



# FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Love as Friendship*

John 15:9-17

**MAY 5, 2024**  
**10:00 a.m.**



This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

\*We invite you to stand as able.



## ~The Gathering~

PRELUDE

*Your Love is Extravagant*

Darrell Evans

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals~ Kevin Zetina, percussion  
LisaKay Matchen, Eva Quinley, Bruce Wilson ~ vocals

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GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

CALL TO WORSHIP

The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

**We join with all creation in praise,  
for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.**

We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

**We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.**

Come let us worship our loving God.



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



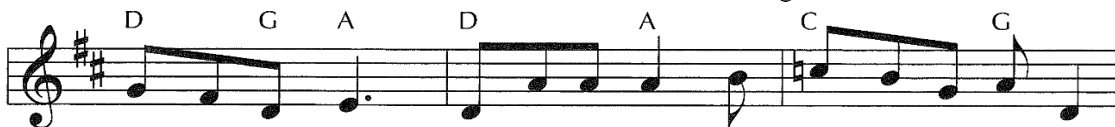
van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

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\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Loving God, we have not loved you or each other  
with our whole hearts. Forgive us, we pray, and lead us toward wholeness,  
that we may be filled with your joy. In Jesus' 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~

MOMENT WITH THE CHILDREN AND RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES

Mason Warren

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David Stutzenberger

**Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, O God, in the reading of your Word, that we  
would hear what you have to say to us today. Through Jesus Christ, we pray.  
Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 John 5:1-6

[Pew Bible pg. 241]

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 98

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

arr. Guimont



The Lord has re-vealed to the na-tions God's sav-ing pow'r, God's sav-ing pow'r.

Sing a new song to the Lord who has worked wonders;  
Whose right hand and holy arm have brought salvation. **(R)**

The Lord has made known salvation; has shown justice to the nations:  
Has remembered truth and love for the house of Israel. **(R)**

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy. **(R)**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:9-17

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The Gospel of the Lord.

[Pew Bible pg. 109]

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

“Love As Friendship”

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from the *Confession of '67*

**We believe that in Jesus of Nazareth true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all. In giving himself freely for them he took upon himself the judgment under which all people stand convicted. God raised him from the dead and in him we are victorious.**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

## ~The Eucharist~

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

ANTHEM

*Come, Share this Feast of Love*  
Chancel Choir

Lloyd Larson

Here is my body that's broken for you. Come share this feast of love.  
Here is the blood that I shed for you. Come share this feast of love.  
Here is the life that I lived for you. Come share this feast of love.  
Here is the life that I gave for you. Come share this feast of love.  
Come in prayer. Bring your pain, bring your care.  
Come in prayer. Come, my child, and share.  
Here is the peace that your soul has sought. Come share this feast of love.  
Here is the peace that my dying bought. Come share this feast of love.

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

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION



## ~The Sending~

\*HYMN #403

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Converse

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\*RESPONSE #361

*Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love*

Chereponi

**Jesu, Jesu, fill us with Your love,  
Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Easter Carol*

Bullard

Tami Newsom, organ

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**READER:** David Stutzenberger

**COMMUNION SERVER:** Jan Seiler

**USHER:** Mike Murphy

**AUDIO PRODUCTION:** Ken Ladrach

**VIDEO PRODUCTION:** David Long & Parker Morrell



**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](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

You are invited to join us for a  
Cinco de Mayo Congregational Brunch  
following the service today in Fellowship Hall.



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

**NEXT SUNDAY, May 12th**  
The 9:00 Casual Worship Service will start it's summer move outdoors to the church parking lot, weather permitting.  
Dust off those lawn chairs and join us as we worship God while surrounded by his beautiful creation.



**Our SPECIAL THANKS to Jan Darnell and volunteers** who worked hard to put on another successful *Posies for the Pantry* fundraiser this year! Proceeds benefited the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry. To see a few photos of the event, go to: <https://www.fpcn.org/posies-for-the-pantry/>.



# Congratulations Graduates!



Reagan Corbett

REAGAN IS GRADUATING MAY 19TH FROM FARRAGUT HIGH SCHOOL. SHE PLANS TO ATTEND EAST TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY (ETSU) IN THE FALL AND MAJOR IN DIGITAL MEDIA.



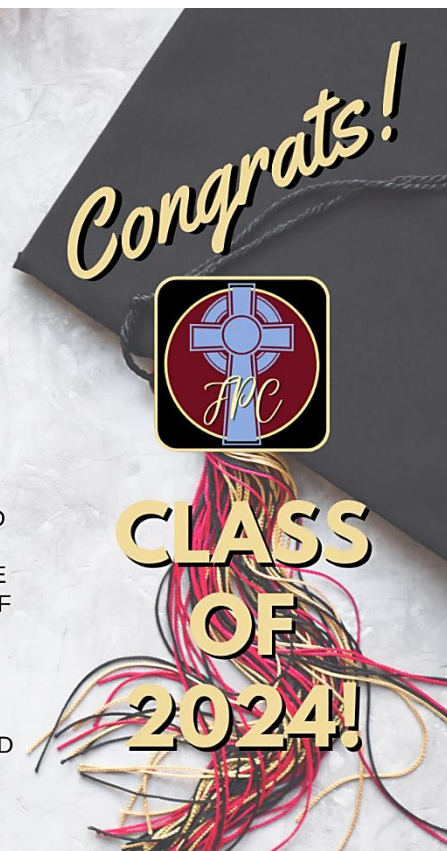
Dawson Sweetland

DAWSON WILL GRADUATE ON MAY 10TH FROM ALCOA HIGH SCHOOL WITH A 4.18 GPA. HE WANTS TO PLAY COLLEGE BASEBALL WHILE MAJORING IN MATHEMATICS/ STATISTICS AND EVENTUALLY BECOME A TEACHER AND COACH.

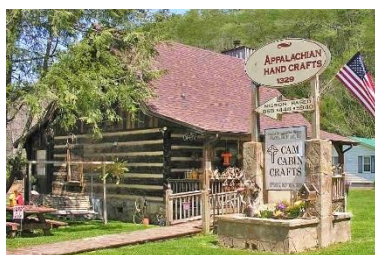


Maylee Warren

MAYLEE GRADUATED ON MAY 4TH FROM MARYVILLE COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR OF ARTS IN HEALTH & WELLNESS PROMOTION AND A MINOR IN BIOLOGY. SHE LOOKS FORWARD TO HER NEXT CHAPTER IN LIFE.



**Your FPC church family is so proud of each of you. and we ask, for God's love, guidance, and protection in everything you do.**



**CRAFT SUPPLY DONATIONS** are welcome for another trip on May 16<sup>th</sup> to the CAM Craft Cabin in Townsend. 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 21<sup>st</sup>.



## **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!

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

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

**BEREAVED:**

The family of Thomas Blackstock, Beth Honey's  
grandfather



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

**This Week at FPC**

Sun, May 5	10:00 a.m. Worship Service		
	10:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room A
	11:00	a.m.	<b>CINCO DE MAYO LUNCHEON</b> /Fellowship Hall
	2:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex, Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	<b>UT SPRING CONCERT</b> /Sanctuary, Rm A
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, May 06	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:00	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Tues, May 07	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex
Wed, May 08	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex, Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Men's Ensemble Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, May 09	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, May 10	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sat, May 11	2:00	p.m.	TVP Rehearsal/FH, Rm A, Narthex, Sanctuary



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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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