



LOVE AND LEARN

Join us for Worship

We offer four ways to worship on Sunday mornings: a casual service, our traditional service, and live-streamed versions of both services posted online.

9:00 am

Casual Service

Outdoors, weather permitting

Our casual worship service at 9:00 a.m. is in our church parking lot in the warmer months, a relaxed atmosphere with keyboard and guitars. If the weather is questionable, this service will move indoors to our sanctuary. Bring your coffee and a lawn chair and join us!

11:00 am

Traditional Service

Sanctuary

Our traditional worship service is at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary featuring our Chancel Choir, FPC Ringers, traditional organ music and other talented guest musicians.

<https://tinyurl.com/fpclivestream>



We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge God's gracious presence in the world. Our faithful response in praising God encompasses compassionate service to all, nurturing one another to grow in faith together and sending out disciples to share the Good News.



A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR REVEREND MATT NIEMAN

What May Be?

In the most recent Presbyterian Outlook, the Rev. Dr. David Bonnema wrote a piece titled, “Christian hope requires us to ask: What may be?” In it, he highlights research he did for his doctoral work on what can be learned from presbyteries who started five or more churches or “new worshipping communities” in the past five years.

A couple of those themes are pertinent for us as we continue implementing Horizon 2035 (a readiness plan for the next decade here at FPC).

First, Bonnema found these presbyteries’ new worshipping communities embraced the freedom to look and function completely different from traditional churches. They meet in non-traditional settings like coffee shops, breweries, and trailer parks, for example. Because they cater to people re-entering society after incarceration, who don’t identify as Christian, or who are Christians that left evangelicalism, they feel compelled to think outside the box when it comes to how they reach these communities with the Gospel.

Even in our traditional church setting at FPC, we should think outside the box as we ensure a viable and vital ministry in our community well into the next decade.

Second, new worshipping communities within our denomination have succeeded. And yet, they have also failed. The possibility of failure has not precluded presbyteries from trying new things, however. They have both the courage to start... and fail. They aren’t fearing failure; instead, they’re embracing the hope that comes with trying something new.

As we add components to our ministry here at FPC as part of Horizon 2035, there’s no guarantee that all of them will succeed. Some may not. However, without the courage to try new things, we won’t realize any of the growth we seek.

Our courage comes from the hope that is inside us, a hope that defeats what theologian Jurgen Moltmann called “the sin of despair.”

“If faith thus depends on hope for its life,” Moltmann said, “then the sin of unbelief is manifestly grounded in hopelessness.”

Our hope gives us the courage to try something new or ask, “What may be?” It’s liberating and full of promise.

Session Highlights

At its meeting on August 25, the Session:

- Heard an update on Horizon 2035, a readiness plan for our future, from the program’s director and director of spiritual formation Reverend Dr. John Sharp. Many new initiatives have been started and successfully implemented.
- Further discussed options for a possible Fresh Look II building improvement project. We continue to review estimates for different elements under consideration and prioritize based upon estimated costs and affordability.
- Approved final funding for a project to cover the church tower windows with brushed aluminum panels to hide the moisture inside them due to broken seals. Similar windows in Room A will be tinted. The project should be completed this fall.



Myself a User's Guide:

Finding Fulfillment by Understanding Yourself and Serving Others

Reverend Dr. John Sharp, Director of Spiritual Formation

Our newest Quest class has never been taught before – anywhere.

By almost any metric and any existing study, our country is among the most affluent in history... and among the most troubled. A look at reliable findings by The World Health Organization, Gallup Organization, Global Burden of Disease Data, The Atlantic etc., reveals that the United States ranks among the top five countries in anxiety, depression, reported pain and stress levels. The affluence, taken with the epidemic of maladies, has given rise to runaway levels of seeking to pleasure our way out of problems and discomfort.

In her book, *Dopamine Nation*, Psychiatrist Anna Lembke carefully lays out the way that dopamine - the “feel good” chemical produced by our brain, is useful for regulating a healthy and productive life. She also does a devastatingly good job of showing how the wildly addictive nature of dopamine, and our affluent society’s way of providing a never-ending array of dopamine stimulating substances and experiences creates a diminishing returns cycle where more and more pleasure is needed to simply return us to “normal” levels of our psychological and emotional states. More dopamine is followed by the need for more and more dopamine.

This reminds me of Frederick Buechner’s observation that so many of our desires and attempts to make ourselves happy are “like a man craving salt when he’s dying of thirst.”

Having been a part of initiatives at Yale and Stanford, I’ve had the opportunity to get to know folks who teach the most popular classes on both campuses. Computer science? No. Pre-med classes? Nope. In these premier universities, where some of the brightest young minds are preparing for lives of incredible success and wealth, they are pursuing something altogether different. The ‘Designing Your Life’ class at Stanford and the ‘Life Worth Living’ class at Yale are so popular, because of the hunger - not just for pleasure, success, and wealth - but for lives of meaning, and fulfillment. Most of these students don’t have a faith background or a context to learn about values, purpose, fulfillment and what it truly means to be human - given their unique gifts, skills, personality, and loves. They are hungry for a life that matters.

The Quest for a Life Worth Living

Starting on September 15, you can be part of a first-of-its-kind experience at our church. Meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 pm (in the Narthex) for four consecutive Mondays, you’ll discover how you have been uniquely shaped by your gifts, skills, life experiences, personality, and faith – and how all of this defines who you are and how to build a life that matters deeply and focuses on joy - not merely happiness. The class will be unapologetically based on the resources of our faith, but also informed by science and lived experience. Let me know if you’d like to be a part, or if you have questions!

MENU FOR SUMMER & FALL 2025

For Adults

Quest Sundays: Ongoing spiritual formation opportunities between worship services, meeting at 10:00am. Childcare is 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 Meets Sundays at 10am in the new Narthex gathering space. John Sharp will facilitate a lively 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 Chik-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.



OUTREACH

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Mission of Hope \$1,500

The Mission of Hope is a year-round Christian ministry blessed to assist many of the less fortunate Appalachian neighbors with much-needed goods and resources; college scholarships; and help with basic educational, health care and home repair needs. During appropriate seasons of the year such as Christmas and back to school, they provide clothes, food, toys, and school supplies to impoverished families; assist in repairing existing homes; provide scholarships for qualifying children of the area and assist in developing new and expanded jobs in the area. This past Christmas, MOH served over 10,000 children across 29 elementary schools and mountain ministry centers.

Volunteer Ministry Center \$2,500 operating, \$2,000 emergency, \$2,500 meals

VMC's mission is to provide services to prevent homelessness and to enable permanent housing. VMC programs include eviction prevention (such financial assistance for utilities); dental clinic; Street Outreach (on the grounds interaction with homeless) and permanent housing. FPC provides financial support as well as monthly lunches for those who are working with a VMC case manager to achieve permanent housing.

UKirk - University of Tennessee Campus Ministry \$2000

UKirk (meaning "University Church") is a 501(c)(3), not for profit, network of ministries supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are charged with reaching, loving, and teaching college students so they may be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. At UKirk UTK, we believe that every person, without qualification, should have the opportunity for God's amazing love to be made known to them. We believe what God intends for the world is a reality in which people recognize God's image in the other and value diversity of perspective, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ideological and political beliefs, or any other point of contention or division in our society. We believe all people are invited to Christ's table, not to fit in, but rather to bring their honest, authentic, and, at times, broken selves to experience the grace of God. We hope you'll stop by and give us an opportunity to extend a warm welcome. Whether you're a freshman or non-traditional student, Presbyterian or not Presbyterian, you're invited.



1 John 3:18 NRSV

Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action.

Our fabulous August volunteers. Become a VMC volunteer.



Mason Warren
Director of Family
Ministries

Family Ministries @ FPC



Dear FPC Church Family,

One of my favorite texts in the Bible is Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. While some of you may know these verses from Sunday School, some of you may recall them because of the hit song *Turn, Turn, Turn* popularized by The Byrds in the 60s. These verses speak to the changing of seasons and the fact that in life, there is a time for everything. A time to live, a time to die, a time to plant, a time to prune. One of the reasons these verses resonate so much with me is that they serve as a timeless and humbling reminder that change is a natural and necessary part of life.

As many of you are aware, a new school year has begun for our students and their families, bringing with it change. These changes may be small, such as a change in which school bus a student rides, or they may be significant, like a change in schools altogether. Change surrounds our students as they step into this new season. But as those of us who have managed to survive the ups and downs of school know, these changes often bear beautiful fruit. The growth we witness in our students, both intellectually and emotionally, is nothing short of remarkable.

In school, we often expect and even welcome change because we trust it leads to growth. Yet in other areas of life, our routines, our relationships, our comfort zones, change can be unsettling and feel threatening. It's easy to resist change, fearing what is unfamiliar or different. However, just as Scripture teaches us in Ecclesiastes, there is a season for everything, and thus change isn't just a natural part of life, but an important one.

Over the past few months, FPC has experienced its own season of change. We have welcomed new members, young and old. We have launched new faith formation opportunities, such as Soul Café, and introduced new small groups. We've celebrated the birth of new children of God and grieved the loss of beloved saints. All of these changes, while sometimes difficult and challenging, have already begun to produce beautiful fruit as we continue to live into our mission to love and learn, and to be the hands and feet of Christ in the world.

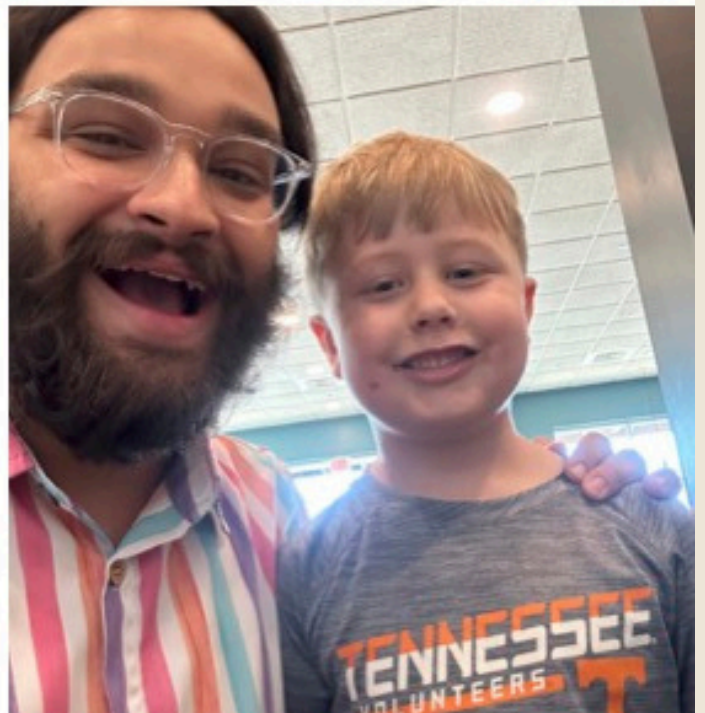
We know that change and growth don't happen overnight. It is a slow and sometimes uncomfortable process, but it is a necessary one in the life of the Church. Whether it be a simple change, such as the color of the paraments to reflect the liturgical season, or a larger change, such as the introduction of new worship styles into the service, these changes often occur in pursuit of living into the teachings of Jesus, whose call to us is clear: to share the Good News of the Gospel with all who will listen; To love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.

May we continue to embrace this season, with all its changes, as an opportunity to deepen our faith and strengthen our community.

Peace & Blessings,

Mason Warren

Director of Family Ministries



● Baby Steps:

Formerly known as our nursery program, Baby Steps continues FPC's long-standing commitment to caring for our youngest children — from birth through age two — in a loving and developmentally appropriate environment. While the name has changed to reflect our church-wide Quest framework, the heart of the ministry remains the same: to provide a safe, nurturing space where infants and toddlers are welcomed as beloved members of Christ's family.

● KidsQuest (Formerly known as KidZone):

Formerly known as KidZone, KidsQuest is our 9am Sunday morning faith formation program for children from Pre-K through 5th grade. This ministry invites young disciples to explore God's love through Bible stories, songs, science, and more — all designed to engage their hearts and minds. KidsQuest encourages children to take meaningful next steps in their faith journey, nurturing curiosity, wonder, and a growing relationship with God.

● KidStart:

KidStart is a welcoming faith formation opportunity for children in Pre-K through 5th grade during the 10 am. Sunday hour. While it builds on themes explored in KidsQuest, participation in KidsQuest is not required to participate in KidStart. KidStart encourages students to kickstart their week through fellowship and active learning opportunities.

● Bridgepoint 345:

Bridgepoint 345 is our new faith formation opportunity for students in grades 3-5, occurring on the first Sunday of each month from 4–5 pm. Recognizing the importance of the later elementary years as a time when students begin to form their own sense of faith and identity, Bridgepoint 345 offers a welcoming and safe space where students can "bridge the gap" as they transition from childhood to youth. Through Bible study, fellowship, and shared meals, students learn to engage more deeply with Scripture and one another.

● Waypoint:

Youth Ministry invites students in grades 6 through 12 to be a part of a loving community where they can explore the big questions of identity, belonging, and purpose through the lens of faith. This stage of life is a formative one, where students are discovering who they are and discerning their place in God's story. Waypoint aims to serve as a spiritual waypoint—an encouraging stop on a student's faith journey—where they can wrestle with life's challenges and celebrate God's grace. We hope that Waypoint will be a beacon of God's love and hope in a complex world, helping students take meaningful next steps in their lifelong quest of transformation.

● YouthQuest:

YouthQuest is our faith formation program for middle and high school students on Sunday Mornings during the 10:00 am hour. In YouthQuest, students are given the opportunity to dive deeper into what the Bible means in our lives and how God can utilize the world around us to teach us more about ourselves and our relationship with God. While these courses are geared toward our middle and high school students, anyone is welcome to join.

● Waypoint Youth Collective:

Waypoint Youth Collective offers middle and high school students a welcoming and open space to gather on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. We seek to foster an authentic community where students can fully be themselves and grow in faith while being in fellowship with one another. Waypoint Youth Collective provides opportunities for Bible study, fellowship, service, and monthly collaborative events with other Presbyterian youth in East Tennessee.

● Midweek Meetups:

Midweek Meetups are informal, biweekly gatherings where middle and high school students can check in with Youth Collective leaders in relaxed community settings, such as local coffee/ice cream shops. These meetups provide a casual space for students to share how their week is going, connect with one another, and enjoy a tasty drink or treat together.

● Crossroads Young Adult Ministry:

In a season of life full of change, young adults, ages 18-23, often find themselves at a "crossroads" in life, wrestling with all kinds of questions regarding their future. Crossroads Young Adult Ministry seeks to meet them where they are and walk alongside them as they discern that next step. Through monthly casual fellowship opportunities, Crossroads provides a supportive community where we can journey alongside one another with grace and encouragement.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

How did I spend my summer? I spent it joyfully leading (and experiencing) worship in some of England's most magnificent cathedrals! Alongside many of our FPC Chancel Choir members and our Associate Director of Music, Tami Newsom, and joining with the University of Tennessee Chamber Singers, we had the honor and privilege of leading services of Choral Evensong in Salisbury and Wells Cathedrals, as well as Westminster Abbey and the Chapel of St. George's at Windsor, the resting place of many of the royal family from Henry VIII to Elizabeth II. The experiences we had, both inside and outside the cathedrals, were most profound and joyous – just ask any of them – Krista Belding, Mary Ellen and Tom Haig, Brenda Luggie, Laura McFee-Adams, Helen Nalley, Nancy and Ron Pevey, and Bruce and Elizabeth Wilson.

After the group flew home, Tami and I continued on our bucket list quest to visit all the cathedrals in England – and we have now been to 27 of them! We started in Hereford cathedral at the Three Choirs Festival, an annual festival which began in 1715 – another bucket list item. We had the good fortune to hear a world premiere by the English composer Bob Chilcott and sung by the Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir – and they were magnificent! We continued on to visit Gloucester Cathedral (Harry Potter filming location!), Worcester, Birmingham, Lichfield, Leicester, Derby cathedrals, Southwell Minster, Peterborough, Norwich, St. Edmundsbury, and concluding with Christ Church Cathedral at Oxford University (another Harry Potter filming location)! Each church, whether large or small, was so beautiful and special in its own way.

At nearly every stop, we were able to experience a worship service. The takeaway from all of these services is that worship is alive and well in our world! Every service was attended by a vast cross-section of ages and demographics. The number of young families in the Sunday morning eucharist services we attended was unbelievable! And the congregational singing was off the charts, led by the sounds of wonderful, mighty organs, organists and choirs. I was truly able to nurture my soul with these incredible services. We so wish all of you could have been there to experience the rich and vibrant worship in these magnificent spaces!

Farragut Presbyterian Church offers many opportunities to raise your voice in thanks and praise to God just as they do in these mighty cathedrals. There is a place for you, no matter what your age or ability. We are proud of our Music Ministry, and we are eager for you to become a part of our leading worship.

Join us as we begin our new season with Chancel Choir rehearsal on Wednesday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. I hope you will prayerfully consider joining our Music Ministry. Our ministry is for those who want to give of their gifts. It is NOT for the “most talented” or “most experienced”. Singing in church is a special way of praising God and this very special kind of music delights the ears of God. All through scripture, God calls on the people to sing. Psalm 96:1 - "Sing to the Lord a new song, sing to the Lord, all the earth." Psalm 100: "Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...come into his presence with singing." The emphasis in the church is on the participation of the whole congregation in singing. Sacred music is a means for the true religious and spiritual expression of the whole congregation.

Music, then, is an integral part of the liturgical worship and a prayerful response to the worship experience and certainly not entertainment. The primary role of the choir and music worship leaders is to lead the congregation in song. In preparation for every worship service, many resources are consulted

and all music is very carefully chosen to reflect the word of God as found in the scripture readings of the day. Many of you have commented on how the music in worship and spoken word seem to 'go together so well!' Thank you for noticing!

The goal, of course, is to musically lead the whole congregation to a deeper spirituality and relationship with God through the music selected for worship. What a privilege to lend your voice to be used by God for worship - praising God through song! Serving the Lord and considering all God does for us, our voices raised in song is just a little giving back to God!

Among the reasons people sometimes give for not wanting to join the church choir is they have no musical background or they are shy and can't stand people watching them sing. Music in our lives from the moment we are born. Since the time of Plato, artists and scientists alike have been intrigued by the power of music to elicit strong emotional responses in humans. Research shows babies in the womb hear and respond to the sound of music; mothers sing lullabies to their babies; music is a part of community youth and adult social groups; and music has always been a part of religious services and activities.

Research also shows that singing is at the top of the chart on how best to express deep emotions and it can also intensify joy and ease sorrow. Through singing we also experience intellectual stimulation - when you make music, you are using both sides of your brain simultaneously. Also, people who sing regularly tend to breathe well, have good posture and resonant speaking voices with expanded lungs for free intake of oxygen and thus stay youthful longer than the average non-singer. (Who knew the Fountain of Youth was in front of you every Sunday?!) Singing greatly reduces stress, improves mood and the best benefit of all - it doesn't cost a thing to experience this joy and fellowship with other congregants!

The Chancel Choir of Farragut Presbyterian Church stands ready to introduce you to all the benefits enumerated above, but one warning: your sides will hurt from laughing so much during our rehearsals! Try us! You will be welcomed into a warm and loving fellowship.



Ministries

Men's Bible Study

September 11 and 25

8 a.m. / Narthex

The men of FPC gather twice a month for fellowship and a time of bible study. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the narthex at 8am. If you would like to join us, please contact John Neighbors or the church office to get on the contact list. Breakfast, coffee, and great fellowship provided!



Looking for ways to be involved in Worship?

Sunday worship depends on more than the pastor and the music directors. Volunteer worship assistants, such as ushers, greeters, readers and communion servers are just as important to making worship happen.

All ages are invited to sign up.

Please go to:

<http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp>. 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).

Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Joyce Williams

865-719-2610

Kathy Emmerson

312-286-1676

Circle #2

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Becky Thomason

865-607-0727

Linda Nunley

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am

Leaders: Mikie Lancaster

865-675-0360

Jo McElhaney

865-705-6518

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) groups build community, affirm women's calls to leadership and spiritual growth, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Presbyterian Women is a loving community that can challenge and nurture you, and be a vehicle for making the world a better place for all of God's children. Consider joining an FPC Circle.

Check us out on Facebook:

Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) or
on Instagram: PWPCUSA, Inc.

www.presbyterianwomen.org

Dear Presbyterian Women,

The Presbyterian Women's Organization is a way our congregation works together for our church community, studies the Bible and enjoys fellowship.

Presbyterian Women minister to the congregation in times of illness and bereavement by providing meals, visits and prayer support during special times of need.

Each year we study a different Bible-based subject.
The study for 2025/2026 is:

"Finding Resilience, Joy and Our Identity in Jesus Christ."

Enclosed is a description of the lessons we will study together.

We have 3 women's Circles, each of which meet monthly throughout the year to discuss, learn and pray together. The circles do not meet during the summer.

Circle leaders for the 2025/2026 year are:

Circle 1: Joyce Williams and Kathy Emerson – 2nd Tuesday at 10am in Room A

Circle 2: Becky Thomason and Linda Nunley – 2nd Tuesday at 10am in the library

Circle 3: Mikie Lancaster and Jo McElhaney – 2nd Wednesday at 10am in the library

We also have a Presbyterian Women's luncheon both in the Fall and the Spring where we gather for fellowship and share what is happening in the community and church through interesting speakers.

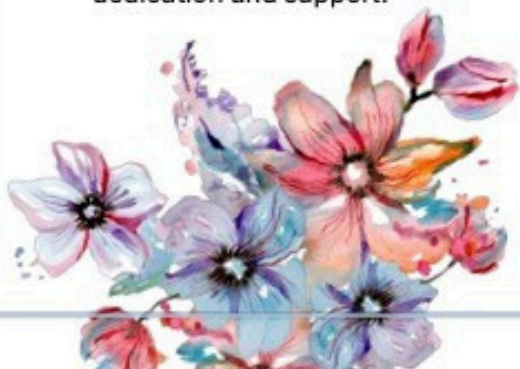
Through the Presbyterian Women's organization, there are many ways to serve our church family, our community, and our mission programs. If a Bible study circle is not an option with your schedule, then we encourage you to join us in serving in our volunteer activities as you are able. We would be happy for you to become a part of Farragut Presbyterian Women, or, if you are an active member, to continue your dedication and support.

Blessings,

Janet Tinder, *Moderator*

Sandy Latimer, *Moderator-Elect*

Karen Ellis, *Spiritual Nurture*



JOIN PRESBYTERIAN

2025–2026 Presbyterian Women/Horizons Bible Study

Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ

| Lesson | Title | Scripture | Main Idea |
|---|--|--|--|
| PART I—Finding Our <i>Resilience</i> | | | |
| 1 | Mary Magdalene, the Tower | John 20:11–18 John 11:17–27 | Our faith is strengthened by learning more about Mary Magdalene, a towering witness to the resurrection. |
| 2 | Mary “of a Certain Village” | Luke 10:38–42 | Mary’s story teaches us that spending time listening to and learning from Jesus is the better part. |
| 3 | Jesus Is Tested | Luke 4:1–13 | Christ’s wilderness experience shows us that when our lives are dangerous and frightening, we are not alone. |
| PART II—Finding Our <i>Joy</i> | | | |
| 4 | The Prodigal Child, the Eldest Child, and the Devoted Parent | Luke 15:11–32 | God offers grace and love, not because of what we do, but because of who we are—beloved children of God. |
| 5 | The Gift of the Woman Who Was Poor | Mark 12:41–44 | Joy in Christ is more than happiness; it can change challenging circumstances into faith-filled, even joyous, times. |
| 6 | Finding Our Joy in Christ: “I Will Say It Again, Rejoice” | Philippians 4:1–23 | Christian joy emerges from a deep belief that God is good, and God reigns forever. |
| PART III—Finding Our <i>Identity</i> | | | |
| 7 | The Woman Who Was Bent Over | Luke 13:10–17 | As followers of Christ, we are to serve with a compassionate and healing spirit and be part of setting people free. |
| 8 | Remembering Jesus’ Baptism | Luke 3:1–22 Matthew 3:1–17 Mark 1:1–11 John 1:19–34 | In baptism we are identified as God’s own children charged to serve faithfully, justly, and lovingly. |
| 9 | When You Are Walking With Jesus: The Road to Emmaus | Luke 24:13–35 | Jesus did not abandon his followers; we are not alone, for the Spirit of God is with us. |



WOMEN TODAY!

Activities

Chair Yoga

MONDAY AND FRIDAY

10:00 - 10:30 AM

NARTHEX

Class designed for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

TGIF Gentle Yoga

FRIDAY 7:00 - 8:00 PM

NARTHEX

Gentle, slow flow class. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. For beginner and experienced yogis.

Contact Jenny Trussell at CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM for additional information or a private introductory session!

Both Yoga classes are free and open to the public.

No childcare available

September Anniversaries

9/01 Bruce and Elizabeth Wilson
9/04 John and Nancy Huntley
9/06 Bill Nelson and Helen Nalley
9/07 Wayne and Patti Davis
9/08 Mark and Beth Allen
9/09 Jim Rooney and Beth Ralph
9/14 Bob and Laura Colloredo
9/27 Brett and Amy Eiffert

September Birthdays

9/01 Bob Mitchell
9/01 Steven Zilles
9/02 Jeremy Dick
9/02 Jack Fitzgerald
9/05 Marc Maley
9/05 Rosemary Den Uyl
9/05 Dale Emmerson
9/06 Mark Selecman
9/06 Connie Foster
9/09 Eric Nicholls
9/11 Dawson Sweetland
9/11 Nancy Rightmyer
9/11 Lilly Hash
9/11 Bree Hash
9/13 Elizabeth Wilson
9/13 Shaler Gentry
9/14 Joel Neely
9/15 Molly Robinson
9/15 Blakely Foster
9/18 Hal Oakley
9/18 Lillian Marcum
9/17 Dave Figel
9/19 Frank Dorman
9/19 Brett Eiffert
9/20 Gilberto Medina
9/20 Matt Honey
9/21 Joey Nieman
9/22 Gary Heidinger
9/23 Jeanie Oakley
9/24 Becky Dangle
9/24 Clay Griffin
9/25 Eli Feldhausen
9/27 Gerald Miller
9/28 Jessy Rich
9/28 Bob Upchurch
9/28 Tim Hallman
9/29 Beth Loyless
9/30 Kimberly Platt



**Remember in
your prayers...**

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

Relatives of Members:

Prayers for Angela Gibson, sister of Beth Allen. Angela will be having surgery on Wednesday. After surgery, she will start radiation treatment.

Further prayers for Angela Gibson, as well as Beth and Mark Allen, as they grieve the loss of Angela's son, Robby Gibson, after losing his battle with cancer.

Friends and Others:

Prayers for Gene Bird, friend of Joanie Scheuer, who was recently diagnosed with stage 4 cancer and has started chemo.



**Our Stephen Ministry Leaders
can help:**

Beth Martin Matt Nieman
(865) 776-3132 (865) 966-9547

Jeanie Oakley Joanie Scheuer
(256) 468-4501 (865) 705-1571



**September 23
11:00 am in the Parlor**

Can you touch a prayer? Can you pull it close and feel its comfort? You can if it comes in the form of a Prayer Shawl. Prayer Shawls are simple gifts of grace from God that are prayerfully and lovingly stitched by us as a reminder that God's promise is always with us.

Every day in our own individual lives, we encounter people for whom a special prayer would be of great comfort and support. This ministry would welcome your participation.

If you have ever knit or crocheted it will come back to you quickly. The patterns are simple repeats. Basic instructions and yarn are available.



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 concern expressed by my church family meant so much to me. May God bless you.
With sincere gratitude,
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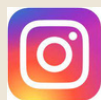
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