



November 30, 2025
9:00 a.m.



What do you fear?

IN THE TIME OF HEROD, WE
LONG FOR GOD TO BREAK IN

1st Sunday in Advent

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age
Kids ages 3-4 meet in Room D prior to the beginning of Worship for KidsQuest
K-5th Graders will be dismissed to KidsQuest during Worship*

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

Jesus
Worship Team

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Advent Candle Lighting

Shannon & Charles Needham

Call to Worship

On Sundays and Mondays,
on good days and bad days,
early in the morning and very late at night,
here in this room, and out in the world, God, we long for you to break in.
Meet us in this space.
Surprise us with your presence.
Fill this room with your good news.
With hope, we sing, we worship, we pray. Amen!

*We invite you to stand as able.

*Opening Songs

Come Lord Jesus (Even So Come)

VERSE 1 & 2

7 D Dsus D Am

1. All of cre-a-tion, all of the earth
2. Call back the sin-ner, wake up the saint,

11 Em G Gsus G D

make straight a high-way, a path for the Lord; Je-sus is com-ing soon.
let ev-ry na-tion shout of Your fame; Je-sus is com-ing soon.

CHORUS

16 |1 Em C G |2

Like a bride wait-ing for her groom, we'll be a Church

Bm7 Em C G Bm7 C

read-y for You. Ev-ry heart long-ing for our King, we sing: E-ven so, come, Lord

27 G D/F# D C G D

2nd time to Coda

Je - sus come. E-ven so, come, Lord Je - sus come.

Verse 3

There will be justice all will be new
Your name forever faithful and true
Jesus is coming soon

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel



1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2. O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4. O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from

cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple

here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joice! Re-joice!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

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*Prayer of Confession

Ever-present God, we long to feel you close. We long to feel your presence in our lives. We long for you to break through the chaos and suffering of this world. However, if we're honest, we rarely stand still long enough to feel you in our midst. Forgive our rushing and distractions. Forgive our wandering hearts, and center us in this space. Remind us that even in the time of Herod, even on the longest nights, you are always there.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

Kids grades K-5 are invited to meet at the front of the church to travel to KidsQuest together (in Room D)

~ We Proclaim ~

Children's Moment

Mason Warren

Prayer for Illumination

John Begovich

With-us God, in the time of Moses, you spoke through water in the desert and a pillar of smoke. In the time of the judges, you spoke through the prophets. In the time of Herod, you spoke through angel choruses and unlikely miracles. In every time you have been speaking. So today, in our time, we ask that you would speak again. Break through the chatter and the distraction of our weary minds and speak to us once more. With hope we pray, amen.

Scripture Readings: Lamentations 3:55 ~ 57
Luke 1:5 ~ 13

[Pew Bible pg. 767]
[Pew Bible pg. 56]

Sermon

"Amid Our Fear, We Are Heard"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith

We have seen the valley. We have seen a sky without stars. We have seen the longest night, and *still* we believe. We believe in a with-us God. We believe in the hope of tomorrow. We believe that good news is louder than fear. We believe this good news is for all people. So even when our knees shake, even when our voice trembles, even when fear is all around us, we will hold onto that good news. We will reach for each other. We will look for God in our midst. We will sing songs of joy. We will proclaim: *Unto us, love is born.* We have seen the longest night, and we have seen unimaginable love. So *still*, we believe. Amen.

Musical Reflection

Come Jesus Come
Worship Team

CCLI Song # 7154136 Bryan Fowler | Hank Bentley | Stephen McWhirter | Tara McWhirter
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Call for Giving



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.

- We Go Out Into the World -

*Closing Song

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol



1 Come, thou long - ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is -rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



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*Charge and Benediction

Prayers and liturgy by Rev. Sarah (Are) Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org.

Today's Worship Team:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass
Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals ~ Kevin Zetina, cajon/percussion
Mindy Houlihan, Shannon Needham, Laura Nieman, Kaitlyn Mee, vocals

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

Pat Dail, Marilyn Felts, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby Marigold, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, John Neighbors, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, John Thomason

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).



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WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF
NOVEMBER 30. 2025



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Our Advent theme this year is provided by



Join us Sundays as we travel through this season of hope together. You may also use the Advent devotional provided at the link below.

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL

Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Advent devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices: online.flippingbook.com/view/361593675/

In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

If you prefer a printed copy, please let the church office know, and we can print one for you.



If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia, as part of our church holiday decorations, please fill out an order form in the Narthex



Christmas Movie Night with Dinner
Saturday, Dec 6 at 4:30pm
in Fellowship Hall

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 6 at 3pm
in the Sanctuary



Christmas Program

Sunday, Dec 7 at 10am service
with a cookie reception afterwards

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE



Thank you to our November VMC volunteers
Margo Gregory,
Joanie Scheuer,
Sharon Koch, Beth Martin,
and Gayle Williams

Presbyterian women invite the congregation to join us in collecting winter hats, scarves, gloves/mittens for their tree that is usually up Nov - Feb. Items are available for anyone in the community who need these items, adults and children. Items may be purchased or handmade. Deadline to bring in is Dec 7. Questions? Contact Debbie Long



Sunset Gap Christmas



This Christmas we are sponsoring 40 children from Cocke County for Christmas. Look for the signup sheets both on-site in the narthex and on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/SGChristmas2025> (or use the QR code). Select a tag, sign up on the sheet with both your name and phone number. Be sure to note your tag's number. Please return gifts wrapped and labeled for Christmas by Dec 7th.

Questions? Please contact Debbie Long.



On Sunday, December 7, our Children will present the Christmas story with a fun and unique program complete with favorite Christmas scriptures and songs during worship.

Join us at ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am!



We invite everyone to help make our Christmas program extra sweet! Please consider bringing a plate of cookies to share for the cookie reception immediately following worship. Homemade or store-bought treats are warmly welcomed. Thank you for adding to the joy and fellowship of this special gathering!

On Sunday, December 14 at 10:00am we will participate in our annual Service of Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season. The service will be followed by a sumptuous reception. Mark your calendars!



The Church Life Committee invites you to join us on Friday, December 5th from 5-7pm at the Concord Yacht Club (11600 S. Northshore Drive) for fun and fellowship at our annual Christmas Party! Dress is casual, and please bring a wrapped unisex gift per attendee (approximately \$15-\$20 value) for our hilarious gift steal. Also bring a dessert or heavy appetizer to share (and a favorite adult beverage if you wish). Parking may be limited so please consider carpooling. Please RSVP in the narthex, online or via QR code by 12/4 and contact the church office for additional questions.

<https://tinyurl.com/ChristmasGiftSteal>



This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 30

- 9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 10am Soul Cafe/Narthex
 - Pastor Matt's Class/Library
 - KidStart/Room D
 - YouthQuest/Youth Rm
- 11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 12pm Nibbles in the Narthex
- 5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Rm

Mon, Dec 1

- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 11am Library Reserved
- 1pm Outreach/Library

Tues, Dec 2

- 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 6pm Admin/Library
- 6:30pm Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor
- 7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Dec 3

- 12pm Parlor Reserved
- 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Dec 4

- 8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
- 6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Rooms A & D, Parlor

Fri, Dec 5

- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 5pm Christmas Gift Steal/Concord Yacht Club

Sat, Dec 6

- 3pm Kids Christmas Program Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 4:30pm Christmas Movie Night/FH

Come hear the Roane Choral Society on Dec 6 @ 3pm!

The chorus is directed by Brenda Luggie and the concert will feature several FPC members, including Krista Belding, Laura McFee-Adams, Nancy Pevey, Becky Thomason, Bruce Wilson, & Elizabeth Wilson.

COMMUNITY BOARD

Come see our own Joey Nieman in Farragut High School's production of

The Music Man
Dec 11, 12, & 13 @7pm
Tickets are \$20

You can get your tickets in advance at
<https://tinyurl.com/FHSMusicMan>
or use the QR code



Roane Choral Society PRESENTS  **HOME**

Appalachia
Featuring Angel Band by Tim Sharp

Lecture by Tim Sharp, Friday, December 5, 6pm
Concert Saturday, December 6, 3:00 pm
South Harriman Baptist Church
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