



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 30, 2025
11:00 a.m.

At the Table but where?

Luke 14:7-14

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.
*We invite you to stand as able.

~The Gathering~

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

PRELUDE

Out of the Depths, Lord, I Cry to Thee
Tami Newsom, organ

Geist

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Happy are those who are honest with God.
Happy are those whose sin is forgiven.
Therefore, let all who are faithful offer prayer to the
Lord in times of distress.
For God is our refuge and protects us in times of trouble.
Be glad in the Lord and rejoice!
Let us shout for joy! Let us worship God!

*HYMN #171

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

St. Columba

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have strayed from your ways. Like the Prodigal Son, we have wasted our inheritance. You gave us the earth for our home, but we squander earth's resources and hoard its bounty. You gave us neighbors to love, but we pursue selfish ambitions. You gave us the commandments that lead to human flourishing, but we break your law and forsake your love. Forgive us our sin and bring us to repentance. Draw our wandering hearts back to you that we may find freedom in obedience to your love.

(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

Now the Silence
FPC Ringers

arr. Susan E. Geschke

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Heidinger

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit open our minds and bodies to the re-creating power of your Word, that we may see the world through the mind of Christ and live in the world as a foretaste of your new creation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Joshua 5:9-12

[Pew Bible pg. 197]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 32

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



Lord, for - give the wrong I have done.

Happy those whose offense is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.
O happy those to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile. **(R)**

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.
I said: "I will confess my offense to the Lord."
And you, Lord have forgiven the guilt of my sin. **(R)**

You are my hiding place, O Lord; you save me from distress.
You surround me with cries of deliverance. **(R)**

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!
O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. **(R)**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:7-14

[Pew Bible pg. 77]

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

SERMON

"At the Table, But Where?"

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

Lord, I'm Coming Home
Chancel Choir

Anna Laura Page

I've wandered far away from God; The paths of sin too long I've trod.
I've wasted many precious years. Now I repent with bitter tears.

Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam.
Coming home, coming home, Lord, I'm coming home.

I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord; I'll trust Your love – believe Your word.
My soul is sick, my heart is sore; my strength renew, my hope restore.

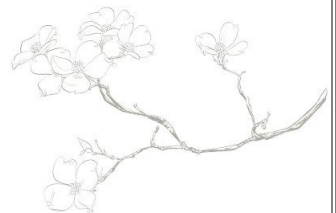
My only hope, my only plea, is that my Savior died for me.
Lord, wash me whiter than the snow; I need Your cleansing blood I know.

Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam.
Coming home, coming home, Lord, I'm coming home.

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

HYMN #513 *Let Us Break Bread Together* African-American spiritual

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)

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

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~The Sending~

*HYMN #280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound* Amazing Grace

*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

There is a Green Hill Far Away
Tami Newsom, organ

Moore

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Usher ~ Thom Haig

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.

Announcements

Donations



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.

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



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)



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.

Fellowship & Events

ATTENTION GOLFERS!

The 2025 FPC golf season will begin at Avalon Golf Course on April 2nd.



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

The cost is \$40/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 at 865-207-7114, for more information.



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

Posies for the Pantry

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.

 *Matt Nieman*
& *Laura Hash*

joyfully invite you
to celebrate their wedding
on May 31, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.
at RiverView Family Farm
12130 Prater Lane
Knoxville, TN 37922

Reception & Dinner to follow

Due to limitations on space at the venue

please RSVP
no later than April 20th

online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/NiemanWeddingRSVP>



Fellowship & Events



So we have enough food and seating for the Palm Sunday Brunch, kindly RSVP at: <http://tinyurl.com/FPC-PalmSundayBrunch>, use the QR code, or email the church office.

Growing in Our Faith

Please join us



PALM SUNDAY, April 13

One worship service at 10am with Children's Palm Processional followed by a Congregational Brunch in Fellowship Hall

MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17

Worship Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18

Good Friday Service at 12 noon

Come support our church-sponsored **Boy Scout Troop #444** at their annual **Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!**

Saturday, April 12
between 5pm and 8pm
Fellowship Hall



Admission Ticket is \$10/person and includes:

Spaghetti (meat, vegetarian or gluten-free), Bread, Salad, Drink, and Dessert

Join them for Dine In or Carry Out!

You can pay at the door or call the church office to purchase tickets in advance.

EASTER SERVICES, April 20

9am Casual and 11am Traditional worship services with Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10am

Prayer Mosaic

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.



Salt of the Earth

“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again?”

We Are One Body

As brothers and sisters in Christ and as Presbyterians, we value being connectional. We value discernment and living out Christ’s call in community and not in solitude.



Prayers for Our Church Family

Ongoing prayers for

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

Easter Flowers

It has long been our tradition to decorate the sanctuary with flowers during the Easter season. If you would like to help us offset the cost of decorating the church for Easter by making a contribution in honor or memory of a loved one, just fill out this form and include cash or your check made payable to: Farragut Presbyterian Church, with "*Easter Flowers*" designated in the memo line. Place your donation and this form in the basket or drop them off in the church office. **The cost per plant is \$10.00**, however, your gift may be in any amount. There will be a special insert acknowledging gifts on Easter Sunday.

I am making a gift towards Easter decorations, to the glory of God and:

(PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY)

In Honor/Memory of _____
(Circle one)

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Donated by:

My donation of \$ _____ is attached.

I am paying by: cash check # _____



This Week at FPC

Sun, Mar 30	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Mar 31	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor (Café)
Tues, Apr 1	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Apr 2	6:30	p.m.	Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, Apr 3	6:00	p.m.	Worship & Music/Library
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Apr 4	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex



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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."*



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Director of Music..... Dr. Angela L. Batey
Associate Director of Music.....Tami Newsom
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