

March 16, 2025
11:00 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.

~The Gathering~

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

PRELUDE

Herzliebster Jesu
Tami Newsom, organ

Brahms

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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!

*HYMN #276

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Faithfulness

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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)

*KYRIE ELEISON

Harmsel



Lis - ten to my cry, Lord; hear my hum - ble prayer.



When my soul is trou - bled, keep me in your care.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

Weston



At the name of Je - sus Ev-'ry knee shall bow, Ev-'ry tongue con -



fess___ him King of glo - ry now; 'Tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure



We should call him Lord, Who from the be - gin - ning Was the might - y Word.

*THE PEACE

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

~The Word~

ANTHEM

In the Cross of Christ I Glory
FPC Ringers

arr. John A. Behnke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Ewald

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

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Philippians 3:17-4:1

[Pew Bible pg. 198]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



God is my light, the strong-hold of my life.
God is my sal - va - tion; in God a - lone I trust.

God is my strong salvation; What foe have I to fear?
In peril and temptation My light, my help, is near. **(R)**

Though hosts encamp around me, Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me, With God at my right hand? **(R)**

Rely on God's protection, With courage wait each day;
God's truth be your affection, When weak, your hope and stay. **(R)**

God's might your heart shall strengthen, God's love your joy increase;
With hope your days shall lengthen, The Lord will give you peace. **(R)**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 9:9-14

[Pew Bible pg. 9]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

“At the Table”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

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.

THE ANTHEM

Siyahamba
Chancel Choir

Traditional Zulu

Text and Translation from Zulu:

**We are singing, for the Lord is our light.
(Congregation please join on above text when indicated.)**

The Lord is the strength of our lives; of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy; the Lord may be our light.

One thing have we asked of the Lord, yes, this is the thing we seek:
To dwell in the house of the Lord, to live with God forever.

When burdens are heavy to bear, our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high, yes, high upon a rock.

We walk in the strength of the Lord, God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear, we sing a joyful song.

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 THE OFFERING



You can use the QR code to give online or place your offering in the baskets located at the Sanctuary doors.

~The Eucharist~

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)

SANCTUS

Phillips

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the high est. _____
_____ Blessed is the One _____ who comes in the name of the
Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

AGNUS DEI

Phillips



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us your peace. grant us peace.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~The Sending~

*HYMN #447

Lead On, O King Eternal

Lancashire

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #85

What Wondrous Love Is This

Wondrous Love

**What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heavy cross for my soul!**

*POSTLUDE

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Lind

Tami Newsom, organ

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Usher ~ Gary Heidinger

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, 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



Posies 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.

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.



Fellowship & Events

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



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

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.

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.

Prayer Mosaic

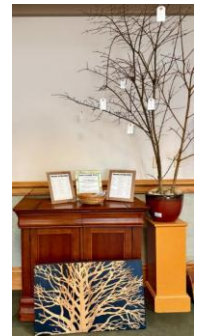


Wailing Wall

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.



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@fpcn.org.

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



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