



Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

Baptism OF THE LORD

January 12, 2025 11:00 a.m.

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*We invite you to stand as able.

~The Gathering~

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

PRELUDE

This is the Truth Sent from Above

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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.

*HYMN #482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe Den Herren

*CALL TO CONFESSION

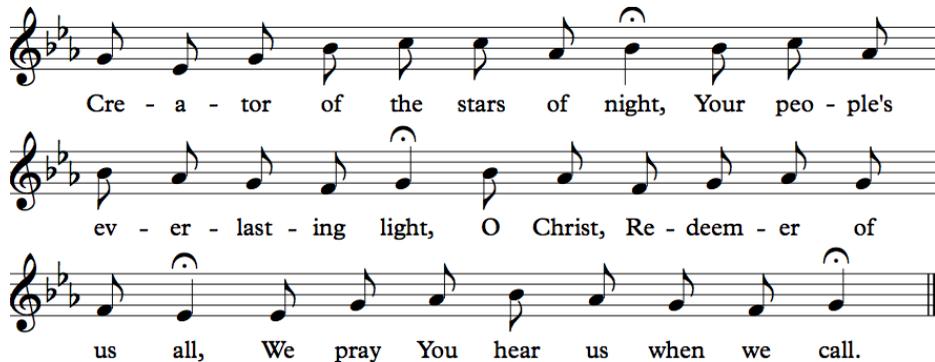
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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)

*KYRIE ELEISON

Conditor alme siderum

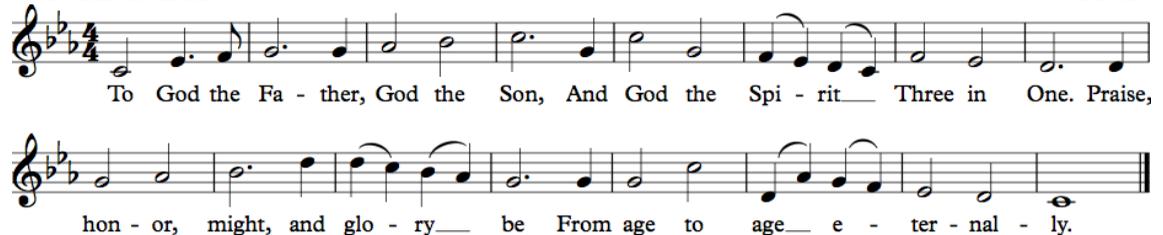


Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er of
us all, We pray You hear us when we call.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Truro



To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spi - rit Three in One. Praise,
hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*THE PEACE

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

~The Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Ewald

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.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:1-3a

[Pew Bible pg. 672]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Dr. Angela Batey, psalmist

Hopson



Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God. Sing for-ev-er Glo-ry to God!

All on earth and all in heaven, raise to God a song on high;
Strength unmeasured, love unbounded, God alone we glorify. **(R)**

The voice of the Lord resounds across the waters; the voice of the Lord thunders over the mighty sea. The voice of the Lord is powerful; the voice of the Lord is full of majesty. The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; the voice of the Lord splinters the trees of Lebanon. The voice of the Lord strikes like lightning; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness. The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to whirl; the voice of the Lord strips the forest bare. **(R)**

God of the waters, God of thunder, God's own might can make them cease;
God's own voice which tumult beckons in a gentler breath speaks peace. **(R)**

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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

[Pew Bible pg. 60]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

“Comfort Amid the Storm”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from the PCUSA Study Catechism

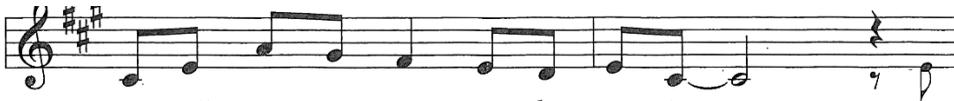
What does it mean to be baptized?

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.

*HYMN

I Will Come to You

You Are Mine



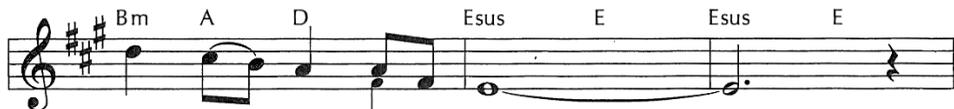
1 "I will come to you in the si - lence;
2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less;
3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,
(4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom; I



I will lift you from all your fear.
I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the
heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.
am the peace the world can - not give.

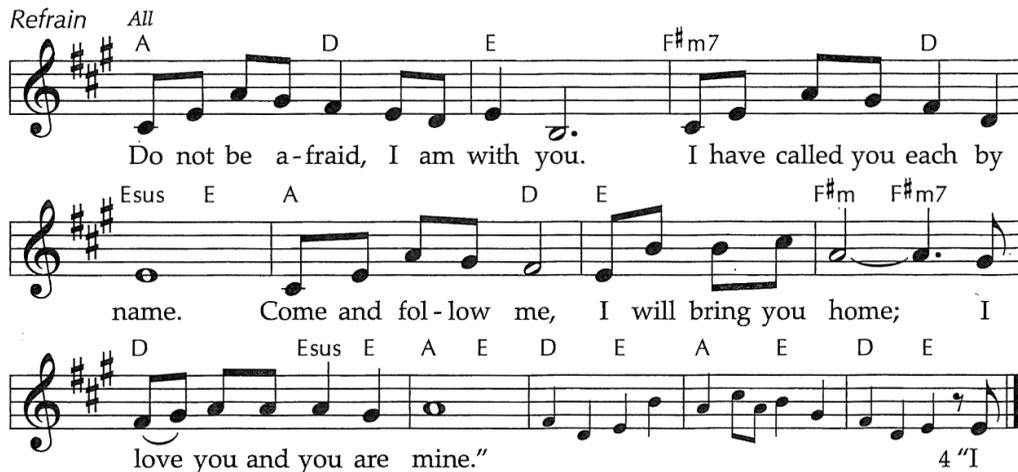


You will hear my voice; I claim you as my choice. Be
shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.
All the blind will see; the lame will all run free, and
I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. (to stanza 2)
Come and rest in me. (to Refrain)
all will know my name. (to Refrain)
up, now walk and live! (to Refrain)

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

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 #522

Lord, When I Came Into This Life

Land of Rest

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #492

Baptized in Water

Bunessan

**Baptized in water, Sealed by the Spirit,
 Marked with the sign of Christ, our King:
 Born of the Spirit, We are God's children,
 Joyfully now God's Praises we sing.**

Ushers ~ Thom Haig and Wayne Walls

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

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.

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).



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 to RSVP.*

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

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.



Santa Elves Inc. Board of Directors

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



Christmas Party at Holston Homes

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
7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A	
Thurs, Jan 16	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

- **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 at 10:00 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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<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."*