



LOVE AND LEARN

Sunday  
August 31, 2025

9:00am



209 Jamestowne Blvd.  
Farragut, TN 37934  
865/966-9547  
[www.fpctn.org](http://www.fpctn.org)

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age  
Kids ages 3-4 meet in Room D prior to the beginning of Worship for KidsQuest  
K-5<sup>th</sup> Graders will be dismissed to KidsQuest during Worship

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

*I Stand Amazed*  
Worship Team

CCLI Song # 4674207 Charles Hutchinson Gabriel | Chris Tomlin © Rising Springs Music; Vamos Publishing; worshiptogether.com songs

Call to Worship

Happy are those who fear the Lord,  
**who delight in God's commandments.**  
They rise in the darkness as a light for the upright.  
**Those who love God are gracious, merciful, and righteous.**  
They are generous, sharing freely what they have received.  
**It is well with those who live in justice.**  
Their hearts are steady; they will not be afraid.  
**Let us praise the Lord!**

\*We invite you to stand as able.

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.  
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;  
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;  
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;  
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!  
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;  
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?  
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.  
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,  
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.  
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?  
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?  
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

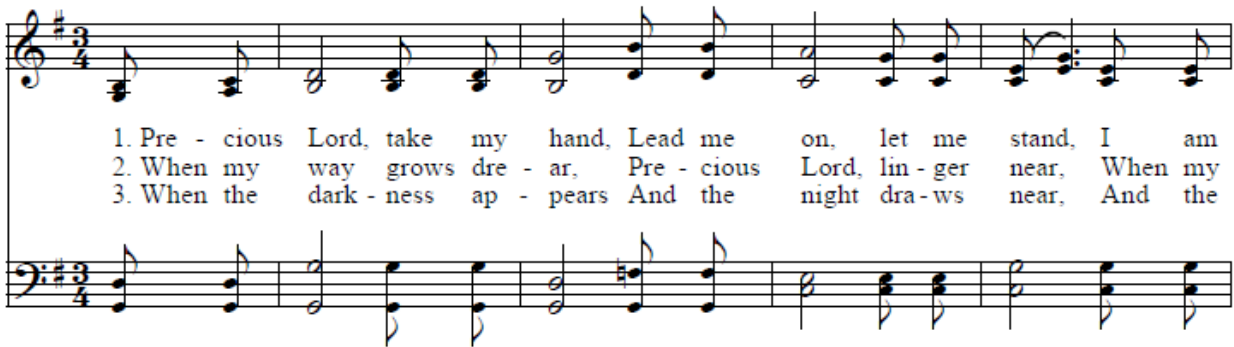
help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.  
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.  
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.  
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.  
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

## Precious Lord, Take My Hand

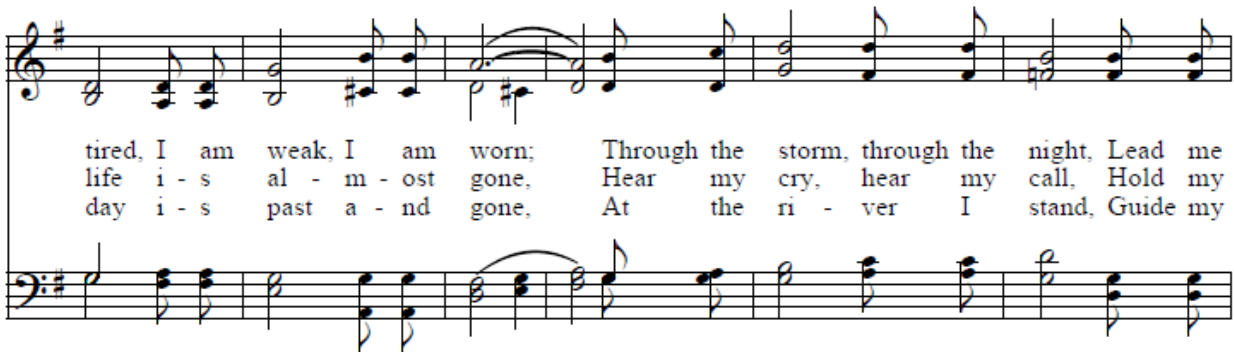
Thomas Andrew Dorsey, 1932

George Nelson Allen, 1844

♩ = 107



1. Pre - cious Lord, take my hand, Lead me on, let me stand, I am  
2. When my way grows dre - ar, Pre - cious Lord, lin - ger near, When my  
3. When the dark - ness ap - pears And the night dra - ws near, And the



tired, I am weak, I am worn; Through the storm, through the night, Lead me  
life i - s al - m - ost gone, Hear my cry, hear my call, Hold my  
day i - s past a - nd gone, At the ri - ver I stand, Guide my

*Refrain*



on to the light:  
hand lest I fall: Take my hand, pre-cious Lord, lead me home.  
feet, hold my hand:

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, forgive us for we exalt ourselves and mock the humble. We choose to believe we are self-sufficient rather than trust in your strength. Open us to your spirit, that we might serve all people without regard to the outcome, devoting ourselves to your honor alone.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

### \*Declaration of Forgiveness

### \*The Peace

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

*Kids grades K-5 are invited to meet at the front of the church to travel to KidsQuest together (in Room D)*

~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

Charles Needham

**God of wisdom, open us to the work of your Spirit, that we may hear and faithfully respond to your holy Word. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Luke 14:1, 7-14  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Sermon

"It's Mutual"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (*from the PCUSA Study Catechism*)

**The church is the company of all faithful people who have given their lives to Jesus Christ, as he has given and gives himself to them. Since Christ cannot be separated from his people, the church is holy because he is holy, and universal in significance because he is universal in significance. Despite all its remaining imperfections here and now, the church is called to become ever more holy and universal, for that is what it already is in Christ.**

Musical Reflection

*For Everyone Born*  
Worship Team

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998 © 1998 Hope Publishing Company; Music: Brian Mann, 2006 © 2006 Brian Mann (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik)  
From "Glory To God ~ The Presbyterian Hymnal" © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press – Louisville, KY

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.

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.**

# ~ We Go Out Into the World ~

\*Closing Song

## ***I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me***

1 I'm gon-na live so God can use me  
 2 I'm gon-na work so God can use me  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so 1 live so God can use me  
 2 work so  
 3 pray so

an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time! *an-y*  
*an-y*  
*an-y*

I'm gon-na live so God can use me  
 I'm gon-na work so God can use me  
 time! I'm gon-na pray so live so God can use me  
 time! work so  
 time! pray so

an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 an - y - where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 my Lord, an - y time!  
 my Lord, an - y time!  
 my Lord, an - y time!

Will the circle  
 Be unbroken  
 By and by Lord  
 By and by

There's a better  
 home awaiting  
 In the sky Lord  
 In the sky

\*Charge and Benediction

### Today's Worship Team:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Kevin Zetina, cajon  
LisaKay Matchen, Eva Quinley, and Whitney Sharp, vocals

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, and Mason Warren

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.

### 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).



### Members

Lisa Bradney, Pat Dail, Dean & Lucy Fleming,  
Chuck & Norma Foriska, Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby  
Marigold Elizbeth, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless,  
Ann McAnally, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey,  
Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Beth White, Gayle Williams

### Relatives of Members

Angela Gibson, sister of Beth Allen  
Family of Robby Gibson, nephew of Beth Allen, upon his death

### Friends and others

Gene Bird, his wife and daughter Barbara and Kim, friends of Joanie Scheuer

### THANK YOU

*"My sincere and heartfelt thank you to everyone for the many prayers said on my behalf and for the thoughtful cards and notes that arrived in our mailbox following my back surgery and into my recuperation. The love and concern expressed by my church family meant so much to me. May God bless you. With sincere gratitude, Jack Rightmyer"*



Pastor.....Rev. Matthew Nieman  
Director of Spiritual Formation.....Rev. John Sharp  
Director of Family Ministries.....Mason Warren  
Director of Music.....Dr. Angela L. Batey  
Associate Director of Music.....Tami Newsom  
Music Leader for Casual Worship  
and Office Administrator.....Sandra Porter Bohlken  
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Please check the bin in the Narthex for any items that belong to you. Items not claimed by the end of August will be donated.

## Quest

### Sundays

#### *Pastor Matt's Class*

Join us in the library at 10:00 on Sundays for a study of some of the Old Testament's minor prophets. These messengers of God often get overlooked when considering the prophetic roles they played in communicating God's direction, love, and justice. Their work is no less significant, however. Hosea, Joel, Amos, and Micah are some of the characters we'll spend time with over several weeks.



Led by John Sharp, this class meets in the new Narthex gathering space. Join us for a lively and interactive conversation around worship themes and content for the day (and coffee and nibbles too!).

Art, cultural engagement, biblical perspective, science and technology – it's all in the mix.

### Classes

#### **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. Join us on Monday, September 15, 22, 29 & October 6 from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Narthex.

Let us know you're coming by signing up at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/MyselfAUsersGuide> or use the QR code



#### **YOUTHQUEST**

This class meets at 10am in the Youth Room. Through this course, students will begin to explore the ways in which God can utilize all things to teach us more about ourselves and our relationship with God. Through the use of movies, music, tv, and more, students will learn how to tune their mind and hearts to seeing the movement of God throughout the media we consume.

## QUEST SUNDAYS FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH

### **BABYSTEPS**

BabySteps is open Sundays during normal church hours. In BabySteps, kids from birth to age 2 are able to explore and play in a safe and loving environment while at the same time being introduced to God's love for them through age appropriate Bible stories and crafts.

### **KIDSTART**

A fun Sunday morning option for Kids ages 3-9 during the 10am hour. In KidStart, students are given the opportunity to build on the lessons learned in KidsQuest in addition to joining in fellowship with one another through games & other exciting learning opportunities.



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!

### **WAYPOINT YOUTH COLLECTIVE**

Youth Collective meets on Sunday evenings starting at 5:30pm in the youth room. Each Sunday, students will gather together to grow in their faith through Bible Study, fellowship, service, and more.

## NEWS FROM OUR LIBRARY



Check out these  additions to the Library!

Grace Abounds – Walter Brueggeman – 234 BRU 2024

We Believe: How the Nicene Creed Can Deepen Your Faith – Michael Carpenter – 238 CAR 2025

Wrestling with Doubt – Adam Hamilton – 248 HAN 2023

The Gospel of John: A Beginner's Guide to the Way, the Truth, and the Life – Amy-Jill Levine – 226 LEV 2024

Witness at the Cross: A Beginner's Guide to Holy Week – Amy-Jill Levine – 263 LEV 2021

The Bible with and without Jesus: How Jews and Christians Read the Same Stories Differently –  
Amy-Jill Levine and Marc Zvi Brettler – 220 LEV 2020

Never Give Up: God is Good When Life Isn't – Max Lucado – 211 LUC 2025

Flying Falling Catching: An Unlikely Story of Finding Freedom – Henri Nouwen and Carolyn Whitney-Brown –  
248 NOU 2022

The Final Days: A Lenten Journey through the Gospels – Matt Rawle – 226 RAW 2024

The Tears of Things: Prophetic Wisdom for An Age of Outrage – Richard Rohr – 224 ROH 2025

Parables: Putting Jesus's Stories in Their Place – Josh Scott – 226 SCO 2025

What the World Needs Now: Virtue and Character in an Age of Chaos – Clay Stauffer – 241 STA 2025

Creation, Power and Truth: The Gospel in a World of Cultural Confusion – N. T. Wright 261 – WRI 2013

### *This Week at FPC*

Sun, Aug 31

9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary

10am Soul Cafe/Narthex

Pastor Matt's Class/Library

KidStart/Room D

YouthQuest/Youth Room

11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary

NO Youth Collective (Labor Day Holiday)

Mon, Sept 1

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY

Tues, Sept 2

9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

6:30pm Early Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor

7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Sept 3

9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

12pm Parlor Reserved

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

6pm Worship & Music Committee/Library

6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Sanctuary

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Sept 4

6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Youth Rm

Fri, Sept 5

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

5pm Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire building

7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

Sat, Sept 6

9am Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire building



Here's a sneak peek at our new FPC  
T-shirts. Order forms coming soon!



# THANK YOU!



**Thank you to our August VMC volunteers:**  
**Margo Gregory, Gale Montgomery, Gayle Williams,**  
**Steve Darnell & Jean Peretz.**

**YOU can sign up to serve at VMC in the Narthex!**