___ shame



Such clar - i - ty oc - cludes my ___ doubts
 Brought to the light as gold un - earthed
 Sav - ior of all on earth to ___ reign
 But by the gifts you gave to ___ me

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*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, some days, we are quick to declare your goodness.
 Like Peter, we see you in our midst and we are confident in our faith.
 Other days, we are distracted and uncertain, desperate for answers.

Forgive us for losing sight of you.

Some days we are quick to trust your blessings—

trusting that we are called, that we can make a difference.

Other days, our praise falls silent and doubt creeps in.

Forgive us for losing sight of ourselves.

We know that fear and doubt are part of the journey of faith.

But for the days when we are far from you and far from ourselves,
 we ask for your tender grace.

Pull us closer toward you.

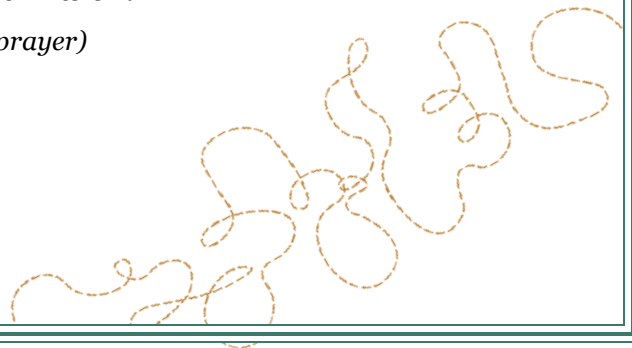
Remind us of the mountaintop moments of our faith.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

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



~We Proclaim~

Moment with the Children

Mason Warren

Prayer for Illumination

Thomas Houlihan

Holy Word, for generations people have bowed their heads, have prayed the Psalms, have asked for your presence in their lives. For generations people have whispered, “May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable and pleasing to you, O God.” For generations we have gathered here, we have quieted our minds, we have prayed to feel your presence in our midst. So once again, just as the generations before, we turn our hearts to your Word. Still our busy minds so that we might truly comprehend what you have to say to us today. With joy and hope we pray, amen.

Scripture Readings: Psalm 19
Matthew 16:13-20

[Pew Bible pg. 498]
[Pew Bible pg. 18]

Thomas Houlihan
Rev. Matt Nieman

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Praise the Mount”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith –

Jesus asked the disciples, “But what about you?
Who do you say that I am?” Church, what do you say?
**Jesus is a hand reaching out in the storm,
the voice of truth spoken over us, and love without walls.
Jesus is justice for the weary, healing for the hurt,
and welcome for the stranger.
Jesus is teacher, Messiah, and friend—with me on the mountain
and beside me in the valley.
Jesus is a star in the night, and the love that knows my name.**

Jesus asked, “Who do you say that I am?”

Like Peter, we say, “Jesus, you are the Messiah, son of the Living God.”

Musical Reflection

Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)
Musical Ensemble

Robinson/Wyeth

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Minute for Mission

Karm Corners of the Field

Kirk Morris

Call for Giving

~We Remember~

The Invitation to the Lord’s Table

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.**

Words of Institution

The Communion of the People – *Reprise of “How Deep The Father's Love For Us”*

The Prayer after Communion

~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

Joy of the Lord

Llewellyn/Gilkeson/Cash

Verse 1

Though the tears may fall my song will rise
My song will rise to You
Though my heart may fail my song will rise
My song will rise to You
While there's breath in my lungs
I will praise You Lord

Verse 2

In the dead of night I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
When the waters rise I'll lift my eyes
I'll lift my eyes to You
While there's hope in this heart
I will praise You Lord

Chorus

The joy of the Lord is my strength! The joy of the Lord is my strength!
In the dark-ness. I'll dance, in the shadows. I'll sing, the joy of the Lord is my strength!

Verse 3

When I cannot see You with my eyes
Let faith arise to You
When I cannot feel Your hand in mine
Let faith arise to You
God of mercy and love I will praise You Lord

Verse 4

Oh You shine with glory Lord of light
I feel alive with You
In Your presence now I come alive
I am alive with You
There is strength when I say
I will praise You Lord (*chorus*)

Bridge

When sorrow comes my way
You are the shield around me
Always You remain
My courage in the fight
I hear You call my name Jesus I am coming
Walking on the waves reaching for Your light (*chorus*)

*Charge and Benediction



Special thanks to today's music ensemble:

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

along with our thanks to

READER: Thomas Houlihan and USHERS: Brett & Amy Eiffert

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- Go to <https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance>, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
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Our 2024 Lenten Series is

"Wandering Heart -

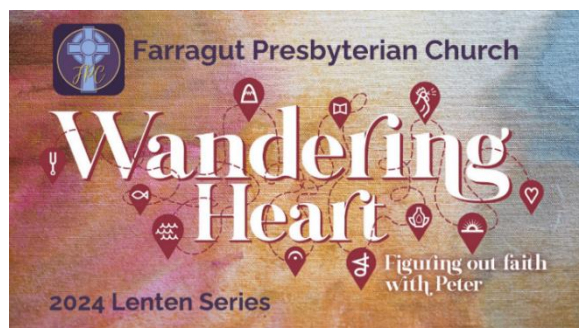
Figuring out faith with Peter"

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:

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



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT



Wandering Heart:

"Praise the Mount"

Who Do You Say That I Am?

by Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman
Inspired by Matthew 16:13-20

Praise the Mount:

Mountain Peak
THE THIRD SUNDAY
IN LENT

Peter has a moment of clarity and professes Jesus to be the Messiah. Jesus affirms Peter's proclamation by saying Peter is the rock upon which he will build his church and that Peter will be given "the keys of the kingdom of heaven" (Matt. 16:19). A mountain peak represents this moment of clarity and affirmation along Peter's wandering journey.



Praise the Mount

I have stayed quiet before. I have held my tongue while passing mountains.

I have slipped my hands deep into pockets, despite the music that invites me to dance.

I have glimpsed a new moon and a new love and have acted as if it was something other than a complete, God-given miracle. But not today. Not today. Today I will dance. Today I will tap my toes all the way to heaven's gates. Today I will point out every shade of gold and periwinkle that we pass.

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Today I will talk about my faith like we talk about the weather—early and unprompted, comfortable and unashamed. Today I will tell you that God did such a good job with freckles, willow trees, and your entire being. And I will not be embarrassed by my own conviction. I will not swallow my praise. I have stayed quiet before, but not today. Today I will sing.

~written by: rev. sarah speed | sanctifiedart.org |

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 16th and the menu will include:

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



Be sure to mark your calendars for these wonderful upcoming concerts here at Farragut Presbyterian Church this spring!

**TODAY, March 03
at 4pm!
Virginia Men's Glee Club**

Sunday, April 07
Dr. Linda Stutzenberger,
harp

Sunday, May 05
UT Contemporary
Acappella Ensembles



SPECIAL THANKS

to Gale Montgomery, Feb. coordinator Gayle Williams, Margo Gregory, and Kelly Schueler for volunteering to feed the hungry last month. If you would like to volunteer to prepare/serve a meal to the homeless at Volunteer Ministry Center downtown on Tuesday, March 19th, contact March coordinator, Linda Scothorn, or sign up in the narthex.



EASTER EGG HUNT-SUNDAY, MARCH 31 AT 10AM:

All are invited to join us for a joyful Easter egg hunt for the children following the 9:00 casual service on Sunday, March 31st. Donations of a dozen filled plastic eggs (treats, prizes, and candy without nuts kindly requested) will be graciously accepted in a container in the Narthex in advance of the event.

Families with participating children are encouraged to RSVP at <https://signup.com/go/akNWnJx> or let Mason Warren know at masonwarrem@fpctn.org by March 24th so we have plenty of eggs and bags for everyone.



WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM
WITH CONGREGATION BRUNCH AT 11AM



SHEPHERD'S PIE AND/OR CHICKEN POT PIES
SALAD - BREAD - CAKE - DRINKS - COFFEE AND MORE

So we have enough food and seating for the Palm Sunday Brunch, kindly RSVP at: <http://tinyurl.com/FPC-PalmSundayBrunch>, use the this QR code, or email the church office.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Lois Burris, Pat Dail, 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

This Week at FPC

Sun, Mar 03	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Services		
	10:00	a.m.	Growing Families Small Group/Room A
	4:00	p.m.	University of Virginia Glee Club Concert /Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Mar 04	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Tennessee Valley Player Auditions/Sanc., Rm A, Narthex
Tues, Mar 05	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers Support/Room A
Wed, Mar 06	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship and Music Committee/Library
Thurs, Mar 07	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Mar 08	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex



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



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