



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Mark 13:1-8

NOVEMBER 17, 2024
11:00 a.m.



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*We invite you to stand as able.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

PRELUDE

Siciliano
Tami Newsom, organ

Vivaldi/Bach

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Bless the Lord who counsels and guides us.
**Because we keep the Lord ever before us,
we shall not be moved.**
Rejoice! Let your hearts be glad!
Let your spirits rejoice and your bodies rest secure.
**For God does not give us up to death,
But shows us the path of life. Praise the Lord!**
Come let us worship God.



*HYMN #477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Hanover

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744. Music: Attr. William Croft, 1708 *A Supplement to the New Version of the Psalms*, 1708.
The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs © 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press. Public domain.

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of grace, all around us are wars, and rumors of wars,
and we are afraid for ourselves and our world.**

**We follow after false leaders and grasp for whatever
security we can find.**

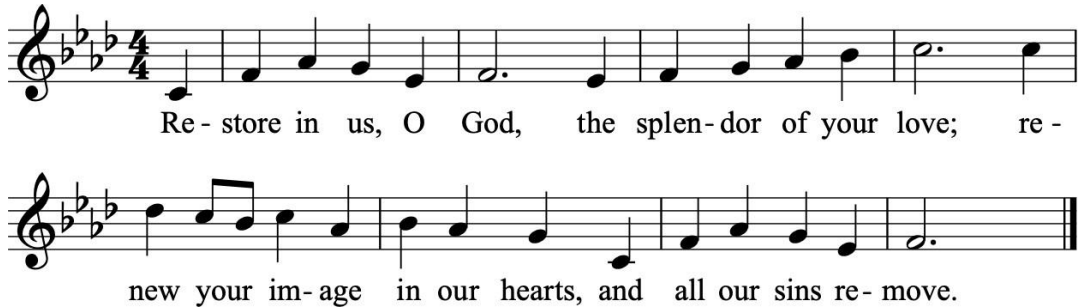
**Forgive us, Lord, for we are quick to forget that all of life is in
your hands. Renew our hope, increase our courage, and keep
us watchful for the signs of your just and peaceful reign that is
to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

***KYRIE ELEISON**

Restore in Us, O God

Baylor



Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

***DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Gloria

Westminster Abbey



Glo - ry be to God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry be to God the Son.
Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Spir - it, ev - er Three and ev - er One.
As it was in the be - gin - ning now and ev - er. A - men!

***THE PEACE**

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

~The Word~

ANTHEM

We Praise Thee, O God
FPC Ringers

arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

LisaKay Matchen

O Lord, you have the words of eternal life. Speak to us by the power of your Holy Spirit, that we might hear what you would say to us today. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Hebrews 10:19-25

[Pew Bible pg. 224]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16 (unison; Tune: O Waly Waly)

Morgan

**Preserve, O Lord my trusting soul,
Count me among the saints in light.
May I with them Your mercy gain,
And rightful favor in your sight.**

**How many are their schemes, O Lord,
Who tempt me from the way I know;
Their gods of gold and strength and thought
Confront me ev'ry step I go.**

**You, Lord, are my inheritance;
Through generations I am heir
To righteousness in place of sin,
Your grace to save me from despair.**

**At your right hand I find delight
In all the blessings kept in store;
The fullness of Your love, my joy;
I praise Your glory evermore.**

From The Psalter for Christian Worship



SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Mark 13:1-8

[Pew Bible pg. 50]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Who’s Leading?”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We believe that out of Israel God in due time raised up Jesus. His faith and obedience were the response of the perfect child of God. He was the fulfillment of God’s promise to Israel, the beginning of the new creation and the pioneer of the new humanity. He gave history its meaning and direction and called the church to be his servant for the reconciliation of the world.

THE ANTHEM

My Lord, What A Morning
Chancel Choir

Harry Burleigh

My Lord, what a morning, when the stars begin to fall.
You’ll hear the trumpet sound to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God’s right hand when the stars begin to fall.
You’ll hear the sinner moan to wake the nations underground.
Looking to my God’s right hand when the stars begin to fall.

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 #443

O Christ, the Great Foundation

Aurelia

Words: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933, Trans. Frank W. Price, 1953, Text: © 1977 from *Hymns of Universal Praise*, rev. edition,
By the Chinese Christian Literature Council Ltd., Hong Kong, and Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864,
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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE

Let All Things Now Living

Ash Grove

**Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
By guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light into Light.**

*POSTLUDE

Chaconne

Couperin

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Ushers ~ Kirk Morris & Carol Kraft

Audio ~ Ken Ladrach / *Video* ~ Mason Warren, Turner Neely, & Kat Wilson

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

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

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).





One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration. **Today at 3:00 p.m.** we are very excited to present our annual **Christmas Festival!** This year our own Chancel Choir will partner with the Chamber Singers of the University of Tennessee to present exciting music of the season, accompanied by orchestra. You won't want to miss this exciting event which always fills our chancel with the first sounds of Christmas!



Sunset Gap Secret Santa

This Christmas we are sponsoring 40 children from Cosby Elementary for Christmas. Look for the signup sheets both on-site in the narthex and on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/SGChristmas2024> (or use the QR code). Select a tag, sign up on the sheet with both your name and phone number. Be sure to note your tag's number. Please return gifts wrapped for Christmas, with the child's name and tag number on the package by Dec 8th. Questions? Please contact Debbie Long.



SUNSET GAP HAT/MITTEN TREE: The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women as we collect for the hat, mitten/gloves, scarves tree that the center has available to anyone in the community needing these warm items. The need will be even bigger due to Hurricane Helene. Items may be handmade, or store bought. Items are needed for people of all ages and need to be new. Deadline is Dec 8th as they will be delivered with the gifts for the children. Questions, please contact Debbie Long



On **Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.** we will participate in our twenty-seventh annual **SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** in the sanctuary, followed by an elegant heavy hors-d'œuvre reception by our Church Life Committee. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. Don't miss singing the beloved carols of the season in this special service, and the celebration that follows!

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY holiday food baskets will be distributed to pantry guests in Nov. and Dec. **Farragut Presbyterian will again collect cake mixes**

and canned frosting (any flavors) and/or brownie mixes for these gift baskets.
UPDATE: We have collected enough cake/brownie mixes but still need frosting! Please consider adding frosting cans to your grocery shopping list and drop them off in the cart in the narthex. Contact Becky Thomason with any questions.



**Special thanks to the wonderful team of
volunteers that helped plan, purchase, prepare,
setup and cleanup for our wonderful
Thanksgiving meal on Stewardship Sunday!**

If you were unable to attend, and
would like to make a pledge towards
the programs and services FPC
provides in 2025, please go to:

<https://tinyurl.com/makemyFPCpledge> or scan this QR
code with your phone's camera. You can also stop by the church
during office hours to get a pledge card to turn in.





PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY: Nathan Burris, Billie Fain, Marilyn Felts, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, John Huntley, Paul Johnson, Ronny Lomax, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, LaQuita Misner, Tami Newsom, Kimberly Platt, Eva Quinley, Irene Rice, Linda Stutzenberger, Gail Wallace

Please continue to pray for all the devastated families of the Southeast that have been affected by the Hurricane Helene tragedy. If you would like to help support the disaster relief efforts from our presbytery, go to: <https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/donate/> (please choose the PET Disaster Response Fund option when making your donation).



Your Candidates for Session

Class of 2027



The Nominating Committee wishes to place the following elder candidates into nomination at the Congregational Meeting today, November 17, 2024. Upon election, they will serve a three-year

term on Farragut Presbyterian's Session. The Committee that each candidate will co-chair is in parenthesis beside his or her name. We believe they make up an excellent Class of 2027, and we encourage you to give each one your prayers, support and vote.

**Respectfully submitted by the
Nominating Committee:**

Darrell Sparks (moderator), Beth Honey (vice moderator)
Becky Dangel, Brett Eiffert, Jimmy Loyless
Nancy Pevey, Joanie Scheuer



Jan Darnell (Outreach)

I was born in Fond du Lac, WI. I was ten when our family moved to Louisville, KY.

I met Steve, my husband, at the University of KY. We were married in 1974. Both of our children (Tony and Mindy) were born in KY. Our family lived in TX (6yrs), PA (6yrs), NH (6yrs), back to KY (10yrs) and now we think TN is our final stop.

I worked as a clerk at a VA hospital, secretary at the elementary school and Thrivent insurance. I also did the bookkeeping when Steve was in business. My hobbies are quilting, caring for our daylily garden, and reading. I have always been involved with youth at our churches, being a girl scout leader for Mindy from

Daisies to Seniors and working with the PTA to set up programs at our schools. Mindy and I delivered meals on wheels when we lived in Dallas, TX. The second time we moved back to KY I set up a program with the chaplain at Church Hill Downs to feed the people who care for the horses on the back side. Ask me about it.

I was one of the founding members of the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry and became the director when all the other members moved away. Being a member of the Session as an Outreach elder would allow me to continue using the gift God has given me, helping people.

Rick Van Allen (Property)

My family and I moved to Farragut 28 years ago from Irvine, California. Our four sons are married and fathers to our seven grandchildren.

I graduated from Montana State University with a degree in Construction engineering Technology in 1974 and went directly to work for Fluor Corporation in California. The last 20 years were spent working construction management on various projects east of the Mississippi River—home on weekends, gone during the week. One exception was a project in Western Australia's outback.

I have been an active member of the Property Committee since retiring in 2016. Currently, I enjoy golfing, woodworking, making furniture, and traveling to visit our grandchildren.



Eva Quinley Lynch (Worship & Music)

I was born in Gallatin, TN and have been a lifelong Tennessean, living in middle, east and west Tennessee. My father was killed in an auto accident when my mother was pregnant with me, so she

raised my brother and me on her own. As she was not well and was unable to work, we lived on very little and had only the essentials. While times were hard, we had love and managed to make ends meet. I think those hard times made me a better person. I grew up in a Baptist church and was baptized when I was 9 years old. I was very active in youth activities and singing. Singing was, and still is, a major way in which I love to worship.

I was fortunate to get a scholarship to college and became a medical technologist and God opened a lot of doors for me that led me to be successful and gave me an opportunity to travel around the world. I have a love for people and one of my greatest satisfactions in life comes from being a resource to others.

I became a Presbyterian when I married my first husband who is now deceased. I didn't know much about being a Presbyterian, but I learned a lot and became an elder. We were very active in the church; I sang in the choir and we were both youth leaders. We were blessed with two children, Evan and Erin, while living in Memphis.

In 2002, I moved to Knoxville and loved it right away. We joined Erin Presbyterian where I sang in the choir and served on session. Living in west Knoxville, my second husband, Rob, and I decided we wanted a church closer to home, and God led us to FPC a few years ago. And who can say "no" to Mikie! We have come to love the people at FPC and are so blessed by Matt's sermons. I have enjoyed participating in the music for the casual service as well.

I recently retired for the second time. I am fortunate to have 2 of my 4 grandsons live just down the street from me. I enjoy watching their sports and have become a baseball fan! The other two play hockey and I try to see them whenever I can. I love photography as a hobby and am working on improving my skills there.

I consider it an honor to be asked to serve on Session and I truly look forward to this experience. I believe it will allow me to grow in my faith and will fill my time with meaningful activities that serve others.

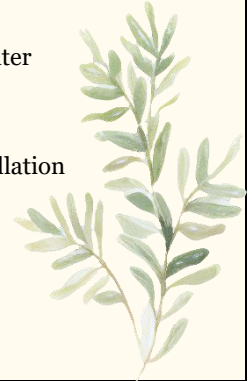
**The Candidates for the
2025 Nominating Committee are:**

Beth Honey, moderator
Jeff Thode, vice moderator
Jimmy Loyless
Brett Eiffert
Joanie Scheuer
Holly Gary
Sandra Hipsher

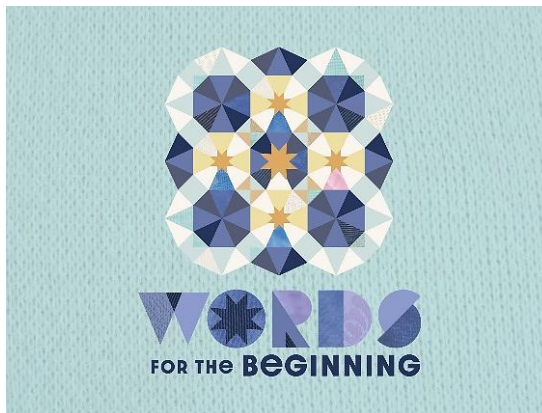


This Week at FPC

Sun Nov 17		9:00 a.m. Casual Service and 11:00 Traditional Service	
Mon, Nov 18	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	3:00	p.m.	FPC CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL /Sanctuary
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Library
Tues, Nov 19	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Library
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/Volunteer Ministry Center
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Nov 20	6:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Rm A
	*****	*****	Sanctuary Reserved all day for light installation
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Practice/Room A
Thur, Nov 21	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scout #444/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Nov. 22	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex



COMING THIS ADVENT SEASON:



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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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