This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

\*We invite you to stand as able.





Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude Solemn March
Tami Newsom, organ

Davies

Call to Worship

Remember, O people, the needs of the poor and the suffering of the downtrodden, and hold to account all who are in high positions,

for God our Savior desires everyone to know the truth that they are loved.

God will raise the poor from the dust and make them sit with princes.

So let us offer supplications, prayers,

intercessions, and thanksgivings for everyone,

for the Lord is high above all nations, yet nothing is below God's notice.

There is one God; and in Christ Jesus one mediator between God and humankind, who gave himself a ransom for all. Praise the Lord!

\*Hymn #467

How Great Thou Art

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\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, casualty of our sin, breath of life, we come trembling before you for we have hoarded and bartered what has never been ours in the hope of securing our future. We have yearned for wealth more than we have yearned for you. We have squandered your trust and grieved your heart with our betrayal. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of your name; deliver us, and forgive our sins.

(please continue in silent prayer)

\*Kyrie 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

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

[Pew Bible pg. 208]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 79



Second Scripture Reading: Luke 16:1-13

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

[Pew Bible pg. 79]

Sermon

Defining "Shrewd"

Rev. Matt Nieman

- The Response -

Affirmation of Faith (from the Confession of '67)

We believe that the Church calls all persons to use their abilities and possessions as gifts entrusted to them by God for the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise people's hopes for better conditions and provide them with opportunity for a decent living. The Church as the community of reconciliation is called to bring all to accept one another as persons and to share life on every level, in work and play, in courtship, marriage, and family, in Church and state.

The Anthem

How Firm a Foundation Chancel Choir Emma Lou Diemer

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #361

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 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.

\*Hymn #428

We Give Thee but Thine Own

~ The Sending ~

Schumann

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response #386

O for a World

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O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways, Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

\*Postlude

One God, One Voice Tami Newsom, organ Johnson

Usher ~ Thom Haig

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.



# Join us for a special time of Fellowship after the 11:00 service

Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!

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: <a href="http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp">http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp</a> 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

Amy Begovich, Pat Dail, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Chuck & Norma Foriska, Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby Marigold Elizbeth, Frank Guess, Mindy Houlihan, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Gayle Williams

Prayers of Thanksgiving

the birth of LaQuita Misner's first grandchild, Persephone Jane Misner the birth of Chris and Lori Patterson's grandchild, Brooke Leith Patterson

#### Bereaved

We mourn the loss of Beth Hallman on Sunday, September 14, and hold her husband, Tim, and son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tess, in our prayers as they grieve.

A memorial service for Beth will be held at FPC on Saturday, October 4, at 11am with a reception to follow. Receiving of friends begins at 10am.



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http://tinyurl.com/FPCe-giving

# WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 2025



September 28 One Worship Service at 10am with Bluegrass Music

\* Tailgate Party to follow worship

BRING YOUR FAVORITE TAILGATE FOOD TO SHARE (fried chicken provided)



Bring your favorite team gear to decorate a lunch table. There will be prizes for the best decorated table! RSVP here: https://tinyurl.com/FPCTailgateParty



For a full menu of **Quest Sundays for Children & Youth** and Quest Sundays for Adults, please see the printed list in the Narthex.

FAMILY MINISTRIES





KidsQuest

sings at the 10am Service

11:00 Tailgate lunch with a bounce house and water slide!

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.





October 26 4-6pm

It's gonna be out of this world! More details to come.



### OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## Swiset Gap Food Partry Prive

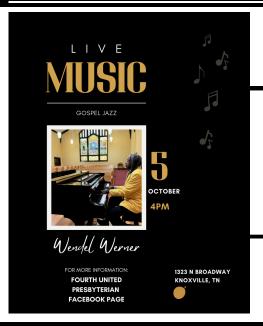
The Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join us in helping stock the food pantry at Sunset Gap. Items requested in order of priority are: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and pasta (preferably canned, available at Walmart & Kroger) rice (brown or white) canned meats, canned vegetables, breakfast items, and saltines. Please place in the basket in the Narthex. Deadline is October 15.

We will celebrate WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY on October 5th. There will be a collection of the PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING that enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.



#### MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### COMMUNITY BOARD



Free concert at
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VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER

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Opening Doors for a Better Temorrow

Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex to serve at VMC! We still have openings available in November and December.

Thanks to our September volunteers!

L to R: Chuck Gonzalez, Janet Tinder, Sharon Koch, Joanie Scheuer, Karen Brown



#### 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 21

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

12pm Nibbles in the Narthex

5:30pm Youth Collective/Youth Room

Mon, Sept 22 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

11am Library Reserved

5:30pm Quest Class - Myself: A User's Guide/Narthex

6pm Nominating Committee/Library

7pm Session/Library

Tues, Sept 23 10am PW Coordinating Team/Library, Zoom

11am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Youth Room

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

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

Wed, Sept 24 12pm Parlor Reserved

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

1pm PW Bible Study/Library

6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Room A

7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Sept 25 8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex

12pm Pastors Lunch/Library

12:30pm Neighborhood Book Club/Youth Room 6pm Stewardship Campaign Planning/Library

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

Fri, Sept 26 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex





Next meeting is October 4

Sign up in the Narthex





Shepherds mark your calendars!
There will be a gathering for all
Shepherds on October 20 at
6:00pm in Room A.

