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LOVE AND LEARN

Farragut
Presbyterian
FPC Church

July 27, 2025
11:00 am

John 1:1-5, 14-18

~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

Meditation
Linda Stutzenberger, organ

Massenet/arr. Hopson

Greeting

Rev. John Sharp

Call to Worship *Adapted from Psalm 8*

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—The moon and the stars you set in place—

What are mere mortals that you should think about them, human beings that you should care for them?

Yet you made them only a little lower than God and crowned them with glory and honor.

You gave them charge of everything you made, putting all things under their authority—

The flocks and the herds and all the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that swims the ocean currents.

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!



*Hymn #455

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

***Call to Confession**

***Prayer of Confession**

God of grace, because you have invited us, we come to ask forgiveness – specifically and sincerely:

For the moments where our lives have been ruled by anxiety rather than living under your guidance, peace and strength;

For the moments we returned unkindness with more of the same;

For the good intentions left undone, and those acts of grace and goodness we could've done;

For the moments we lacked patience with people in their struggles, and for the places where we have grown too patient with the injustice, hunger and suffering in the world;

For the moments we placed comfort, ease and personal preference ahead of the call to humility, maturity and Christlikeness;

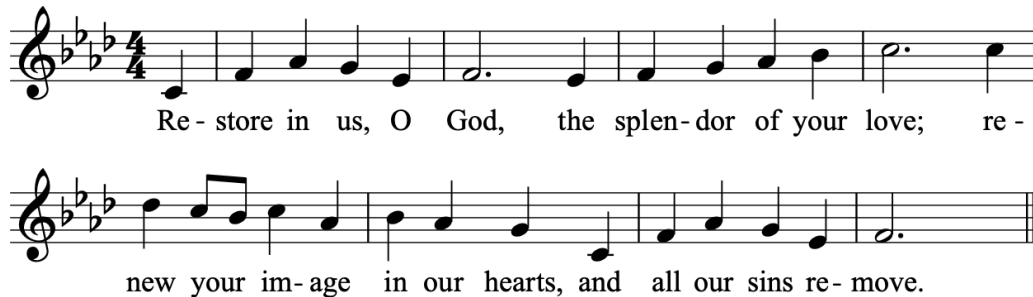
For the moments we took for granted, for the love that went unexpressed, for the forgiveness we didn't extend to others, for the grudges we nursed and the truths we withheld.

These things have diminished us, and you alone can forgive and restore us.

We sit now in your presence and ask you to exchange our repentance, with your forgiveness.

(please continue in silent prayer)

***Kyrie eleison #434**



***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri #488, verse 3**

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

**You have eternal life Implanted in the soul;
Your love shall be our strength and stay While ages roll.
We praise You, Living God! We praise Your holy name;
The first, the last, beyond all thought, and still the same!**

***The Peace**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

Mikie Lancaster

God of Wisdom, you promise to give your Spirit to those who ask. Overwhelm us with your Word, that we may know you more fully, love you more passionately, and follow you more closely; in Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 1:1-3, 26-28

[Pew Bible pg. 1-2]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 85 (*unison*)

Hymn tune: Forest Green, arr. Morgan

**The Lord has long with favor looked
Upon the chosen land;
To Jacob's heirs the wealth of earth
Is lavished in their hand.
The captive chains of servitude
Are loosed, the slaves are free;
And through God's grace, the bond of sin
Give way to liberty.**

**Restore to us salvation, Lord,
Let Your displeasure cease;
And still the tempest of Your wrath
With gentle winds of peace.
My humble heart the still small voice
Of Your love yet attends;
The faithful God from death redeems;
The fearful, God defends.**

**Your steadfast love and faithfulness
Will meet us face to face;
The arm of justice, mercy sways;
The righteous, truth embrace.
May wisdom dwell in human law,
And justice, courts display;
Let righteousness precede Your steps,
And guide us on our way.**

Second Scripture Reading: John 1:1-5, 14-18

[Pew Bible pg. 91-92]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“When Science ‘Gets’ Religion (and Vice Versa)”

Rev. John Sharp

see notes on next page

Notes On Science and Religion

Only in the last three hundred years have distinct categories of “science” and “religion” existed. St. Augustine, for instance, believed that *scientia* (the pursuit of knowledge of the physical world, material facts, nature) was the pathway to *religio* (wisdom, morality, meaning and values).

– Peter Harrison, *The Territories of Science and Religion*

Scientism: When science *becomes* a religion (the final or only avenue for any and all truth claims). We feel that even if all possible scientific questions be answered, the problems of life have still not been touched at all. – Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus* 6.52

Superstition: An irrational view, often based in fear and ignorance. When faith is unwelcoming to science, inquiry and knowledge that fosters growth.

Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.

– Albert Einstein, *Science and Religion*, 1954

“Science can purify religion from error and superstition; religion can purify science from idolatry and false absolutes. Each can draw the other into a wider world, a world in which both can flourish.”

– Pope John Paul II, in letter to the director of the Vatican Observatory

The idea that science and faith aren’t compatible is a myth, and a recent one at that. John Draper and Andrew White were academics who wrote books toward the end of the nineteenth century that gave rise to the “conflict narrative” of science and faith. Their agenda was to make the case of the triumph of science over theology and faith – and the sole driver of human progress.

– Harrison, *Territories of Science and Religion*, pp. 172-176

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. ²Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light. - Genesis 1:1-3

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was with God in the beginning. ³Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made. ⁴In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it. – John 1:1-5

God’s Word/God’s World

Most of the foundational work of modern science was accomplished by people who were also faithful Christians: **Copernicus** in astronomy and math, **Francis Bacon** in developing science methodology, **Kepler** in astronomy, **Galileo** in astronomy and physics, **Descartes** in math, **Pascal** in physics and geometry, **John Locke** in medicine, **John Ray** in zoology, botany and biology, **Isaac Newton** in math, astronomy and physics, **William Paley** in biology, and on and on. These were not simply occasional church attenders, but deeply spiritual souls, and in many cases, clergy and scholars who worked not only in what we call the sciences (natural philosophy and natural history) but also theology, spirituality and biblical studies.

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith

**We believe in one God, who is Creator, maker of all we see and all we don't see;
Who is Ruler of the universe: Source of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Jesus Christ, God from God, Light from Light,
true God and true human. He is one with the Creator; the Word made flesh,
our Messiah: Savior of all creation!**

**We believe in one God, who is Holy Spirit, Breath of God moving among us.
Who is one with the Creator; one with the Christ; our Comforter and our Guide:
Mentor of all creation!**

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Hymn #462

Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies

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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.

Prayers of 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 Sending ~

*Hymn #467

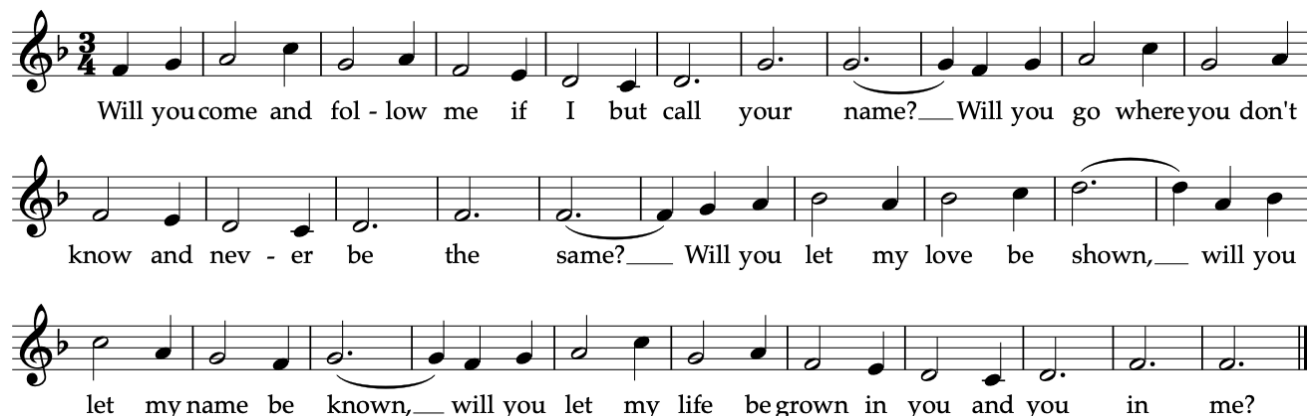
How Great Thou Art

How Great Thou Art

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Will You Come and Follow Me



*Postlude

All Creatures of Our God and King
Linda Stutzenberger, organ

arr. Hopson

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, Mason Warren, Parker Morrell & Turner Neely

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.

Looking for ways to be involved in Worship?

Sign-up to be an usher, scripture reader, or communion server!

All ages are invited to sign up.

Please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp> and sign up
in the appropriate available time slot. If you have any questions,
contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach,
or the church office (865/966-9547).





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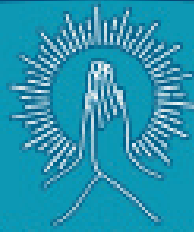
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Become a prayer partner!



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM
2025-2026
STARTING AUGUST 11, 2025

The FPC Prayer Partner Program is back for the 2025-2026 School Year! Please consider signing up to be in prayer for one of our students throughout the school year! To sign up, please either fill out the form located on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board or contact Mason Warren, masonwarren@fpcn.org.

FPC Blessing of the Backpacks 2025



On Sunday, August 3rd, in addition to celebrating the end of the Summer KidZone program, we will also be having a Blessing of Backpacks. Students are invited to bring their backpacks with them to church so that we can pray over them as they begin the new school year. For more information, please contact Mason Warren, masonwarren@fpcn.org

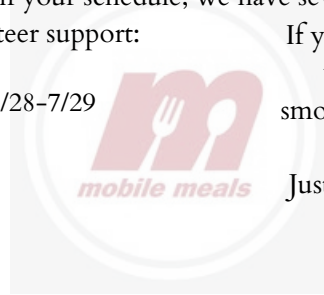


*Our summer KidZone children will help lead worship next
Sunday, Aug 3 at the 9am service.
Contact Mason Warren if you need more details.*

As the summer heats up, so does our need for helping hands! With many of our regular volunteers traveling or taking time off, we're reaching out to ask for your support in keeping our routes covered. If you have any flexibility in your schedule, we have several upcoming dates where we're especially in urgent need of extra volunteer support:

**Mobile Meals
Needs Help**

- Monday and Tuesday, 7/28-7/29
- Thursday, 7/31



If you're available to fill in on any day in the near future, even just once, it would make a meaningful difference in keeping our routes running smoothly and ensuring every senior receives their meal and wellness check. Flexibility with route location is especially helpful during this time. Just let us know when you're available and we'll do our best to match you with a route that fits.

Please call us at (865) 524-2786, or text our volunteer line at (865) 680-2594 if you're able to help.

Families with Children & Youth are invited to join us on Sunday, August 3rd starting at 2 pm at the home of Clay and Denise Griffin for a Back to School Bash! We will enjoy a potluck meal together as well as some fun on the river! To RSVP, please fill out the link below.



[FPCBack2SchoolBash25](https://www.fpcback2schoolbash25.com)



This Week at FPC

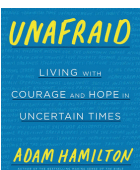
- Sun, Jul 27** 9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
9am Summer KidZone/Room A
11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- Mon, Jul 28** 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- Tues, Jul 29** 6:30pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting/Library
- Wed, Jul 30** 12pm Room D Reserved
6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- Thurs, Jul 31** 9am Narthex Reserved
- Fri, Aug 1** 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

Save the date

Narnia

If you're interested, or just curious, about joining us on our Quest through Narnia this fall, there will be a question and answer session on August 18 at 2pm in Room D. If you have questions but can't make that time, please contact Elizabeth Wilson or the church office.

Pastor Matt's Class



You'd be hard-pressed to overstate the extent to which fear, anxiety, and worry permeate our lives today. Fear wreaks havoc on our relationships and communities. It leads us into making bad decisions. It holds us back from the very pursuits that promise fulfillment and joy.

Join us at 10:00 in the library for a study of Adam Hamilton's, *Unafraid: Living with Courage and Hope in Uncertain Times*

The study uses a mixture of facts and faith to help us understand and counter fears related to such outsized perils as death and illness, as well as the everyday anxieties all of us encounter.



MENU FOR SUMMER & FALL 2025: For Adults

Quest Sundays: Ongoing spiritual formation opportunities situated between worship services, meeting at 10:00am with childcare provided:

Pastor's Class Meeting in the Library, this class is led by Pastor Matt or, on occasion, others.

You will find a great mix of Bible study and engagement on topical matters at the intersection of faith and culture.

Soul Café *Starting July 20!* Meeting in the new Narthex gathering space. John Sharp will facilitate a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day.

No lesson to prepare - come as you are!

Quest Groups: Building relationships and faith beyond Sunday mornings:

Small Groups

Typically meeting in homes, with an emphasis on relationships and growing together – so they are smaller by design. We are now starting a third group with new ones being formed on an as needed basis. Contact the church office or talk to John if you're interested in a small group or want to know more.

Presbyterian Women

Currently three groups meeting monthly at 10:00 am (2nd Tuesday and 2nd Wednesday), all women are invited to be a part of these mid-week opportunities for Bible study, prayer and time spent together. This year's focus is: finding resilience, joy and our identity in Jesus Christ. Contact Janet Tinder if interested.

Men's Bible Study

The 2nd & 4th Thursdays of the month at 8:00 am, in the Narthex.

Great discussion, exploration of scripture, prayer, time together, and Chick-fil-a biscuits!

Questions Classes:

Spiritual formation should be practical, helping to address real questions, interests and needs that we encounter in life. These occasional gatherings meet at various times for a specific number of sessions.

Adventures in Narnia

Join Elizabeth Wilson (online or in person) in a discovery of C.S. Lewis' *Chronicles of Narnia* along with Bible content and readings from Lewis' *Mere Christianity*. One part book club among friends and one part biblical and theological inquiry. Come discover Lewis' unique way of increasing our spiritual understanding.

Contact the office or Elizabeth for more information. Starts September 18.

Conversations in Science and Faith *Coming soon!*

A majority of Americans believe science and faith are in direct conflict, leading to mistrust and misunderstanding of one another. How can faith and science understand and inform each other? How can faith flourish in an age of science and technology? Bring a friend and join the conversation!

Myself: A User's Guide - Finding Fulfillment by Understanding Yourself and Serving Others

How do your life experiences, personality and skills pair with what you love to do *and* your spiritual gifts? A lively and enjoyable experience of self-discovery that integrates biblical teaching with the social sciences and self-reflection.

Meets September 15, 22, 29 & October 6 from 5:30 – 6:30 pm in the Narthex.



MENU FOR SUMMER & FALL 2025: For Children

Kids Quest (formerly KidZone)

A fun Sunday morning option for Kids ages 3-9 during the 9am worship service.

In KidsQuest, students discover and explore the love of God through Bible verses, songs, videos and exciting activities such as art & science!

Special Events

Watch the newsletter and bulletins, contact Mason Warren or the church office for info on frequent, engaging events that foster the spiritual and social formation of children.

Childcare

Safe and nurturing care is always provided for Sunday morning activities – and other events as needed.



MENU FOR SUMMER & FALL 2025: For Students (Youth)

Youth Group

Meets on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm in the Youth room. During youth group, middle school and high school students gather together for a time of fellowship and faith through bible study, games, and more!

Youth Sunday School

Meets on Sunday mornings at 10 am in the Youth room. In Youth Sunday School, students dive deeper into God's word through the use of videos, discussion, and more!

More

From retreats to serving together to exciting activities that build relationships – contact Mason Warren or the church office for upcoming events.

