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The Fifth Sunday of Easter

~The Gathering~

PRELUDE

Awake, My Heart, With Gladness
Tami Newsom, organ

Held

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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.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #495

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*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)

*KYRIE ELEISON #82

O Lamm Gottes

**O Lamb of God most holy! Who on the cross did suffer,
And patient still and lowly, Yourself to scorn did offer;
Our sins by You were taken, Or hope had us forsaken:
Have mercy on us, Jesus!**

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #81, VERSE 4

St. Flavian

**Abide with us, that so, this life
Of suffering over-past,
An Easter of unending joy
We may attain at last!**

*THE PEACE

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

~The Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Bruce Wilson

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 4:16b-21

[Pew Bible pg. 241]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 22

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



Musical notation for Psalm 22, consisting of two staves of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The first staff contains the lyrics: "Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord." The second staff contains the lyrics: "Praise the name of the Lord." The music features a mix of quarter, eighth, and dotted notes, with some notes beamed together.

You are the theme of my praise in the full assembly;
My vows will I perform in the sight of those who fear you.
The poor shall eat and be satisfied: those who seek you, O Lord,
Shall praise you; may they be in good heart forever. **(R)**

Let all the ends of the earth remember and turn to you, O Lord;
And let all the families of the nations bow down before you.
For yours is the kingdom, O Lord; and you are the ruler over the nations.
As for those who sleep in the grave, how shall they worship you;
All those who go down into the dust, how shall they bow before you? **(R)**

But I shall live through you, and my children shall serve you:
they shall tell of you to the generations that are yet to come.
To a people as yet unborn they shall make known:
the saving deeds you have done. **(R)**

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 8:26-40

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The Word of the Lord.

[Pew Bible pg. 127]

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“About Whom Does the Prophet Say This?”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

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.

ANTHEM

I Am the Vine
Chancel Choir

Robert Lau

When Jesus walked the earth among us,
 long ago and far away.
He brought the people hope of salvation.
They heard him teach, they heard him say:
 "I am the vine, you are the branches;
 believe, you will be free.
You are my sheep, I am your shepherd,
 Come follow me."

If we believe he still walks among us,
 day by day and year by year.
Will we know he brings us salvation?
 Will we see? Will we hear?
 "I am the vine, you are the branches;
 believe, you will be free.
You are my sheep, I am your shepherd,
 Come follow me."

Holy, holy, holy Lord.
Teach us today, show us the way.

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 #372

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian I Want to Be a Christian

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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #371

Lift High the Cross
**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

Crucifer

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*POSTLUDE

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Manz

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Reader ~ Bruce Wilson

Ushers ~ Van & Dixie Heflin



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- Sign the pew attendance pad.



“Chat with Matt” Inquirer Class is being held TODAY, Sunday, 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!



NEXT SUNDAY!

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>



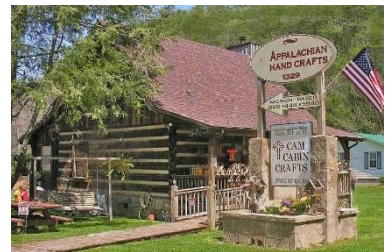
FOODIES will be meeting on Saturday, May 4th at 6pm for a fun social meal where all participants prepare one of the menu items. The May menu includes:
Tomato Pesto Mini Tarts, Antipasto

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



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.

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 and rewarding outreach program, please contact May meal coordinators, Scott McKinney and Kirk Morris, or sign up in the narthex to help on Tuesday, May 21st.



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



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



April is almost over! Have you made your \$10 donation yet? **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.



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

To purchase tickets, grab a form on the narthex table, then return the complete form with payment to the office.

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




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

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