



Farragut  
Presbyterian  
Church

Blessed are they  
Luke 6:17-26

February 16, 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

*O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Wood

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,  
**whose confidence is in God.**  
They will be like a tree planted by the water,  
**sending out roots by the stream.**  
This tree does not fear when heat comes;  
**its leaves are green, its fruit endures.**  
So come, let us place our trust in God!  
**Let us live in blessed faith together!**

\*HYMN #491

*Stand Up and Bless the Lord*

Carlisle

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

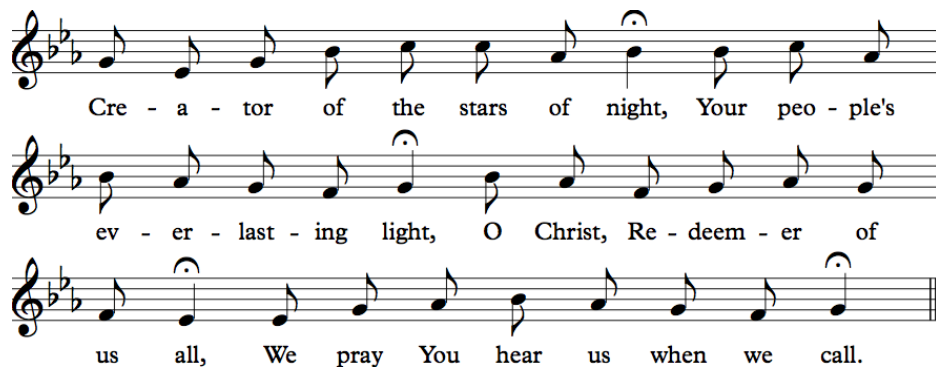
\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*KYRIE ELEISON

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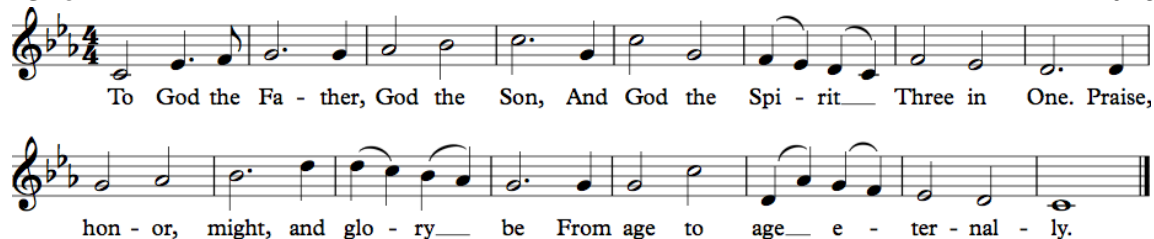


Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's  
ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er of  
us all, We pray You hear us when we call.

\*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~*

ANTHEM

*Offertory*  
FPC Ringers

John Ness Beck

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Ewald

**O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish – bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 17:5-8

[Pew Bible pg. 719]

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

PSALM 1 (unison; tune name: O Waly, Waly)

Morgan

**How blest are they who venture not  
Into the dark and sinful way,  
But find delight in God's own law,  
And contemplate it night and day.**

**As trees beside the stream they grow  
And flourish, wholesome fruit they bear;  
The wicked lot are cast aside  
And lost to their own dark despair.**

**The judgment of the LORD is sure  
And good to those who seek God's face;  
The righteous find themselves redeemed,  
And heirs to God's all-knowing grace.**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:17-26

[Pew Bible pg. 64]

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

SERMON

“Blessings and Woes”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *PCUSA Study Catechism*)

**We love because God first loved us. God loves us in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, we no longer live for ourselves. We live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for our sake. Therefore, we take those around us to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for us.**

THE ANTHEM

*Blessed Are Those*  
Chancel Choir

Benjamin Harlan

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn; for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth;  
and blessed are those who thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall have mercy;  
and blessed are the pure, for they will see God.

Blessed the makers of peace, for they are the children of God;  
and blessed those who suffer for righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom heaven.

Rejoice and be glad, those who sow in tears, for they will see God.

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.**

## Blest Are They

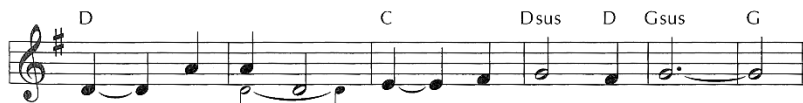
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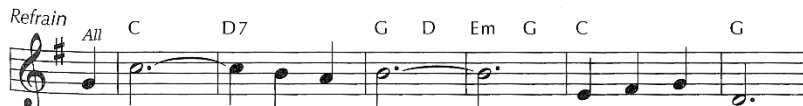
1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.



Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;



ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1-12), the opening portion of Christ's Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20-23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God's ways.

## ~The Sending~

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE #335

*Come, Spirit, Come*

O Waly Waly

**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
By this we worship and are freed.**

\*POSTLUDE

*Finale in D minor*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Thiman

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*Usher* ~ Thom Haig

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

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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.

### SOUP, CHILI & BINGO NEXT SATURDAY



**Do you have someone in your life you'd like to introduce to FPC? Bring them to Soup, Chili and Bingo night!**

*The fun will start at 5pm on Saturday, February 22 in the Fellowship Hall.*

The Church Life Committee will provide drinks, chili toppings and bingo prizes.

Please sign up to bring your favorite soup, chili, salad, small dessert, or bread via the QR code or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



## MARYVILLE COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

Our A/V Team intern, Kat Wilson, is performing in Maryville College's "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet" on the following dates in the Flex Theatre of the Clayton Center for the Arts on the MC campus: February 13, 14 and 15 at 8:00pm, and February 16 at 2:00pm.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and area students. For more information, call the box office at 865-981-8590.



*William Shakespeare's  
Romeo and Juliet*

## 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/>

## 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.



## 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



## *This Week at FPC*

Sun, Feb 16	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Feb 17	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	3:00	p.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	*****	*****	OFFICE CLOSED
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
Tues, Feb 18	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Library
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Auditions/Sanctuary, FH, Narthex
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/VMC
Wed, Feb 19	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Property Committee/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	12:00	p.m.	Room D/Parlor Reserved
Thurs, Feb 20	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
Fri, Feb 21	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Feb 22	5:00	p.m.	Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire Building
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
	9:00	a.m.	Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire Building
	5:00	p.m.	Chili, Soup, and Bingo Night/FH

## *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 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.



## *Farragut Presbyterian Church*

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