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*We invite you to
stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~



LOVE AND LEARN



August 31, 2025
11:00 am

Prelude

Prelude in Classic Style
Tami Newsom, organ

Young

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

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!

*Hymn #489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

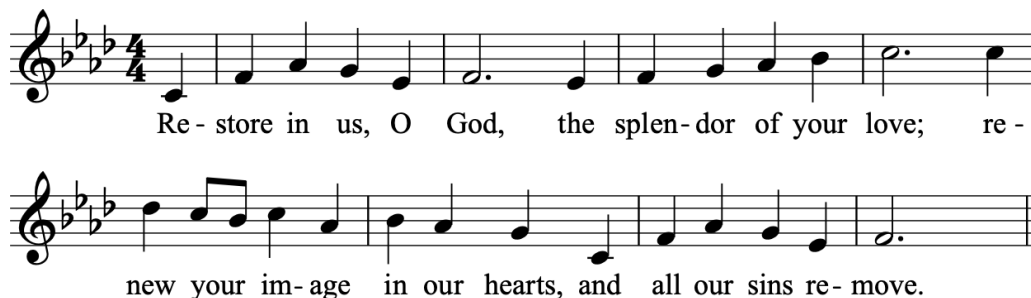
*Call to Confession

*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)

*Kyrie eleison #434



*Declaration of Forgiveness

**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

Linda Ewald

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

First Scripture Reading: Luke 14:1, 7-14

[Pew Bible pg. 77]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Psalm 81

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



Sing with joy to God! Sing to God our help!

Raise a song and sound the timbrel, the sweet-sounding harp and the lute;
blow the trumpet at the new moon, when the moon is full, on our feast. **(R)**

For this is Israel's law, a command of the God of Jacob,
imposed as a law on Joseph's people, when they went out against the land of Egypt. **(R)**

A voice I did not know said to me; "I freed your shoulder from the burden;
your hands were freed from the load. You called me in distress and I saved you. **(R)**

Let there be no foreign god among you, no worship of an alien god.
I am the Lord your God, who brought you from the land of Egypt." **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

[Pew Bible pg. 227]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"It's Mutual"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

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.**

Angie Batey, Krista Belding, Brenda Luggie, trio
Tami Newsom, piano

To everything a season, to everything a time:
a moment to move forward and leave the past behind.
As summer turns to autumn and bids farewell to spring,
there comes a time for turning to every living thing.

The breezes change direction, the geese turn homeward bound.
The leaf turns from its clinging and falls upon the ground.
The flower turns from blooming to slumber in the snow.
And so to all a season, a time for letting go.

Now is the time for turning and this a place to start;
for yielding to the yearning, for changing of the heart;
a moment to surrender the things we should release,
forgive and find forgiveness, and in forgiveness, peace.

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 #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

*Benediction

*Congregational Response

Will You Come and Follow Me

Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?__ Will you go where you don't
know and nev - er be the same?__ Will you let my love be shown,__ will you
let my name be known,__ will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Usher ~ Gary Heidinger

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.

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"



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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

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**
- Tues, Sept 2**
- CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOR DAY HOLIDAY
- 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**
- Fri, Sept 5**
- 6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Youth Rm
 - 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!