

Farragut  
Presbyterian  
Church



# Baptism OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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\*We invite you to stand as able.

*~We Gather~*

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Who You Say I Am*  
Sandra Bohlken, solo

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Call To Worship

Holy Triune God, author of community,

**come baptize us. Remind us what it means to belong to one another.**

God who tears the heavens, come baptize us.

**Reveal to us your power that ushers in new realms.**

God who calls us beloved, come baptize us.

**Declare to us your great delight and hold us in your pleasure.**

God of vulnerability, come baptize us.

**Welcome us into the paradox of strength that comes from weakness.**

Together, let us remember this day.

**In the Creator's love we are held, into Christ's body we are baptized, and by the Spirit's power, we are claimed.**

\*Opening Song

## Holy Water

### Verse 1

God I'm on my knees again  
God I'm begging please again  
I need You  
Oh I need You  
Walking down these desert roads  
Water for my thirsty soul  
I need You  
Oh I need You

### Chorus

7  
13

Your for - give-ness is like sweet, sweet hon - ey on my lips,  
like the sound of a sym - pho - ny to my ears, like ho - ly  
wa - ter on my skin.

The musical notation is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The chorus consists of three lines of music. The first line starts with a whole rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The second line starts with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. The third line starts with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, a quarter note C5, a quarter note B4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note G4, and a quarter note F#4. There is a triplet of eighth notes (G4, A4, B4) over the first three notes of the third line.

### Verse 2

Dead man walking slave to sin  
I wanna know about being born again  
I need You  
Oh God I need You  
So take me to the riverside  
Take me under baptize  
I need You  
Oh God I need You (*Chorus*)

### Bridge

I don't wanna abuse Your grace  
God I need it ev'ry day  
It's the only thing that ever really  
Makes me wanna change

\*Opening Hymn

## Shall We Gather at the River

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1. Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have  
2. On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver  
3. Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den  
4. At the smil - ing of the riv - er, mir - ror of the Sav - ior's  
5. Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er; Soon our pil - grim - age will

4 C G C

trod, with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?  
spray, we will talk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py, gold - en day.  
down; Grace our spir - its will de - liv - er and pro - vide a robe and crown.  
face, saints, whom death will nev - er sev - er, lift their songs of sav - ing grace.  
cease; Soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

**CHORUS**

F C G C

Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;  
13 F C G C

Gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

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\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Nieman

**We are precious in your sight, yet we often forget that we are your beloved. We confess that our love is fickle and inconstant. We follow selfish goals and deny that our way of life harms others and hurts your world. We are sorry and we want to change. Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve, reconcile us one to another, and bless us with your peace.**

*(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

**Glorious God, when Jesus was baptized for your healing mission, the heavens opened in a flash of glory as vision and voice blazed upon the waters. May your Spirit so burn in us that we hear your word translated into deed and follow Jesus in paths of justice, right relationship, and peace. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:1-3a  
Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

[Pew Bible pg. 672]  
[Pew Bible pg. 60]

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“Comfort Amid the Storm”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith – from the PCUSA Study Catechism

What does it mean to be baptized?

**My baptism means that I am joined to Jesus Christ forever. I am baptized into his death and resurrection, along with all who have received him by faith. As I am baptized with water, he baptizes me with his Spirit, washing away all my sins and freeing me from their control. My baptism is a sign that one day I will rise with him in glory and may walk with him even now in newness of life.**

\*Song

**I Will Come to You**

You Are Mine

**Verse 1**

I will come to you in the silence;  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice;  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here.

**Verse 2**

I am hope for all who are hopeless;  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me. **R**

Refrain All

Do not be a-fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by  
name. Come and fol-low me, I will bring you home; I  
love you and you are mine." 4 "I

**Verse 3**

I am strength for all the despairing,  
I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see;  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name. **R**

**Verse 4**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom;  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
Embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live! **R**

Ordination and Installation of New Elders  
Jan Darnell, Rick Van Allen, Eva Quinley Lynch

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

**Praise**

**Verse 1**

I'll praise in the valley  
Praise on the mountain  
I'll praise when I'm sure  
Praise when I'm doubting  
I'll praise when outnumbered  
Praise when surrounded  
'Cause praise is the water  
My enemies drown in

**Verse 2**

I'll praise when I feel it  
And I'll praise when I don't  
I'll praise 'cause I know  
You're still in control  
'Cause my praise is a weapon  
It's more than a sound  
My praise is the shout  
That brings Jericho down

**Pre-Chorus**

As long as I'm breathing  
I've got a reason to

**Chorus**

Praise\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, oh, my soul. Praise\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, oh, my soul. I won't be qui-et, my God is a-live.

How could I keep it in - side? Praise\_\_\_\_\_ the Lord, oh, my soul,\_\_\_\_\_

## **Bridge**

I'll praise 'cause You're sovereign  
Praise 'cause You reign  
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave  
I'll praise 'cause You're faithful  
Praise 'cause You're true  
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You (*Chorus*)

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\*Charge and Benediction

### *Today's music ensemble:*

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion  
LisaKay Matchen and Eva Quinley Lynch, vocals

*A/V Team* ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, Mason Warren, Parker Morrell,  
Turner Neely, & Kat Wilson

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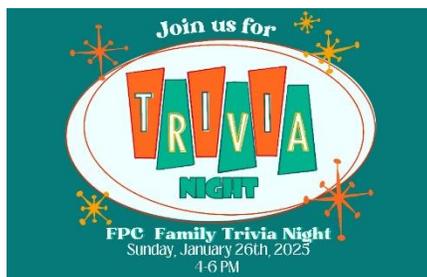


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## **SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS**

*Hello Friends!* Farragut Presbyterian Church is always 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!

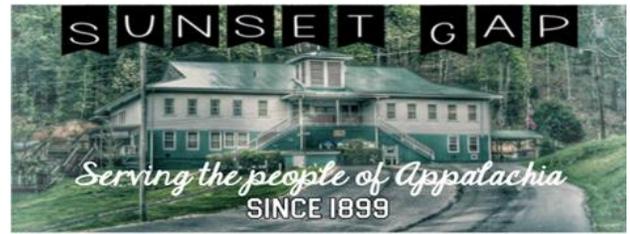


**FAMILY TRIVIA NIGHT AND SOUP POTLUCK** is back!  
Please join us on Sunday, January 26, at 4:00 pm in Fellowship Hall. There will be trivia questions for ALL ages! Bring soup, bread, salad or another food item to share in the potluck.  
*This event is sponsored by the Christian Education Committee.  
Please contact Mason Warren for more details and to RSVP.*



**PLEASE JOIN PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN AS WE HELP STOCK THE SUNSET GAP FOOD PANTRY**

during this season of high unemployment. In October, the pantry served 565 families, 2542 people, and in November they served 520 families (only open 3 weeks) for 2340 people.



**Items most needed include flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, peanut butter, pasta & canned pasta sauce, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, breakfast items, Ramen noodles and crackers.**

The drive will be January 19- February 9. Items can be placed in the basket in the narthex. If you have questions, contact Debbie Long.



**SPECIAL THANKS** to FPC volunteers, Men's Bible Study volunteers who prepared and fed the homeless in December at **VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER** in downtown Knoxville. Wayne Walls, Jack Rightmyer, John Sharp, David Stutzenberger and Frank Dorman. If you would like to help with future monthly meals, check the table in the narthex to sign up, or contact Jean Peretz. The next date to serve is Tuesday, January 21.

**SANTA ELVES INC** is grateful for the incredible support of FPC in making Christmas a little brighter for the 70 kids and young adults we were able to help this year. On December 20, 2024, we hosted a party for the 60 kids in residence at Holston Homes for children. We had a catered dinner, took massive amounts of Polaroids, passed out small gifts (with PJs, soft blankets, snacks, and hygiene products), and spent time enjoying each other's company to celebrate the upcoming holiday. On Christmas morning, the kids all opened their wish list boxes stuffed full of the items each child wished for. The kids and adults all had a great time at the party and we hope that their Christmas experience showed them that their community sees and loves them. It is always our hope that any small thing we do will encourage the kids to dig in and complete their programs. In addition, your support also made it possible for us to provide wish list gifts for 10 at-risk kids living with relatives in the community.



Thank you again for your love and support. We would be nothing without generosity like yours.



*Christmas Party at Holston Homes*



*Santa Elves Inc. Board of Directors*

**PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Kathy Emmerson, Marilyn Felts, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Dixie Heflin, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Bruce Wilson, Brenda Luggie, Lewis Ransdell

*This Week at FPC*

Sun, Jan 12	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Jan 13	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	6:30	p.m.	Village Green HOA/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Book Club/Library
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
	4:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry/Library
Tues, Jan 14	6:00	p.m.	Big Fish Staff Mtg/FH
	7:00	p.m.	CE/Zoom
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
Wed, Jan 15	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	12:00	p.m.	Room D/Parlor Reserved
	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Practice/Room A
Thurs, Jan 16	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Jan 17	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

*Sunday School ~ 10:00 a.m.*

- **KidZone** is for children ages 3-9 who meet in Fellowship Hall at 9am to learn about the love of God, through Bible verses, songs, videos and fun activities.
- **Adult Bible Study** meets in Room D to discuss the weekly Lectionary text. Everyone is welcome. Contact Elizabeth Wilson with questions.
- **Pastor Matt's Class** is studying a book titled "Hope: A User's Guide," by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Join us in the library at 10:00
- **FPC Youth Class** meets at 10am in the Café (parlor) each week during the school year to "Dive In" to the Old Testament. Contact Mason Warren for more information.



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**Church Office Hours:**

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

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

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