



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
Fifth Sunday in Lent

# Taking Your Seat

Luke 14:15-24

April 6, 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

*I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Bach

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!**

\*HYMN #483

*Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Mit Freuden Zart

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**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)*

\*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 ~*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**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.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Isaiah 43:18-21

[Pew Bible pg. 672]

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

PSALM 126

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson

Those who sow their seeds in tears  
reap in joy through - out the years.

When the Lord brought home our treasure, all delights were like a dream;  
In defeat, a shout of victory; in the sand a flowing stream. **(R)**

Mouths that once were parched with anguish now with shouts of joy are filled;  
laughter now displaces sadness for the goodness God has willed. **(R)**

Bring us back to former glory, lost through years of exile's pain;  
Generations long forgotten seek God's favor to regain. **(R)**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 14:15-24

[Pew Bible pg. 77]

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

*“Taking Your Seat”*

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

*Come and Feast*  
Chancel Choir

Lee Dengler

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Join the table, come and dine.  
There is healing for your soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

In this time you will be blest. Come to Christ, He is your rest.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. At this table you will find  
there is life for all who eat, so come and feast, be made complete.

Lay your cares and burdens here. You are free, no need to fear.

Eat this bread. Drink this wine. Earthly signs of Love divine.  
We remember what they mean, and so we feast, and are made clean.

At this table you will find there is more than bread and wine.  
There is food to feed the soul, so come and feast, and be made whole.

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. Thank you for your gifts.

*~ The Eucharist ~*

THE INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

HYMN #504

*Draw Us In the Spirit's Tether*

Union Seminary

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 #422                      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*                      Beach Spring

\*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                      *The Glory of These Forty Days*                      Lind  
Tami Newsom, organ

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

## 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

# 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

PALM  
Sunday

APRIL 13, 2025

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

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.

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.



# Spring Concert

Sunday, May 04, 6:00 p.m.

The Contemporary  
Acappella Ensembles  
of the University of Tennessee  
School of Music

featuring

reVOLution

VOLume

UT Singers



## 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.

## Growing in Our Faith



### *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.



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



## Donations

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



### 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).



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 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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**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)
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
Tues, Apr 8	11:00	a.m.	Outreach Committee/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #1/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #2/Library
Wed, Apr 9	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	PW Circle #3/Library
	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
Thurs, Apr 10	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
Fri, Apr 11	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
	9:00	a.m.	Posies for the Pantry/Parking Lot, FH
Sat, Apr 12	5:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser/FH



## Farragut Presbyterian Church

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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."*