



Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

February 23, 2025
9:00 a.m.



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*We invite you to stand as able.

~We Gather~

Prelude

A Thousand Hallelujahs
Music Ensemble

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Call To Worship

The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

God's ways are not our ways.

It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

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It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.

God's ways are not our ways.

It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.

God's ways are not our ways.

So let us commit our way to the Lord together

until our righteousness shines like the dawn and our justice like high noon.

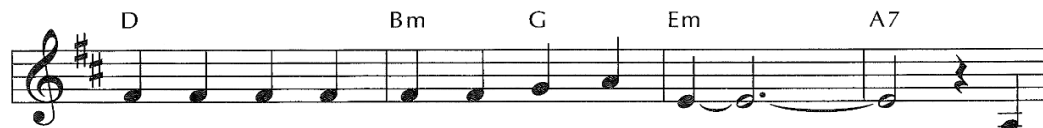


*Opening Song

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace



1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It



there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in



there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in



where there's doubt, true faith in you.
where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.



3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so



much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be



un-der-stood as to un-der-stand, to be



loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

*Opening Song

Everlasting God

VERSE

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

PRE-CHORUS

Our God, You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope,

4 CHORUS

our strong De - liv - 'rer. You are the ev -

9 - er - last - ing God, the ev - er - last - ing God, You do

13 not faint, You won't grow wea - ry. You're the de - fend -

17 - er of the weak, You com - fort those in need. You lift

21 us up on wings like ea - gles.

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Nieman

Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us; we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace.

(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

Bruce Wilson

Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need – for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Luke 6:27-38
Genesis 45:3-11, 15

[Pew Bible pg. 64]
[Pew Bible pg. 42]

Sermon

“Liberation”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *PCUSA Study Catechism*)

How can you forgive those who have really hurt you?

I cannot love my enemies, I cannot pray for those who persecute me, I cannot even be ready to forgive those who have really hurt me, without the grace that comes from above. I cannot be conformed to the image of God's Son, apart from the power of God's Word and Spirit. Yet, I am promised that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

Musical Reflection

Send Me
Music Ensemble

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Minute for Mission

Camp John Knox

Penny Babelay, Transitional Director

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

I'm So Blessed

VERSE 1

D Bm G D

1. Trou - ble knock - ing at my door to - day. I ain't gon - na let it in.

5 A(4) Bm G D

Wor - ry wan - na steal my joy a - way. I ain't gon - na let it win. On my

PRE-CHORUS

D Bm7 G2 A7sus Bb+

best day I'm a child of God. On my worst day I'm a child of God. Oh,

CHORUS

9 Bm7 D/F# G2 D/F# Em7(4) A7sus D A/C# Bm7 Asus

ev - 'ry - day is a good day. You're the rea - son why. I'm so blessed, I'm so blessed, got this

12 G2 D A(4) Bm7

heart - beat in my chest. No, it does - n't mat - ter a - bout the rest. If I got

VERSE 2

D Bm

You, Lord, I'm so blessed. When I count the prob - lems that I see,

18 G D A(4) Bm

hope looks all but gone. But when I count the ways You're good to me, You got me

count - ing all day long.

*Charge and Benediction

Today's music ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass guitar ~ Lloyd Hartley, percussion
Bruce Wilson, Eva Quinley Lynch, LisaKay Matchen, vocals

Ushers ~ Margo Gregory and Lisa Bradney

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.

Shepherd Ministry

We are so excited that the FPC Shepherd program is now underway! With our Shepherd program, each of you (and your family) have been assigned a Shepherd Leader. Your Shepherd Leader is a member of our congregation who has volunteered to contact you every month – to see how you are doing, if you have needs that we as a church could perhaps help with, and to ask how they can be praying for you.

Contact Beth Martin, Jeanie Oakley, or Joanie Scheuer with any questions.



Contact Pat Hickman
with questions.

It's Foodies time again!!!

This is a fun fellowship event that meets quarterly in small groups of 6-8 people. Participants bring a dish to pass from a provided menu recipe. We meet at the home of a designated host for a great dinner and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex for our first meal that takes place on Saturday, March 15th.

Our menu will include
Appetizer: Irish soda bread and some cheeses
Entrée: Corn Beef and Cabbage with potatoes and carrots
Dessert: Key Lime Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce

Save the date for upcoming Foodies gatherings
May 3, July 12, October 4



RESTRING APPALACHIA

Do you have extra musical instruments or equipment collecting dust? DONATE them! **ReString Appalachia** is an initiative from *American Songcatcher* supported by over 200 musicians, instrument makers, nonprofits, venues, visual artists, actors, and media outlets, dedicated to getting quality instruments back in the hands of those who lost them due to Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton. Learn more at <https://americansongcatcher.com/restringappalachia/>



Thank You

THANK YOU VMC VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to our volunteers, Carol Kraft, Sharon Koch, Frank Dorman, Gayle Williams and Margo Gregory who served at the Volunteer Ministry Center on February 18.

Sign up to serve next month on March 18 via the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



THANK YOU FROM SUNSET GAP



A big thank you to all who participated in the food drive for Sunset Gap food pantry.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Unemployment is high since so many of the tourist attractions are closed during this time of year and the need is great. Thank you, Debbie Long

PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Dail, Kathy Emmerson, Marilyn Felts, Dean Fleming, Chuck Foriska, David Greaser, Frank Guess, Dixie Heflin, David Long, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Shannon Needham, Tami Newsom



If you would like to volunteer to help with Posies for the Pantry please contact Sharon Koch.

Shop for flowers, plants, crafts, garden decor & more

Posies for the Pantry

SAVE THE DATE!

fundraiser proceeds benefit:

 THE Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd. - Farragut
APRIL 12th-9am to 1pm

Community churches supporting the pantry:
Faith Lutheran-Concord Methodist
Farragut Presbyterian-Grassy Valley Baptist

This Week at FPC

Sun, Feb 23	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Feb 24	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
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
Tues, Feb 25	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Library, Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Room D
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	2:00	p.m.	Visioning Gathering/Library
Wed, Feb 26	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	CS Leaders #444/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	12:00	p.m.	Room D/Parlor Reserved
	1:00	p.m.	PW Bible Study/Library
Thurs, Feb 27	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
	6:00	p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Pastor's Lunch/Library
Fri, Feb 28	12:30	p.m.	Neighborhood Book Club/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

Sunday School at FPC

- **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 reviewing a Bible study for the next two weeks. On March 9 we will begin a Lenten study titled "Meeting Jesus at the Table." 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."*