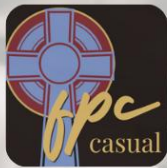


March 16, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

Second Sunday in Lent

Why does your Teacher eat with  
tax collectors and sinners?



Farragut  
Presbyterian  
Church

Matthew 9:9-14

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

\*We invite you to stand as able.

~We Gather~

Prelude

*Jesus Friend of Sinners*  
Music Ensemble

CCLI Song # 6093697 Mark Hall | Matthew West

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Call To Worship

The Lord is our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid?**

We seek your face, O Lord. Do not hide your face from us!

**Do not forsake us, O God of our salvation!**

Make us strong, and let our hearts take courage.

**We wait for the Lord. Let us worship God!**

\*Opening Song

# Great is Thy Faithfulness

**VERSE**

♩ = 75    C            C+ Fmaj7            G7            F/C    C            F

1. Great is Thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther, there is no  
 2. Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest; Sun, moon and  
 3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, Thy own dear

6    C/E            C    D/A    A7    D7    G            G7            C            G7/C

shad - ow of turn - ing with Thee;            Thou chang - est not, Thy com -  
 stars in their cours - es a - bove            join with all na - ture in  
 pres - ence to cheer and to guide;            Strength for to - day and bright

11    C    Dm    C/E    Fmaj7            F#°7            C/G            G7            C

pas - sions they fail not;            As Thou hast been, Thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 man - i - fold wit - ness to Thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy and love.  
 hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

**CHORUS**

G            F/C            C            A7            Gm/D            Dm            G7            C            Cm6

Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!    Great is Thy faith - ful - ness!    Morn - ing by morn - ing new

23    G/D            D7            G            G7            C            G7/C    C    Dm    C/E    Fmaj7            F#°7

mer - cies I see;            All I have need - ed Thy hand hath pro - vid - ed -            Great is Thy

30    C/G            G7            C

faith - ful - ness,            Lord,            un - to            me.

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\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Nieman

**Merciful God, you have made us citizens of heaven, but we confess that we have set our minds on earthly things. We have let our desire for security restrain our commitment to serve the poor. We have let our fear of danger curb our obligation to love our enemies. We have let our love of things dull our generosity to the needy. We have let our craving for public status prevent our honesty about hidden sins. Yet, you know the desires of our heart and nothing is hidden from you. By the power of the Holy Spirit, conform our sin-weakened bodies to the glory of Christ, that we may be the body of Christ for the world.**

*(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

Shannon Needham

**Lord, open your Word by your Holy Spirit, so that we, like Abraham, may believe your promises to us. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Philippians 3:17-4:1  
Matthew 9:9-14

[Pew Bible pg. 198]  
[Pew Bible pg. 9]

Sermon

“At the Table”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Musical Reflection

*For Everyone Born*  
Music Ensemble

*Glory to God Hymnal* Text by Shirley Erena Murray, 1998, Music by Brian Mann, 2006

Litany for The Gifts of Women

Gracious and loving God, we gather today in gratitude for the many gifts you have given to your people. On this day, we give special thanks for the women among us, our mothers, daughters, sisters, and friends who serve, lead, nurture, and inspire.

**We thank You, O God, for the gifts of women.**

For women who have led with wisdom, courage, and faith, for those who have preached Your Word, built Your church, and worked for justice.

**We give thanks and praise!**

For women who have nurtured the next generation, teaching and mentoring with love, caring for children and elders, serving their families and communities.

**We give thanks and praise!**

For women who have created beauty in art, music, and story, who have spoken truth with boldness, who have dreamed new dreams of possibility.

**We give thanks and praise!**

For women who have worked for peace and reconciliation, who have tended to the sick, fed the hungry, and clothed the poor.

**We give thanks and praise!**

For the women in our own lives, those who have shaped our faith, offered us encouragement, and reflected Your love in their words and actions.

**We give thanks and praise!**

God of all creation, we celebrate the gifts of women and commit ourselves to honoring, uplifting, and empowering one another. May we follow the example of the faithful women who have gone before us, as we seek to live as Christ's disciples.

**Amen.**

Call for Giving

~We Remember~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 Communion of the People

Communion Song

*Come As You Are*  
Music Ensemble

Verse 1

Come out of sadness from  
wherever you've been  
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin  
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

Verse 2

There's hope for the hopeless  
And all those who've strayed  
Come sit at the table come taste the grace  
There's rest for the weary  
Rest that endures  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

Chorus

Lay down your burdens  
lay down your shame  
All who are broken lift up your face  
O wanderer come home; You're not too far  
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart  
Come as you are

Verse 3

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal  
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

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The Prayer after Communion



~We Go Out Into the World~

\*Closing Song

**God So Loved**

VERSE 1



1. Come all you wea - ry, come all you thirst - y. Come to the well that



nev - er runs dry. Drink of the wat - er come and thirst no more.

VERSE 2



2. Come all you sin - ners, come find His mer - cy. Come to the ta - ble; He



will sat - is - fy. Taste of His good - ness, find what you're look - ing for. For

CHORUS



God so loved the world that He gave us His one and on - ly Son to save us. Who -



ev - er be - lieves in Him will live for - ev - er.

VERSE 3

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting there  
With open arms

BRIDGE

Praise God praise God  
From whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him praise Him  
For the wonders of His love

CHORUS

For God so loved the world that He gave us  
His one and only Son to save us  
Whoever believes in Him will live forever  
The power of hell forever defeated  
Now it is well I'm walking in freedom  
For God so loved God so loved the world

VERSE 4

Bring all your failures  
Bring your addictions  
Come lay them down at the foot of the cross  
Jesus is waiting  
God so loved the world

\*Charge and Benediction

Today's music ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass guitar  
Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion  
Shannon Needham and Mindy Houlihan, vocals

*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](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

## Announcements

### Donations



FPC Family Ministries is gearing up for our annual Easter Egg Hunt occurring on Sunday, April 20th, but we need YOUR help! We would greatly appreciate donations of a dozen filled plastic eggs (treats, prizes, and candy without nuts kindly requested)! These donations can be dropped off with Director of Family Ministries, Mason Warren at any time between now and Sunday, April 13th. Please help us make this event a memorable one for our FPC Kids! Please contact Mason Warren for more details or with any questions!"

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE GARDEN SHED & DONATE UNUSED ITEMS TO THE



*Possies for the Pantry*  
**BARGAIN SHED**

Drop off **gently-used** items to the church rear parking lot picnic tables between March 9th - April 6th  
**contact Joyce or Kent Williams for more information**  
(all proceeds benefit Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry)



### ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING

SPECIAL OFFERINGS

HUNGER • DISASTER • DEVELOPMENT

This PC(USA) Special Offering will be collected on Easter Sunday to support outreach programs in over 100 countries.

Each gift to ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING helps improve the lives of the suffering and the vulnerable through three life-saving programs:  
Presbyterian Disaster Assistance,  
Presbyterian Hunger Program, and  
Self-Development of People.

To learn more about how your gift makes a difference,  
Visit [pcusa.org/oghs](http://pcusa.org/oghs).

## ATTENTION GOLFERS!

The 2024 FPC golf season will begin at Avalon Golf Course on April 3rd.

Tee times will start at 4:30 p.m. each Wednesday throughout the year.

The cost is \$35/person and includes 9-hole greens fee and cart.

This enjoyable group gathers at the club grill afterwards for good food, fun and fellowship. If you are interested in playing, please contact Wayne Walls for more information.



## Prayers for Our Church Family

### *Ongoing prayers for*

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, Tami Newsom, Buddy Wert

### *Specific prayers for*

Jeanie Oakley, at the loss of her brother Angela Gibson, sister of Beth Allen, as she prepares for chemo treatments  
A co-worker of Bruce Wilson who is mourning the loss of her loved one who was killed in an accidental gun discharge while driving last week.

Bob Roberts, a friend of David Greaser, who has been hospitalized due to a bout with liver cancer.

## Fellowship & Events

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



SAVE THE DATE!

fundraiser proceeds benefit:



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

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

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

## *Presbyterian Women Birthday Offering Spring Luncheon*

All FPC Women are invited to attend the luncheon, featuring speaker Shelley Binder, an avid researcher of the Titanic. Shelley grew up hearing stories about her great grandmother and great uncle who were survivors of the Titanic. She presents a very informative program with information and music.

Date: March 29, 2025

Time: 11:30am

Caterer: Apple Cake Tea Room  
(Gluten-free will be offered)

Price: \$15

Tickets will be available at both 9:00 and 11:00 services on March 16 and 23



# Growing in Our Faith

During this season of Lent, FPC has an opportunity to experience a **Prayer Mosaic**, a collection of interactive prayer moments intended to foster our prayer lives and promote spiritual growth.

You will find 7 prayer stations set up around the sanctuary, in the narthex, and in the entry near the church office. We encourage you to take a moment and pause at a prayer station. Read the framed instructions and take a moment to commune with God in a short prayer activity. This experience can be done independently, as a couple, or as a family. This can be done before worship, after worship, during church office hours, really any time the church building is open. Anyone and everyone is welcome to participate. There is no wrong way to pray, only different ways to pray. This experience invites you to find new ways to connect with God.

These prayer stations will be available through the Lent season.

## Children & Youth Education



### KidZone

Children ages 3-9 meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9am to learn about the love of God through Bible verses, songs, videos and fun activities.

Join the Youth Sunday School class on Sundays at 10am in the Café as they "Hike the NT"!

Each week, youth will explore a specific book of the New Testament utilizing videos and discussion.

For more information, contact Director of Family Ministries, Mason Warren at [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org).

## Prayer Mosaic



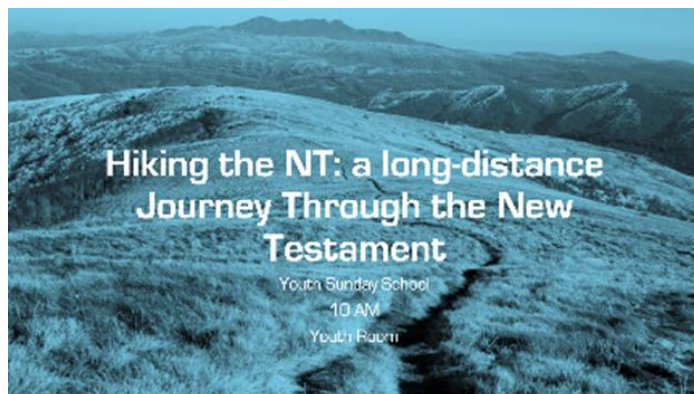
### Wailing Wall

This wall gives you the opportunity to privately express your heart to God.



### God's Family Tree

Who does God say you are?  
You are a child of God;  
part of God's Family Tree.





## Adult Education



Adult Bible Study meets in Room D at 10:00am to discuss the weekly Lectionary text. Everyone is welcome. Contact Elizabeth Wilson with questions.

Pastor Matt's Class is doing a Lenten study titled "Meeting Jesus at the Table" by Cynthia M. Campbell and Christine Coy Fohr. Join us in the library at 10:00am.



## *This Week at FPC*

Sun, Mar 16	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor (Café)
Mon, Mar 17	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Library
Tues, Mar 18	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/VMC
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Mar 19	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
	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, Mar 20	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Mar 21	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex



## *Farragut Presbyterian Church*

209 Jamestowne Blvd. ~ Farragut, TN 37934  
865/966-9547 ~ [www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org)

### Church Office Hours:

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

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



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