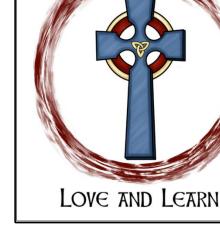
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\*We invite you to stand as able.





August 24, 2025 11:00 am

~ The Gathering ~

So Fades the Lovely Blooming Flower Tami Newsom, organ

Shearing

Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Prelude

O Consuming Fire, you spark awe and joy with the work of your hands and the power of your deeds.

You give us an unshakable kin-dom in this ever-shaking world.

So we give thanks and worship you with reverence and awe.

Let us worship God!

\*Hymn #477

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

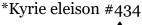
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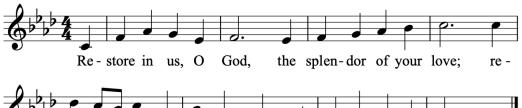
\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

God of justice and love, we confess to you and to each other that we have not offered food to the hungry or satisfied the needs of the afflicted. We have spoken evil of others and pointed fingers in blame. We have turned away from you and our community, pursuing instead our own self-interests. Parched for mercy, we cry out for your help. Forgive us, God, and teach us your ways, that we may be renewed like a garden freshly watered.

(please continue in silent prayer)





new your im-age in our hearts, and all our sins re-move.

\*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

**Becky Thomason** 

God of justice and mercy, by your Holy Spirit inspire us through your word, and shape our lives according to your will. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-10

[Pew Bible pg. 698]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 71

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Daw



My tongue will pro-claim your\_ right-eous-ness, O God.

In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be ashamed. In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free; incline your ear to me and save me. **(R)** 

Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe; you are my crag and my stronghold. Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor. **(R)** 

For you are my hope, O Lord God, my confidence since I was young. I have been sustained by you ever since I was born; from my mother's womb you have been my strength; my praise shall be always with you. **(R)** 

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

[Pew Bible pg. 76]

- The Response -

Affirmation of Faith (from 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.

Anthem

Down in the River to Pray FPC Women's Ensemble

arr. Wittig

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 #372

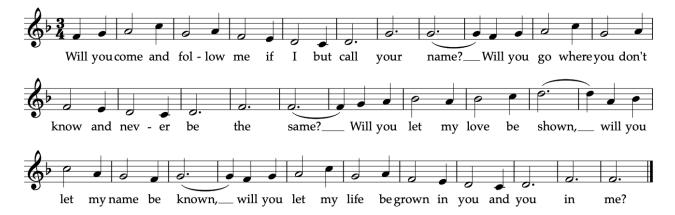
Lord, I Want to Be A Christian

I Want to Be a Christian

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response

Will You Come and Follow Me



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

#### Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



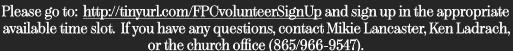
Scan this QR code and click on the generated google doc link, or

- Go to https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, 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.







#### Members

Lisa Bradney, Pat Dail, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Chuck 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

#### Friends and others

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

#### **THANK YOU**

"My sincere and heartful 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"



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# WHAT'S HAPPENING...









LOVE AND LEARN

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

# <u>Sundays</u>

# 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.



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!

#### **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.

#### **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**





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 Zyi 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 24

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

5:30pm Youth Collective/Youth Room

Mon, Aug 25

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 11am Library Reserved

2pm Shepherd Coordinating Team/Library

7pm Session/Library

Tues, Aug 26

9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

10am PW Coordinating Team/Library, Zoom 11am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Youth Room, Parlor

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary 7pm CS Leaders #444/Library

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

Wed, Aug 27

9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

12pm Parlor Reserved

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

1pm PW Bible Study/Library

6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Thurs, Aug 28

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex

12pm Pastor's Lunch/Library 12:30pm Neighborhood Book Club/Room A

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

Fri, Aug 29

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex



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



