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*We invite you to
stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~



Prelude *Chorale Prelude on "Rockingham"*
by Parry Tami Newsom, organ

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

There is good and there is wicked in the world.

Lord, help us find the good.

The wicked are perishing. Like chaff, they will not stand before the Lord.

Lord, drive wickedness away with the wind.

The good is like a tree, planted by streams of sweet water.

Lord, let goodness yield its fruit in every season.

Our delight is in the law of the Lord.

Let us meditate upon God's promises from morning into night.

*Hymn #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we fail to put our trust in you completely. Instead, we calculate our gains and losses, hoarding the things that do not lead to abundant life. Forgive us, and help us to treasure only you, that we may follow you faithfully and discover the blessings only you can give.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrle eleison #574

Lord, have mercy

Johnson

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

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*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

Gary Heidinger

God of wisdom, by your Spirit speak this day a word of life, and plant in us the power of your righteous love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-11

[Pew Bible pg. 720]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 139

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



Lord, you have searched me, you know me through and through.

You know when I rise up; you know when I rest; you read my thought from far away.
You watch over each step; you know when I sleep; you are acquainted with all my ways. **(R)**

Even before a word is on my lips, you know what is in my heart.
You are before me and behind me and all around me; you lay your hand upon me. **(R)**

Every part of me, O Lord, you created; you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will praise you for the wonder of my being, for the wonder of all you have made. **(R)**

Lord, you know me through and through; you saw me before I was born;
my days were recorded in your book even before my days were to come **(R)**

How dear to me are your thoughts, O God; I could never count them.
I could not count them any more than I could count the sand,
and if I could, you would still be with me. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-33

[Pew Bible pg. 78]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"The Hard Words of Following"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith (*General Assembly, 1981*)

We believe that God came to redeem this world of lost children, and to open the way to eternal life, through the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth. This Jesus who is one with us in our common humanity, is one with God as the incarnation of the second Person of the Trinity. Therefore, we confess that Jesus is one person, truly God and truly human. This mystery of God's grace in Jesus Christ, which can be experienced and proclaimed, but never fully explained, is what ties Christians together in a common faith and life across the centuries.

The Anthem

You Are Wonderfully Made
Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

You are wonderfully made. You are God's creation.
Let no one bring you down by what they say. You are wonderfully made.

Remember that you're a child of God, part of God's creation.
So when you feel that you are weak and flawed,
remember that you're a child of God.

Love your neighbor as yourself, the commandment still holds true.
But how can we love someone else if we never learn to love ourselves?

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.

~ The Eucharist ~

The Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

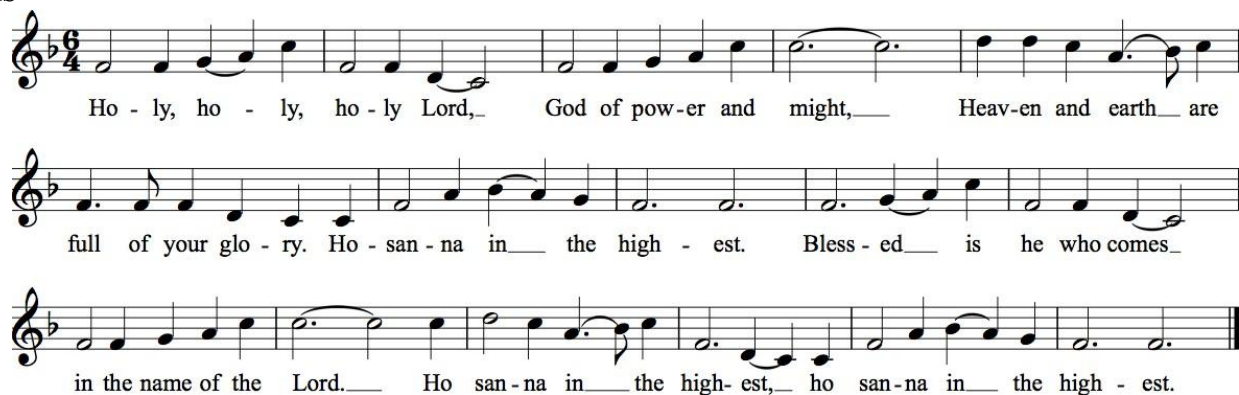
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)



Sanctus

Proulx



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,

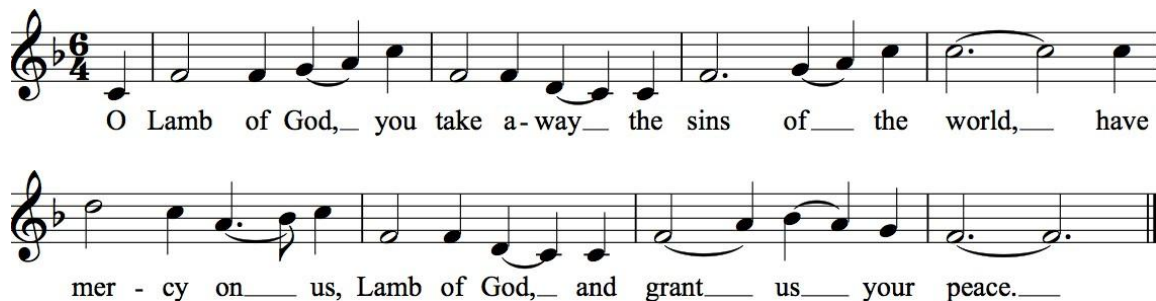
as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei

Proulx



The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~ The Sending ~

*Hymn #507

I Come With Joy

Dove of Peace

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #358

Help Us Accept Each Other

Baronita

**Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
Teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe
We are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.**

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune
Tami Newsom, organ

McMahon

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

Larry Byars, Lisa Bradney, Pat Dail, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Chuck & Norma Foriska, Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby Marigold Elizabeth, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, 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

Quest Class for Adults

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.



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.

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.

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.

CALLING ALL MIDDLE SCHOOLERS!

Join us at the PET Middle School Retreat, September 26-28!
Together we will look at the magnificent story that unfolds in the Bible and learn how our own stories fit into God's grand story!
Contact Mason Warren for more details.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



How to Volunteer with CCAHT

The mission of Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT) is to unite and equip the East Tennessee community to end human trafficking. CCAHT will sponsor an orientation session on September 18, from 5-6:30pm, for those who wish to do volunteer work with them. (There is a minimum age limit of 18 years old to do volunteer work on their behalf.)

The volunteer work may include lawn work in their small garden, organizing items that have been donated to them, assisting with moving of a residence, or other types of opportunities that arise over time. CCAHT requires that volunteers complete the orientation session before doing any work. If you are interested in attending the orientation, contact Kirk Morris for more information or to carpool to the orientation session. You will also need to fill out the volunteer inquiry form at this link:

<https://growfreetn.org/volunteer/>



Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex to serve at VMC. We have 4 more months of serving this year!



Meals with a Mission

Our next congregational mission project is scheduled for November 2 where we will work together to pack chicken soup!

This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 7

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, Sept 8

10am Book Club/Library
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
11am Library Reserved
4pm Stephen Ministry/Library
7pm Christian Formation Committee/Zoom

Tues, Sept 9

9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
10am PW Circle #1/Room A
10am PW Circle #2/Library
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6pm Personnel/Library
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Sept 10

9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
10am PW Circle #3/Library
12pm Parlor Reserved
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Room A
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Sept 11

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Youth Rm

Fri, Sept 12

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
5pm Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire building
7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

Sat, Sept 13

9am Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire building

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28

One Worship Service at 10am with Bluegrass Music

Tailgate Party to follow

Bring your favorite team gear to decorate a lunch table. There will be prizes for the best decorated table!

RSVP up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/FPCTailgateParty>



October 4

Foodies Menu

Appetizer – Stuffed Mushrooms

Entree – Coq au vin over noodles

Salad – Orange & beet salad

Dessert – Apple pie with ice cream

Sign up in the Narthex



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LOVE AND LEARN