



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

*Taking Your Seat*

Luke 14:15-24

April 6, 2025  
9:00 a.m.

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

\*We invite you to stand as able.

*~ We Gather ~*

Prelude

No Longer Slaves  
Music Ensemble

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Call To Worship

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, it was like a dream.

**Then our mouths were filled with laughter and shouts of joy.**

Then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them."

**The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.**

Let those who plant with tears reap the harvest with joy.

**Let those who go out weeping come home with shouts of joy. Let us worship God!**

\*Opening Song

# Just As I Am

Elliot/Bradbury

♩=86

VERSE



1. Just \_ as I am, \_\_\_ with - out \_\_\_ one plea but  
 2. Just \_ as I am \_\_\_ and wait - ing not to  
 3. Just \_ as I am- \_\_\_ Thou wilt \_\_\_ re - ceive, wilt  
 4. Just \_ as I am \_\_\_ Thy Love \_\_\_ un - known hath  
 5. Just \_ as I am, \_\_\_ though tossed \_\_\_ a - bout with  
 6. Just \_ as I am- \_\_\_ poor, wretch - ed, blind; Sight,



that \_\_\_ Thy Blood was shed for me, and \_\_\_ that Thou bidd'st \_\_\_ me  
 rid \_\_\_ my soul of one dark blot, to \_\_\_ Thee Whose Blood \_\_\_ can  
 wel - come, par - don, cleanse, re - lieve. Be - cause Thy Prom - ise  
 bro - ken ev' - ry bar - rier down. Now \_ to be Thine, \_\_\_ yes,  
 man - ya con - flict, man - ya doubt, fight - ings and fears \_\_\_ with -  
 rich - es, heal - ing of the mind, yea, \_\_\_ all I need \_\_\_ in



come to Thee, \_\_\_ O Lamb of God, \_\_\_ I come! I come! \_\_\_  
 cleanse each spot, \_\_\_ O Lamb of God, \_\_\_ I come! I come! \_\_\_  
 I be - lieve, \_\_\_ O Lamb of God, \_\_\_ I come! I come! \_\_\_  
 Thine a - lone, \_\_\_ O Lamb of God, \_\_\_ I come! I come! \_\_\_  
 -in, with - out, \_\_\_ O Lamb of God, \_\_\_ I come! I come! \_\_\_  
 Thee to find, \_\_\_ O Lamb of God, \_\_\_ I come! I come! \_\_\_

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\*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Nieman

**Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes and churches, the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new.**

*(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

Jeff Thode

**Break open the scripture through the power of your Spirit, O God. Let your word, read and proclaimed, pour out until its fragrance fills this house and our lives. Then, anointed with your word, send us out to share the good news we have received. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, who is with us always. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Isaiah 43:18-21  
Luke 14:15-24

[Pew Bible pg. 672]

[Pew Bible pg. 77]

Sermon

“Taking Your Seat”

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

We Say Yes  
Music Ensemble

CCLI Song # 7089100 Jonathan Jay | Kyle Maloney | Nate Moore | Pat Barrett | Tony Brown

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Call for Giving



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

~ 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

*At This Table*  
Music Ensemble

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The Prayer after Communion

~ We Go Out Into the World ~

\*Closing Song

**Feels Good (Upbeat Song)**

C. Llewellyn | G. Gilkeson

1. Verse 1

When we live in harmony when we stand as one  
It makes us stronger stronger  
When we see our differences as a work of art  
The world is brighter brighter

3. Chorus

It feels good when we're together  
It feels good when we belong  
It feels right when we're united  
No divides livin' life as one

5. Bridge

Brothers sisters brighter stronger,  
Brothers sisters better together (Chorus)

2. Pre-Chorus

What we all really need right now  
Is an upbeat song to sing  
An upbeat song to sing

4. Verse 2

Tell me why we're fighting  
can't we just get along  
'Cause we are brothers sisters  
Nothing strong as family  
nothing breaks us apart  
'Cause life is better together  
(Pre-Chorus & Chorus)

\*Charge and Benediction

Today's music ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion  
Eva Quinley and Shannon Needham, vocals

Usher ~ Janet Tinder

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



*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 20<sup>th</sup>



online at:

<https://tinyurl.com/NiemanWeddingRSVP>

## Fellowship & Events

WORSHIP SERVICE AT 10AM  
WITH CONGREGATION BRUNCH AT 11AM



BREAKFAST CASSEROLES - CHICKEN POT PIES  
SALAD - SWEET BREADS - FRUIT - DRINKS - COFFEE AND MORE

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



Come support our church-sponsored

**Boy Scout Troop #444** at their annual

**Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser!**

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



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.

# 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



## CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS!

Shepherds will be gathering  
on Monday, April 14  
from 6:00-7:00 p.m.  
in Room A.

We look forward to seeing  
everyone!

*~Your Shepherd  
Coordinators*

**You** are invited to join us for our annual  
**Easter Egg Hunt** on  
Sunday, April 20th, 2025 at 10 am!

We will gather in the  
Fellowship Hall and kids will be  
given the opportunity to hunt  
for Easter Eggs on the  
playground. Easter bags will be  
provided for kids to use while  
hunting for eggs, so please do  
not bring personal baskets.  
While RSVPs are not required  
they are encouraged in order to ensure we have more than  
enough eggs for everyone!



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



## Spring Concert

Sunday, May 04, 6:00 p.m.  
The Contemporary  
Acappella Ensembles  
of the University of Tennessee  
School of Music



## Growing in Our Faith

## Prayer Mosaic



### *Lego Prayers*

Nothing is too big or small to take to God in prayer. Make a cross shape on the baseboard with each brick representing a prayer to Jesus.

### *String Prayer*

Write a prayer on a piece of paper. Then take a piece of string and weave it between pins. When the length of string is used up, fold your paper and put it under the pin as a symbol of giving that prayer to God for Him to take care of.



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.

## *Sunday School at FPC*

- 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).
- 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.

## 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



## Donations

**TODAY is the last day to drop off your gently used items for the Posies for the Pantry Bargain Shed!**



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.

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](http://pcusa.org/oghs).

Please join us



### **PALM SUNDAY, April 13**

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

### **GOOD FRIDAY, April 18**

Good Friday Service at 12 noon

### **MAUNDY THURSDAY, April 17**

Worship Service at 7pm in the Sanctuary

### **EASTER SERVICES, April 20**

9am Casual and 11am Traditional  
worship services with

Children's Easter Egg Hunt at 10am



# 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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(Circle one)

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**Donated by:**

\_\_\_\_\_

My donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is attached.  
I am paying by:  cash  check # \_\_\_\_\_



# This Week at FPC

Sun, Apr 6	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Apr 7	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor (Café)
Tues, Apr 8	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
Wed, Apr 9	11:00	a.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
Thurs, Apr 10	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Fri, Apr 11	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
Sat, Apr 12	12:00	p.m.	Room D Reserved
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	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
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	p.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
	9:00	a.m.	Posies for the Pantry/Parking Lot, FH
	5:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser/FH



## Farragut Presbyterian Church

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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."*