



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Acts 8:26-40"

APRIL 28, 2024
9:00 a.m.



* indicates standing, if able.

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~We Gather~

Prelude

Great Things
Musical Ensemble

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We come to worship with joy, trusting God's holy word will inspire us.

**We lean into God for understanding,
anticipating the Spirit's blessing.**

May God hear our praise!

May we be counted among the great congregation.

**May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to God.**

Come, let us worship our Lord.

Graves Into Gardens

VERSE 1

1 I searched the world, but it could-n't fill me.

5

9 Man's emp-ty praise and trea-sures that fade are nev-er e-nough.

13 Then You came a-long and put me back to - geth - er.

18 **CHORUS**
And ev-'ry de-sire is now sat-is-fied here in Your love. Oh, there's

22 noth-ing bet-ter than You. There's noth-ing bet-ter than You. Lord, there's

noth-ing noth-ing is bet-ter than You._____

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
 My failures and flaws
 Lord You've seen them all
 And You still call me friend
 'Cause the God of the mountain
 Is the God of the valley
 There's not a place
 Your mercy and grace won't find me again
 (CHORUS)

Bridge

You turn mourning to dancing
 You give beauty for ashes
 You turn shame into glory
 You're the only one who can

You turn graves into gardens
 You turn bones into armies
 You turn seas into highways
 You're the only one who can

*Song

Build My Life

VERSE



1. Wor-thy of ev - 'ry song we could ev-er sing.
2. Je-sus the name a-bove ev - 'ry oth-er name.

3



Wor-thy of all the praise we could ev-er bring. Wor-thy of ev-ry breath
Je-sus the on-ly one who could ev-er save. Wor-thy of ev-ry breath

6



we could ev-er breathe. We live for You. We live for You.
we could ev-er breathe. We live for You. We live for You.

9

CHORUS



Ho - ly, there is no one like You, there is non be - side You. O - pen up my

12



eyes in won - der and show me who You are and fill me, with Your heart and

15



lead me in Your love to those a - round me.

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken

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*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy, we confess that we have not borne the fruit of the Spirit.
We have not loved others as you have loved us.
We have denied the promises of baptism and cut ourselves off from you.**

**Forgive us, restore us, so we may abide in your love and live out your mercy,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whose name 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

John Begovich

Come, Holy Spirit, that through your word we may be guided into the love of God for all the world. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 John 4:16b-21
Acts 8:26-40

[Pew Bible pg. 241]
[Pew Bible pg. 127]

John Begovich
Rev. Matt Nieman

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“About Whom Does the Prophet Say This?”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith – (adapted from *Belonging to God: A First Catechism*)

We are the church: the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord’s Supper. Through these means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We believe the good news that gives us comfort that we belong to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our sake, so that nothing will ever separate us from God’s love. We know this good news through reading the Bible and hearing it taught and preached. The Holy Spirit inspired those who wrote the Bible and helps us rely on its promises today.

Musical Reflection

By Our Love
Musical Ensemble

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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

God So Loved

VERSE 1



1. Come all you wea - ry, come all you thirst - y. Come to the well that



nev - er runs dry. Drink of the wat - er come and thirst no more.

VERSE 2



2. Come all you sin - ners, come find His mer - cy. Come to the ta - ble; He



will sat - is - fy. Taste of His good - ness, find what you're look - ing for. For

CHORUS



God so loved the world that He gave us His one and on - ly Son to save us. Who -



ev - er be - lies in Him will live for - ev - er.

Verse 3

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting there
With open arms

Bridge

Praise God praise God
From whom all blessings flow
Praise Him praise Him
For the wonders of His love

Chorus

For God so loved the world that He gave us
His one and only Son to save us
Whoever believes in Him will live forever
The power of hell forever defeated
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom
For God so loved God so loved the world

Verse 4

Bring all your failures
Bring your addictions
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross
Jesus is waiting
God so loved the world

*Charge and Benediction

Today's music ensemble:

Ella Pinchok, guitar & vocals ~ Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Mindy Houlihan, vocals ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion

Ushers ~ Jim & Annette Meador

Reader ~ John Begovich

Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or

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



“Chat with Matt” Inquirer Classes

are being held TODAY, April 28 at 10am in Room A for those who are interested in joining our church family or just want to know more about what it's like to be a “Presbyterian.” Contact Mikie Lancaster or the office for more information.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Hello Friends! Farragut Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to assist in our worship services. If you can help in any of the submitted categories: usher, scripture reader, or communion server, please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp> and sign up in the appropriate available time slot. If you have any questions, please contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach, or the church office (865/966-9547). Thank you for your help!



FOODIES will be meeting on Saturday, May 4th at 6pm for a fun social meal where all participants prepare one of the menu items. The May menu includes: Tomato Pesto Mini Tarts, Antipasto Salad, Chicken Parmesan with Spinach Pasta and Garlic Bread with Chocolate Éclair Cake!

To join the fun, sign up in the narthex or contact Pat Hickman for more information.



NEXT SUNDAY!



**Sunday, May 05
at 6pm
in the sanctuary**
UT Contemporary
Acappella Ensembles
Free concert, but arrive
early for best seats!



A Cinco de Mayo Celebration will follow a **single worship service on May 5th**. In order for us to have enough seating and food to serve, please **RSVP at:** <https://tinyurl.com/FPCCincoDeMayo>



Scan this QR code to make a donation today in honor of the class of 2024



DONATE NOW!

Help us reach our goal of \$20,000!

1831 Melrose Ave Knoxville, TN 37917



UKirk hopes to have 2024 people donate at least \$10 each during the month of April to reach their fundraising goal of \$20,000. Won't you help? Just scan the QR code and make your donation today! Contact Susan Harbin with your questions.



In honor of the seniors graduating In 2024, we are looking for 2,024 people to donate at least \$10!

- \$10** provides a free meal for our students
- \$50** allows Rachel to take a student to lunch
- \$100** stocks our coffee shop for a week
- \$250** provides one meal for our Wednesday night worship gathering
- \$500** stocks our snack cabinet for a semester
- \$750** provides a salary for one Intern for a semester
- \$1000** sends two students to the college conference at Montreat
- \$5000** helps us repair our gutter system



ROANE CHORAL SOCIETY will wrap up its 51st year on Friday, May 3, with a concert at Central United Methodist Church in Lenoir City at 7pm. The concert will include works of Bach and John Rutter's Magnificat, and a special composition written and directed by Dr. Khyle Wooten, Assistant Professor of Music Performance and Director of Choral Activities at Ithaca College. (And former staff member here at FPC!) Several RCS members – including some FPC voices – will be performing a combined choral performance of Rutter's Magnificat at Carnegie Hall in late May!

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Nathan Burris, Pat Dail, Denise Damelio, Wayne Davis, Billie Fain, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Rachel Hopson, Paul Johnson, Beth Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Jim Rich, Dee Robinson, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver





CRAFT SUPPLY DONATIONS are welcome for another trip in May to the CAM Craft Cabin. Any sewing supplies, fabric, yarn, costume jewelry, batting, denim, trim, thread, buttons, and even used light bulbs (to make snowmen!) are

appreciated. Look for the collection box in the narthex, and contact Mikie Lancaster or Debbie Long if you would like to ride along! Elvira's Café brunch anyone?



Special thanks to April meal coordinator Margo Gregory, Megan and Dave Figel, Jean Peretz

and Gayle Williams for feeding the homeless at **Volunteer Ministry Center** in April. If you would like to participate in this essential outreach program, please contact May meal coordinators, Scott McKinney and Kirk Morris, or sign up in the narthex to help on Tuesday, May 21st.

Faith Lutheran Church & Farragut Presbyterian Church
Day at the Ballpark!

Sunday, June 23, 2024 - 2pm
to enjoy Sandra Bohlken singing
the opening National Anthem and
7th inning God Bless America



To purchase tickets, grab a form on the narthex table. Then turn your completed form with payment into the office.

This Week at FPC

Sun, April 28	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 am Traditional Worship Services		
	10:00	a.m.	CHAT WITH MATT INQUIRER'S CLASS /Room A
	2:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex, Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Apr 29	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tues, Apr 30	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Wed, May 01	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex, Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music Committee/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
Thurs, May 02	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, May 03	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:45	a.m.	Friday Book Club Meeting/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sat, May 04	2:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex, Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	FOODIES



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Church Office Hours:

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



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

<http://tinyurl.com/FPCe-giving>