



TO PRAISE GOD, WELCOME ALL, SERVE OTHERS,
GROW IN FAITH, BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Good News Banner

March 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://tinyurl.com/fpclivestream>

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge God's gracious presence in the world. Our faithful response in praising God encompasses compassionate service to all, nurturing one another to grow in faith together and sending out disciples to share the Good News.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



I think you'll enjoy reading some words of wisdom from Rev. Verlyn Boone, a pastor in the Reformed Church of America, who is currently serving as the interim pastor at my home congregation in Iowa. He's spot-on when it comes to what it means to embrace a reformed faith as we do. Enjoy!

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-not the result of works, so that no one may boast." (Eph. 2:8-9) There is an order. Grace. Faith. Works. If you change the order, I believe a person ends up with Spiritual Confusion Disorder. A disorder that has affected people since time began in human beings' relationship with God. Grace is the truth that there is nothing I can do to make God love me more, there is nothing I can do to make God love me less, God loves me in this moment as much as it is possible for an infinite God to love. The unconditional love of God is gift. All gift. This is the primary, first love. God's love is always first. The channel or conduit to receive that love is faith. God's love for us does not depend on our faith, but rather God's love is received and lived into through faith. Each moment, no matter what we are going through, to trust that God loves us is life changing. Out of that first love experience, our lives will reflect that love to others, which is why works is the last in the spiritually ordered life. Works are the result of a heart changed by the love of God. This is the grace design by our Creator.

"Spiritual Confusion Disorder comes when we place works first, or even faith. I have witnessed folks who try really hard to believe or have faith, and then they pile up a heap of good works in the hope that God might love them. Or good works are the end all. If I do enough good works, then God has to love me because I am such a swell person. Every day I try harder to have more good works, especially having more than the person over there. I am really living for Jesus. Paul had a different opinion. When works is first in your spiritual life order, you are only setting up bragging rights for how wonderful you are. It has nothing to do with God or the good of others, those are secondary, if in the mix at all. It is all about you earning the love of God and the praise of others. If you live in grace, you will "want to" do good works. If you live in shame, "you have to" do good works. A question I ask myself daily is, "Am I living in the want to or the have to?" Are the good works in my life coming from a heart that has been invaded by the love of God or are they coming from a place of trying to earn worth by being a wonderful person? Living in Spiritual Confusion Disorder leads to unrest, anxiety, and trying harder. Living in grace leads to rest, playfulness, and a lightness of spirit that seeks to do good out of being loved by God. Living in grace does make all the difference in your soul and the impact on those around you."

Wandering Heart

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.





Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 24, 2024

10:00 AM

PROCESSION OF PALMS

SEE BULLETIN FOR BRUNCH DETAILS



MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 2024

7:00 PM

GOOD FRIDAY

MARCH 29, 2024

8:00 AM - 8:00 PM

SANCTUARY OPEN FOR
PRAYER AND MEDITATION



EASTER CELEBRATION

MARCH 31, 2024

9:00 AM CASUAL

11:00 AM TRADITIONAL

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



SPECIAL THANKS to Gale Montgomery, February coordinator Gayle Williams, Margo Gregory and Kelly Schueler for volunteering to feed the hungry last month. If you would like to volunteer at Volunteer Ministry Center downtown on Tuesday, March 19 contact March coordinator, Linda Scothorn or sign up in the narthex.

Posies for the Pantry

**Benefitting the
Shepherd of Hope
Food Pantry**

Save the Date

April 27 9am - 1pm



Daylight Savings

SPRING FORWARD 1 HOUR

Sunday, March 10 at 2am



Join us March 16
for the first **FOODIES** dinner of 2024.

What is **FOODIES**, you say?

A **FOODIES** night is a chance to get together at a host home and share great food , fellowship, and drink.

We meet in small groups preparing designated recipes.

Each guest is assigned a dish to bring and provided the recipe.

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

Contact Pat Hickman with questions.
A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.



EASTER EGG HUNT

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 10:00 AM

Hop on over to a joyful Easter egg hunt for the children following the 9:00 am casual service on Sunday, March 31.

Donations of a dozen filled plastic eggs (treats, prizes, and candy without nuts) will be graciously accepted in a container in the Narthex in advance of the event.

Families with participating children are asked to RSVP by March 24 at

**<https://signup.com/go/akNWnJx>
or contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org**



Farragut Presbyterian Church Women Birthday Offering Gathering



Ofrenda de Cumpleaños DEL 2024 DE MUJERES PRESBITERIANAS

JOIN US

2024 Birthday Offering OF PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

2024 총회 여성연합회 생일헌금



"Así que no tengan miedo. Yo les daré de comer a ustedes y a sus hijos." Así José los tranquilizó, pues les habló con mucho cariño.

- Génesis 50:21*

"So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

- Genesis 50:21*

"당신들은 두려워하지 마소서 내가 당신들과 당신들의 자녀를 기르리이다 하고" 그들을 간곡한 말로 위로하였더라.

- 창세기 50:21*

Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall

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Farragut Presbyterian Church Women will celebrate with our Birthday Offering Gathering in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, April 6, 2024, at 11:30 a.m. Tickets for the catered luncheon will be available in the narthex following both worship services on March 17, March 24 and March 31.

Our guest speaker will be Janis Pardue Hill, PhD, author of the book "Telling His Story, POW #1000", the story of hers and our own Gayle Williams' father's experience as a POW. Please plan on joining us.

The Birthday Offering is a PW offering collected in the spring of each year to celebrate the blessings in the lives of Presbyterian Women. The offering funds up to five projects that are not included in ongoing General Assembly mission support, such as agricultural development, childcare, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns.

The first recipient of the 2024 Birthday Offering is Advocates for Community Choice dba Bethel Hills Villa 5 Apartments and Recreation Area in Marthasville, MO. Many adults with intellectual/development disabilities experience difficulties finding appropriate and affordable housing and often struggle to make friends and thrive in the wider community. Bethel Hills addresses the unique needs of these individuals by providing a safe and loving place that takes into consideration their physical, emotional and spiritual needs in an environment where they can flourish. With the Birthday Offering grant, Bethel Hills will expand its mission to provide a supportive, faith-based, inclusive community where all are accepted and valued.

The second recipient of the 2024 Birthday Offering is Shawnee Presbyterian Church Café Ginkgo in Louisville, KY. Shawnee Presbyterian Church serves as a welcoming beacon of light for their community in Louisville. Located in an economically disadvantaged area where single mothers and children face challenges of food insecurity, the church started addressing this need in August 2019. The small yet dedicated congregation began serving free dine-in meals at Café Ginkgo named for the ginkgo tree located at the building's north entrance. With the Birthday Offering grant, Café Ginkgo will be able to reopen with a renovated kitchen and expanded capacity to provide meals, improvements to the fellowship hall will allow the church to offer enriching activities such as tutoring for elementary ages, Ginkgo Play Zone, financial literacy classes and Mama-to-Mama parenting workshops.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

Music for Lent...

A collage of Lenten symbols: purple ... fasting ... simplicity ... preparation ... baptism ... quiet ... ashes ... renewal ... conversion ... the cross ... repentance ... the catechumenate. The evolution of the Church's liturgical practices has certainly produced a rich and intricate tapestry for the season of Lent. Lectionary passages reinforce the special nature of the season. The music carefully selected for worship used during this season also builds on this groundwork, helping to bring alive the themes and moods of the liturgy, helping to set the season apart. Few people today would think of Lent as a season for liturgical music, because Christmas has almost cornered the market. Unsatisfied with its own ample store of tunes, Christmas absorbs other seasonal compositions. Handel's *Messiah*, no matter what you have heard, is an Easter oratorio, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" celebrates the Resurrection not the Nativity. Lenten music has its own particular beauty full of somber, minor sonorities. Lent has been an enormous source of inspiration for composers," the birthplace of gems like the hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

In a way, Lenten music began before the Church did. Jesus and the apostles sang Passover hymns on the first Holy Thursday, as testified by the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The earliest Christians often sang of the passion and death of Christ, although their music is mostly lost.

The High Middle Ages was a rich seedbed of penitential music. The *Dies Irae* ("Day of Wrath"), attributed to the 13th-century musician Thomas of Celano, was eventually incorporated into the Requiem Mass in the 16th century. To this day, composers take great delight in using this apocalyptic text as a starting point for magnificent (and very loud) orchestrations.

Bach's name is inseparable from sacred music, especially Lenten music, due largely to his four oratorios based on the Gospel accounts of the Passion. Two of them are lost, but the *St. John Passion* and *St. Matthew Passion* are high-water marks for depth and complexity. From the opening notes of the *St. John Passion*, we are invited to contemplate a world thrown out of balance by sin and the innocence of the Lamb to be slain; in Bach's own understated way, the trial sequence of the *St. John Passion* chillingly reminds us of the world's darkness.

For our worship during Lent, the area of hymn selection has great impact on the mood of our liturgies. Looking specifically at Lenten hymnody, we see that there are certain traditional hymns, coming from a number of sources (German chorales, spirituals, English hymn tunes). The hymns "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days," "Were You There?" and "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" are familiar to most congregations and should be a part of every Lent.

The anthems sung by the choir during the Lenten season are chosen very carefully, as always, with the goal of enhancing the spoken Word. Tami Newsom, our Associate Director of Music also makes selections very carefully, avoiding those joyful pieces which are better saved for Easter or Ordinary Time. Not just during Lent, but every Sunday - all music chosen for traditional worship is selected to coincide with the lectionary

scripture passages prescribed for the day, intended to illuminate the Word and work as a cohesive element for the theme of worship on that day. During Lent, you will hear that Lenten music is not simply more of what is played or sung during Ordinary Time, but has a character of its own.

Purple tells our eyes it is Lent; texts tell our mind it is Lent; prayers tell our hearts it is Lent; and music tells our ears it is Lent. Lent, like Advent, is a time for solemn and sober thought about one's sins leading to repentance. It denotes a quiet time for watching, waiting, and praying for Christ passion and resurrection.

Save these Dates for our Spring Concert Series!

Concert events take place within our sanctuary and are offered to our congregation and community at no cost. We hope many of you will invite your friends and neighbors to attend these events and experience the friendliness of Farragut Presbyterian Church!



**SUNDAY, APRIL 07
DR. LINDA STUTZENBERGER,
HARP**

**SUNDAY, MAY 05
UT CONTEMPORARY
ACAPPELLA ENSEMBLES**



MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

March 26

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.

WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO



Call someone who cares

FPC STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS

BETH MARTIN | MATT NIEMAN
JEANIE OAKLEY | ELIZABETH WILSON

865/966-9547

Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Janet Tinder

865-556-8193

Kathy Emmerson

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

March 14 and 28

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!

No childcare available, but both Yoga classes are free and open to the public.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



Pastor Matt's Class Library

This Lent, we are focusing on the life and faith of one of Jesus' most famous disciples as part of our "Wandering Heart" Lenten series.. In Peter, we see a person who is both steadfast and unsteady, a dear friend and a betrayer, a follower and a wanderer. In Peter, we often see ourselves. 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.

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.

March Anniversaries

03/09 Van and Dixie Heflin
03/12 Matt and Beth Honey
03/12 Rob and Eva Lynch
03/14 Thom and Mary Ellen Haig
03/17 Victor and Kelly Schueler
03/20 John and Becky Thomason
03/21 Clay and Denise Griffin
03/23 Jerry and Beth Martin
03/24 Nathan and Byrd Mathis
03/29 Stuart and Donna Phillips



**Remember in
your prayers...**

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

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Kirby and Gloria Purjet will be moving to Georgia in March. Their new address will be 539 Hornbeam Drive, Griffin, GA 30223

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.

March Birthdays

03/01 Beth Martin
03/03 Olivia Colloredo
03/07 Terry Olberding
03/07 Tara Taylor
03/13 Mia Key
03/17 Linda Stutzenberger
03/17 Holly Gary
03/17 Maria Medina
03/18 Mason Warren
03/20 Kent Williams
03/20 Michael Wright
03/20 Sam Hopson
03/22 Jerry Seiler
03/23 Chris Kszos
03/24 Carol Kraft
03/24 Lynn Kszos
03/26 Kinsley Mashue
03/26 Samuel MacCarthy
03/27 Paul Johnson
03/28 Dixie Heflin
03/29 David Stutzenberger
03/29 Bill Lester
03/29 Mark Scheuer
03/29 Carol Evans
03/31 Jo McElhaney

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

Financial Report as of January 2024				
	Actual for January		YTD January	YTD January Budget
Operating Income	\$51,800		\$51,800	\$53,964
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000		\$2,000	\$2,000
Total Income	\$53,800		\$53,800	\$55,964
Operating Expenses	\$48,842		\$48,842	\$54,704
Total Expenses	\$48,842		\$48,842	\$54,704
Total Income less Expenses	\$4,958		\$4,958	\$1,260

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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/FPCKnox>



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.