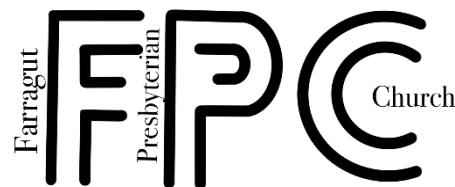




LOVE AND LEARN

Sunday
August 3, 2025

9:00am



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*We invite you to stand as able.

~ We Gather ~

This service is being recorded by
video and audio means.

Prelude

*True North
Let's Trust in Jesus
My Hope is in the Lord
KidZone*

Blessing of the Backpacks

Gracious and loving God, as we gather here in praise of all you have done, we lift up our hearts in gratitude. You are the source of all wisdom, and you walk alongside us throughout each new season. We give thanks for the beginning of another school year. We ask that you watch over and bless all the students gathered here today as well as their families. Give them strength as they embark upon this journey together,

Hold Them Close to You, O Lord.

God, we ask that in addition to our own students, be near to the students we serve through Sunset Gap and other ministries of which we are a part. May they feel your loving embrace as they enter new classrooms, meet new teachers and friends, and face new challenges.

Hold Them Close to You, O Lord.

Surround all of our students with your love and grace. Grant them wisdom as they learn, courage to do what is right, and kindness towards all whom they meet. Let them be shining examples of our light in every place they enter.

Hold Them Close to You, O Lord.

We pray for patience-patience for students as they grow and learn new things, patience for parents and guardians as they walk alongside them, patience for teachers, whom you have called to the sacred task of nurturing young minds.

Hold Them Close to You, O Lord.

Equip us, Lord, as the Farragut Presbyterian Church family, to be faithful encouragers and supporters of our students. Help us to be a community of care and compassion, ready to serve as you lead.

Be With Us, O Lord.

We give thanks, O Lord, for the curiosity you have placed with us, the joy of learning, and the calling to grow and learn in knowledge and grace. Utilize us as tools for your worship and glory in all that we say and do.

We Give Thanks, O Lord.

And now, Lord, we ask that you bless these backpack tags. May they be visible signs of your constant presence in our lives and a reminder to these students that they are loved- by you, and by this church family.

Bless Them, O Lord.

We lift these beloved students up to O Lord. Bless them and keep them in all that they do, now and forever more. In Jesus Christ, Your Holy Name.

Amen.

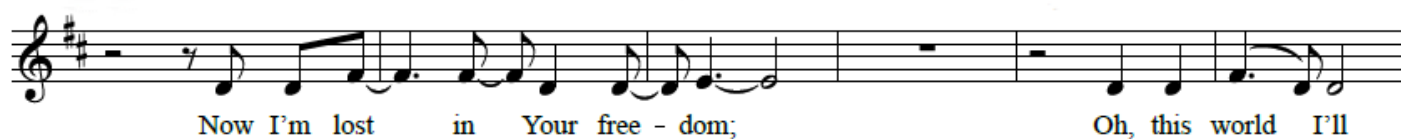
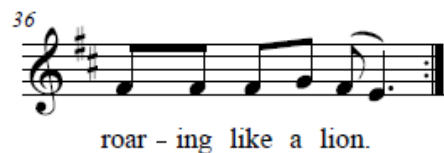
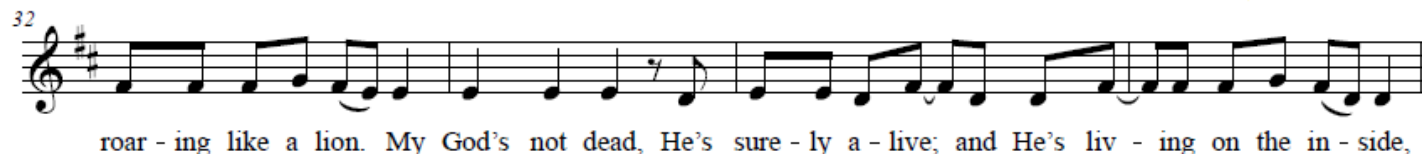
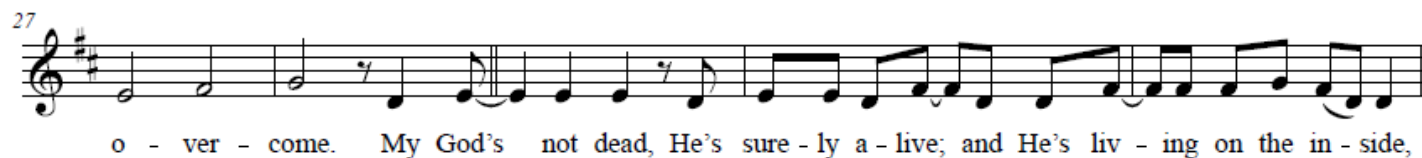
Gathered in from many lands,
we come from east and west, from north and south.
 Some of us have wandered through deserts.
Some of us are hungry and thirsty.
 But the Holy One heard our pleas
and has delivered us from our distress.
 So we come with prayers of thanksgiving,
for God's steadfast love endures forever.

*Opening Songs

Like a Lion (God's Not Dead)

Verse 1

Let love explode and bring the dead to life
 A love so bold to see a revolution somehow
 (REPEAT)

PRE-CHORUS**CHORUS**


Verse 2

Let hope arise and make the darkness hide
 My faith is dead I need a resurrection somehow
 (REPEAT)

*Pre-chorus**Chorus**cont. on the next page*

BRIDGE

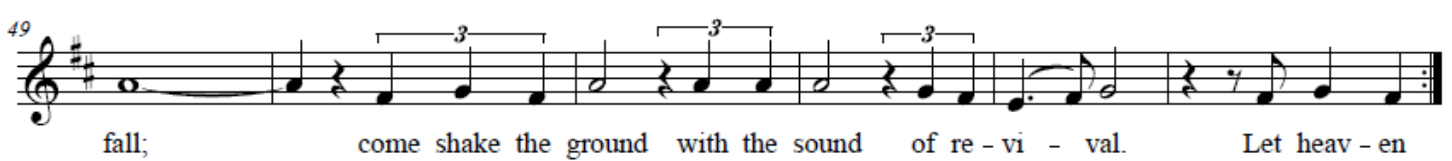
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sure - ly a - live! Let heav - en roar and fire

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fall; come shake the ground with the sound of re - vi - val. Let heav - en

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***Prayer of Confession**

Nurturing God, you continue to lead us in upright ways on account of your love for us. Yet we do not always follow your call; we turn away from you and go our own way. Forgive us, and return us to our rightful home in you.

***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***The Peace**

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

~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

Peyton Houlihan

God, we trust that you have our best interests at heart. As we hear these readings, remind us that we have been raised with Christ, and inspire us to seek the things above, through the power of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Matthew 28:16-20

[Pew Bible pg. 34]

read by Peyton Houlihan

Hosea 11: 1-11

[Pew Bible pg. 842]

read by Micah Bohlken

Sermon

"Love Wins"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (*from the Heidelberg Catechism*)

We believe that we belong, in life and in death, not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own life has freed us from the dominion of evil. Everything fits his purpose of salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he assures us of eternal life and makes us willing and ready to live for him.

Musical Reflection

Nobody Loves Me Like You
Worship Team

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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

How Can It Be
Sandra Bohlken, solo



~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

Like a Lion (God's Not Dead)

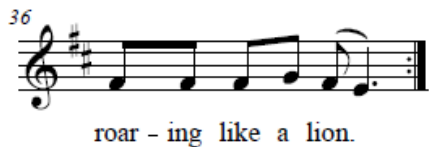
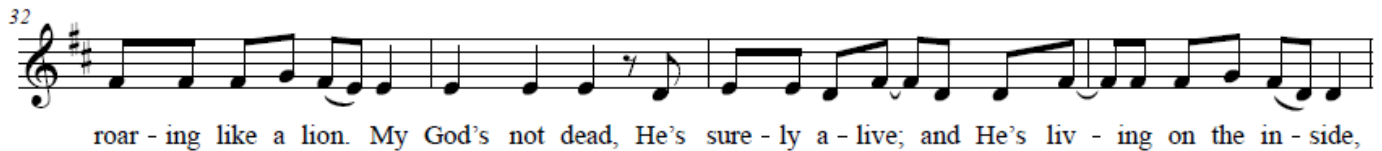
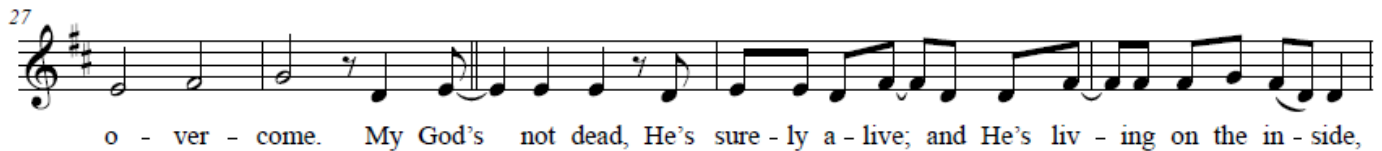
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(REPEAT)

PRE-CHORUS



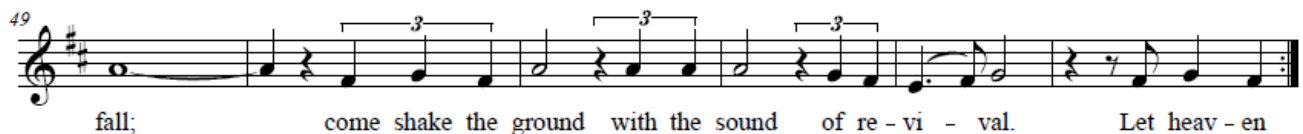
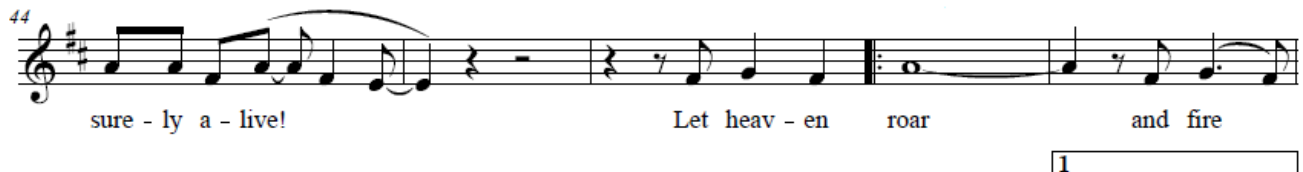
CHORUS



Verse 2

Let hope arise and make the darkness hide
My faith is dead I need a resurrection somehow
(REPEAT)

BRIDGE



*Charge and Benediction

Today's Worship Team:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass
Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals ~ Lloyd Hartley percussion
Mindy Houlihan and Shannon Needham, vocals

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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Director of Family Ministries.....Mason Warren
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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF
AUGUST 03. 2025



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*Today, at our 9am service, we
bless the backpacks of our
students as they prepare to
start school this week.*

FPC
Blessing of the Backpacks
2025



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER PARTNER PROGRAM

2025-2026

STARTING AUGUST 17, 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@fpctn.org.

Families with Children & Youth are invited to join us TODAY, 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](#)



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THANK YOU

Sunset Gap back to school

A big thank you to all who participated in this year's program!

Thank you to everyone who sponsored a tag, who helped sort and bag, to all those who
helped deliver the items. You have made a big difference in the children's and family's lives
for this school year.

Presbyterian Women's drive for school supplies for special area teachers

A big thank you to all who donated items for special area teachers. The amount donated this
year was amazing! It will make the school year so much easier for these teachers by providing
these items. Thank you for your generosity.



Steve and Jan Darnell, Carol and Greg Kraft, Kimberly Platt and Debbie Long are pictured after bringing Sunset Gap donations to the Sunset Gap center on Wednesday, July 30.

Sunset Gap Executive Director Audrey Jones and summer interns Landon and Tyler, delivered filled backpacks to Cosby Elementary School on Thursday morning, July 31. Audrey says “it’s such a privilege and blessing to share with these students.”



This Week at FPC

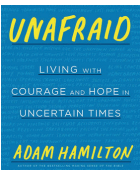
Sun, Aug 3	9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary 9am Summer KidZone/Room A 11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary 2pm Back to School Bash @ Griffin home
Mon, Aug 4	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 11am Room D Reserved 11am Outreach Committee/Library
Tues, Aug 5	6:30pm Early Onset Dementia Caregivers/Room D 7:00pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Wed, Aug 6	9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary 12pm Room D Reserved 12:15 Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary 6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Sanctuary
Thurs, Aug 7	9:45 Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary 12:15 Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Fri, Aug 8	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 6pm Set-up for PET Meeting/FH 7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Aug 9	9am Presbytery of East TN Meeting/Sanctuary, Narthex, FH

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.