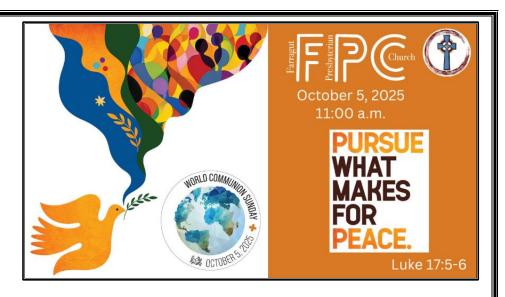
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*We invite you to stand as able.





Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude Once More, My Soul Shearing
Tami Newsom, organ

Call to Worship

Through desolation and weeping, through bitterness and fear, through anguish and suffering, through destruction and violence, this we will remember:

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; God's mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is God's faithfulness.

So we will not despair, we will keep hope alive.

The Lord is my portion, says my soul, therefore I will hope in God.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; take delight in the Lord,

Commit your way to the Lord; trust God, who will act.

*Hymn #473

For the Beauty of the Earth

Dix

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess the world suffers because of our sin. We use power against others for our own benefit. We misuse the natural resources of the earth in carelessness and greed. By our habits and apathies, others are subjected to desolation, even despair. Forgive us for making enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve. Forgive us for laying waste to the landscape of creation. Forgive us for being complicit in causing others to grieve and to wander without rest. We wait on you, O God. We hope in you. You alone can restore all things, even us.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #574 Lord, have mercy Johnson

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579 Gloria Patri Greatorex

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Ewald

Holy God, through Christ Jesus you bring the light of the gospel into our lives as grace revealed. Help us to guard this treasure and to share it with others, too, so that the faith that has lived in our ancestors and now lives in us may come to life in every new generation. We pray with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Ephesians 4:1-6

[Pew Bible pg. 193]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 137

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



By the streams of Babylon wept the nation Israel; Harps hung mute on willow boughs; Tears from captive eyelids fell. **(R)**

"Sing us one of Zion's songs!" Our tormentors mocked our grief; How can we as strangers here bow before their unbelief? **(R)**

If Jerusalem should fade from my fondest thoughts, I pray, Let my strength alike disperse, and my tongue become as clay. **(R)**

Lord, to dwell within your walls is the greatest joy I know. Vanish those who scorn your throne; Bring me home, your grace bestow. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 17:5-6

[Pew Bible pg. 80]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"That Which is Unseen"

- The Response -

Rev. Matt Nieman

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

O day of peace that dimly shines through all our hopes and prayers and dreams, Guide us to justice, truth and love, delivered from our selfish schemes.

May swords of hate fall from our hands, our hearts from envy find release, Till by God's grace our warring world shall see Christ's promised reign of peace.

Then shall the wolf dwell with the lamb, nor shall the fierce devour the small;
As beasts and cattle calmly graze, a little child shall lead them all.
Then enemies shall learn to love, all creatures find their true accord;
The hope of peace shall be fulfilled, for all the earth shall know the Lord.

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.

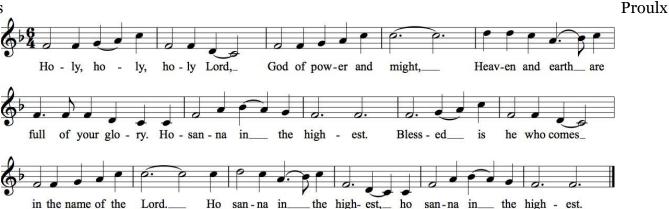
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)







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







The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~ The Sending ~

*Hymn #439

In Christ There is No East or West

St. Peter

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #368

I've Got Peace Like a River

Spiritual

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in-a my soul.

*Postlude

Trumpet Tune Tami Newsom, organ Wolff

Ushers ~ Scott & Debby McKinney 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.



Members

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

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.

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF OCTOBER 5. 2025

TODAY we celebrate WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY.

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.

PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS

SPECIAL OFFERINGS
PEACEMAKING AND RECONCILIATION

Join Pastor Matt's class on Sundays at 10am in the Library. For the month of October we will journey through Rachel Held Evans' book "Inspired."



Soul foam in the Café Narthex

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.

Looking for a daily devotion to enhance your faith journey?
Pick up a booklet in the Narthex.
We offer two devotionals:
"The Upper Room" and "These Days"

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



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



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

FAMILY MINISTRIES



October 26
4-6pm
It's gonna be out of this world!

More details to come.





Sunset Gap Food Pantry Drive

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.

October 15 & 19: Invite a Friend to Choir

We invite you, our friends, to participate in our annual "Invite a Friend to Choir" Day. As we have in the past, we would like to fill the choir loft with the people of God who are bonded together through music. This event is NOT just for people who know how to read music, or who have sung in a choir before. No previous experience is required! The music ministry of Farragut Presbyterian IS for ALL the people of God! Please join us for rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday night, October 15, and Sunday, October 19 as we MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!





Our church-sponsored Cub Scouts are selling popcorn again October 12,

before and after the worship service.

This annual SCOUT POPCORN SALE is a fundraiser that provides troops with the funding they need to deliver an amazing Scouting Program! Visit the popcorn table and help support our Cub Scouts!



For more info contact Brett & Amy Eiffert or Mindy Houlihan

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 5 9am Casual Worship Service/Outside

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

Mon, Oct 6 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

> 11am Library Reserved 1pm Outreach/Library

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

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary Tues, Oct 7

6:30pm Early Onset Dementia Caregivers/Youth Room (Parlor)

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

10am PW Circle #3/Library Wed, Oct 8

12pm Parlor Reserved

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Room A

6pm Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary

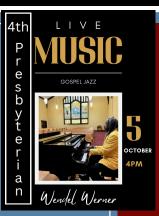
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex Thurs, Oct 9

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

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex Fri, Oct 10

7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex





November 2 **Meals with a Mission Project**





November 5 CAM Cabin Trip



December 5 Christmas Gift Steal Par a the Concord Yacht Club

