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*We invite you to stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~

Congregational Meeting

*We are electing our Class of 2028
Elders and 2026 Nominating
Committee*



November 16, 2025
11:00 a.m.

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Oh, the Beautiful Treasures
Tami Newsom, piano

Held

Call to Worship

I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; be glad and
rejoice forever in what I am creating.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

I will rejoice and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

No more shall there be an infant that lives but a few days
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

They shall not labor in vain or bear children for calamity; for they and their descendants shall
Be offspring blessed by the Lord. Before they call I will answer;
while they are yet speaking I will hear.

**O sing to the Lord a new song, for God has done marvelous things.
God has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness.**

*Hymn #285

God, You Spin the Whirling Planets

Austrian Hymn

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**God of peace we confess we are a people of fear. We have let anxiety rule our days
and worry our nights. We have been distracted by nerves and focused on tension.
We confess we have ignored your command to not be afraid. Forgive us, O God.
Calm our hearts, settle our stomachs, and renew in us the ability to find our
comfort in you.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #574

Lord, have mercy

Johnson

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

Gloria Patri

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*The Peace

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

~ The Word ~

Anthem

I Sing The Mighty Power of God
FPC Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

Prayer for Illumination

Lynn Kszos

God of the earthquake and the silence, quiet in us any voice but your own, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we might hear, and in hearing we might believe, and in believing we might act, making way for your new creation. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

[Pew Bible pg. 207]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 98-GTG #371

New Songs of Celebration Render

Rendez a dieu

1 New songs of cel - e - bra - tion ren - der to God who
2 Joy - ful - ly, heart - i - ly re - sound - ing, let ev - ery
3 Riv - ers and seas and tor - rents roar - ing, hon - or the

has great won - ders done; love sits en - throned in age - less
in - stru - ment and voice peal out the praise of grace a -
Lord with wild ac - claim; moun - tains and stones, look up a -

splen - dor; come and a - dore the might - y One.
bound - ing, call - ing the whole world to re - joice.
dor - ing, and find a voice to praise God's name.

God has made known the great sal - va - tion which all the
Trum - pets and or - gans, set in mo - tion such sounds as
Righ - teous, com - mand - ing, ev - er glo - rious, prais - es be

saints with joy con - fess. God has re - vealed to ev - ery
make the heav - ens ring; all things that live in earth and
sung that nev - er cease: just is our God, whose truth vic -

na - tion truth and un - end - ing righ - teous - ness.
o - cean, sound forth the song; your prais - es bring.
to - rious es - tab - lish - es the world in peace.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Freedom from Memories”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith – from the Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Anthem

All Things New
Chancel Choir

Elaine Hagenberg

Light after darkness, gain after loss.
Strength after weakness, crown after cross;
Sweet after bitter, hope after fears.
Home after wandering, praise after tears.

Alpha and Omega, beginning and the end,
He is making all things new.
Springs of living water shall wash away each tear.
He is making all things new.

Sight after mystery, sun after rain.
Joy after sorrow, peace after pain;
Near after distant, gleam after gloom.
Love after loneliness, life after tomb.

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.**

~ The Sending ~

*Hymn #434

Today We Are All Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #333

Ask and it shall be given

Lafferty

**Ask and it shall be given unto you,
Seek and ye shall find,
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!**

*Postlude

Celebration
Tami Newsom, organ

Marshall

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.



Members

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

Praise & Thanksgiving

Congratulations to Scott and Debbie McKinney on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Carson Glick, son of Kaden and Carsen (McKinney) Glick, on November 10.

Bereaved

We mourn the loss of John Huntley on Friday, October 31, and hold his wife Nancy, and their family, in our prayers as they grieve. A memorial service for John will be held at FPC on Saturday, January 3, at 11:00am.

Join us for a special time of Fellowship after worship.

Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!





Your FPC *Candidates* for Session

The Nominating Committee wishes to place the following elder candidates into nomination at the Congregational Meeting today, November 16, 2025. Upon election, they will serve a three-year term on Farragut Presbyterian's Session. The Committee that each candidate will co-chair is in parenthesis beside his or her name. We believe they make up an excellent Class of 2028, and we encourage you to give each one your prayers, support and vote.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Beth Honey, moderator

Jeff Thode

Jimmy Loyless

Brett Eiffert

Joanie Scheuer

Holly Gary

Sandra Hipsher

Brett Eiffert

(Admin)



I was born in St. Louis, MO, and spent my childhood in both Atlanta, GA, and Tampa, FL. I met my wife, Amy, while we were working together in Fort Myers, FL, and we have now been married for 11 years. Ten years ago, we relocated to Knoxville when I accepted a position with the Altar'd State family of businesses, a national clothing retailer headquartered here. I currently serve as Vice President of Store Operations.

Amy and I are blessed with three wonderful children: our son Landon, who is 8 years old, and our twin daughters, Madison and Brooklyn, who are 7. We recently added a golden-doodle to the house, Benny, who just turned one. We first became connected to Farragut Presbyterian Church through Beth Hallman and the preschool program when our girls were born. We have been involved with the church in various ways since 2018 and formally joined as members in 2021.

In addition to our church involvement, I lead Landon's Cub Scout Den at Pack 444, which meets here at Farragut Presbyterian. We have deeply appreciated the welcoming and nurturing environment that this church provides for our family and the many opportunities it offers to grow in faith and community.

Margo Gregory (Church Life)

I am blessed to have been a member of FPC for 30+ years... some of the most important years of my life. I learned about Farragut Pres from a friend in the early days of my call center leadership career and knew right away this was a loving, welcoming community I wanted to be part of. My earliest recollection of my faith journey began when I was a little girl and my grandmother gave me a little mustard seed necklace, when our family attended First Christian Church. This foundation and our congregation have supported me during the happiest times of my life as well as through the tough times.

Born and raised in Knoxville, I have always enjoyed our beautiful mountains and love spending time outdoors. I share this love with my late husband's children, as well as with our two grandsons in Pennsylvania and Virginia every opportunity we get. Since retiring a couple of years ago, Bentley and I continue to love gardening and neighborhood walks together. I also enjoy community outreach, cooking, and baking. I recently learned to play Mahjong and love the challenge and laughter it brings when I gather with longtime friends. I also enjoy yoga classes, whenever my schedule allows.

Over the years at FPC, I have enjoyed participating with different committees and remain active as Treasurer of Presbyterian Women, serving on the Personnel Committee, a shepherd and serving at Volunteer Ministry Center. I am deeply grateful to belong to this community and look forward to continuing to learn, love, and to serve for the Glory of God!



Joanie Scheuer

(Christian Formation)



I grew up in Oshkosh, WI and graduated from St. Olaf College in MN with my degree in nursing. I moved to Madison, WI where I met my future husband Mark, and we married 1983. We spent several years living in MN before we moved to Knoxville in 1985 where I worked at St. Mary's Hospital. We soon began attending FPC, found our forever church family, and became members in 1987. Erin was born in 1989 and Amy soon followed in 1992. We raised our daughters in FPC – surrounded by wonderful friends and a loving faith community that we continue to be grateful for today! Since I left nursing in about 1993, I have been fortunate to spend much of my time volunteering in various capacities – the schools, Girl Scouts, and community non-profits.

At FPC I helped teach Sunday School for many years and led the younger children in music (the "cherub choir"!). Throughout the years I've helped with VBS, Christmas pageants, etc. and was fortunate to be able to accompany the middle school and high school youth on several mission trips. (This past summer I was able to participate in the Presbyterian Youth Triennium in KY). I am especially grateful for the opportunity to sing with the kids on Sunday mornings in KidsQuest and am always blessed by their enthusiasm, joy, and love-filled spirits! I have been a Stephen Minister since 2004 and was ordained as an elder in 2015 to serve as co-chair of the Pastoral Care committee. Currently I help coordinate the Shepherd ministry and co-facilitate the monthly Early Onset Dementia Caregivers support group.

Outside of church I continue to love volunteering with different community organizations including the McNabb Center's Therapeutic Preschool and as "big sister" to Haven with the Big Brothers Big Sisters program. Mark and I enjoy spending time with our dog Lucy, my mom Barbara Kivlin who moved here in 2016, and visiting with Amy who lives in DC and with Erin, David, and our 3 grandkids in Greenville, SC. FPC has been so instrumental in my faith journey throughout the years – enriching my life with deep friendships, spiritual growth, the blessings of service, and inspiring me to share God's love with others!

You wouldn't guess it to hear me talk, but I was born in Maryville, TN and lived my first 7 years with a strong twang before the family relocated to Ohio. We lived in multiple northern Ohio cities including Fremont, where I graduated and then attended Miami University in Oxford, Ohio and Bowling Green State University majoring in Retail and Marketing.

After a brief first marriage, I worked several years in multiple areas of the printing/graphic arts industry to support myself and my young son. Then in 1984, Steve and I married and we added two beautiful daughters to our family. Steve's job took us from Ohio to Kalamazoo, and then DeWitt, MI. My 20+ year work history in Michigan included positions as a branch manager with Fifth Third Bank, and the office manager at Schaefer & Schaefer Family Dentistry. After Steve retired in 2012, we moved to Lenoir City to be closer to my family. I continued working, and as many of you know, recently retired from FPC as office administrator after almost 12 years...a job I thoroughly enjoyed!

We have two wonderful grandchildren in Arkansas and two sweet "grandpups" here. (Daughter, Dani, has rescued 2 greyhounds.) Retirement is still an adjustment, but I love having extra time to golf, sew, attend chair yoga classes, travel, and volunteer at the church, Posies for the Pantry, The Good Neighbors Store, and the Smoky Mountain Scottish Festival & Games. I feel honored to be considered as a part of the church's outreach program and member of Session, and I look forward to continuing my faith journey with a greater purpose and sharing God's message of love to those less fortunate in our community.

Dawn Zilles

(Outreach)



The Candidates for the 2026 Nominating Committee are:

Jeff Thode, moderator	
Eva Quinley	Sandra Hipsher
Ken Ladrach	Amy Eiffert
Tom Feldhausen	Brian Davison



Christmas Festival Next Sunday!

One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration.

Next Sunday, November 23 at 3:00pm we are very excited to present our annual Christmas Festival! This year our own Chancel Choir will partner with the Chamber Singers of the University of Tennessee to present Music of the Season.

You won't want to miss this exciting event which always fills our chancel with the glorious sounds of the season.



Didn't get one?

Let Sandra, in the church office, know.

Church Directory Available!

Pick up your copy of our new Church Directory in the Narthex.

These will be available for pick up over the next few weeks.

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Christmas Program Rehearsal

Saturday, Dec 6 at 3pm
in the Sanctuary



Christmas Movie Night with Dinner

Saturday, Dec 6 at 4:30pm

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Silent Auction Event for UKirk UTK

Come to the Table! On Friday, November 21st from 5:30-7pm, You're invited to join UKirk for an evening of great stories, good people, food and drinks, and a silent auction full of art, pottery, gifts, & experiences! The event will be hosted at First Presbyterian Church of Knoxville, 620 State Street, 37902. Tickets can be reserved for \$20 per guest via Venmo @UPerkUTK (memo: Fall Festival) or \$25 at the door.



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.

TODAY, November 16, is the last day to bring your cake mix, brownie mix, and canned frosting donations for the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry holiday baskets. Donation cart is located in the Narthex.

Contact

Becky Thomason with questions.



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

Meals With a Mission was a Success!

Thank you for all your hard work on 11/2--
We reached our goal of packing
850 soup bags!

We still need more tomato products to
complete the meal.

Please bring to the church office:

28oz cans of diced tomatoes
and 6oz cans of tomato paste





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 for this ONE SERVICE at 10:00am and bring your favorite cookie to share at our cookie reception after worship.

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!



ANNUAL CHRISTMAS GIFT STEAL

This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 16

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
4:30pm Small & Mighty Worship Night/FH

Mon, Nov 17

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
11am Library Reserved
5pm Church Life Committee/Library
6pm FPC/UT Joint Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

Tues, Nov 18

10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Nov 19

10am Property Committee/Library
12pm Parlor Reserved
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
1:30pm Staff Meeting/Library
6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Room A
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Nov 20

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
6pm FPC/UT Joint Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Youth Rm

Fri, Nov 21

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
6pm FPC/UT Joint Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary

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>



COMMUNITY BOARD

THIS WEEK

Come see our own LisaKay Matchen play Lady Bracknell in the Roane State Playmakers' production of

"The Importance of being Earnest"

November 20-22 @ 7:00pm

November 23 @ 2:00pm

Tickets are available online at

<https://our.show/RSCCEarnest>