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*We invite you to stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~

Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude Now Thank We All Our God
Tami Newsom, organ

Hopson

Call to Worship

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! I myself will gather my flock and bring them back to their fold.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

I will raise up for David a righteous branch, who shall reign and deal wisely and execute justice and righteousness in the land.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

God will give knowledge of salvation to his people by the forgiveness of their sins.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

By the tender mercy of our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us to give light to those who sit in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

*Hymn #559

We Gather Together

Kremser

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we confess that we have neglected to declare Jesus the king and model for our lives. We have been quick to call on others to follow the ways of Christ yet slow to do the same. We have been bold in demanding generosity, mercy and forgiveness yet quiet when it comes to offering inclusion, love and compassion. Forgive us, O God. Restore in us, yet again, the commitment to be more Christlike in word, in deed, and in spirit.

(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

Gary Heidinger

Holy God, through the generations you have spoken to us. You have sent voices crying out in the wilderness. You have sent the words of an overjoyed new father and an expectant mother. You have sent the assurance of a condemned man on a cross. Quiet in us any voice but your own that, by the power of your Spirit, we might hear the words you speak to us today. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

[Pew Bible pg. 198]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Dr. Angela Batey - cantor

Hopson



God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble with its tumult. (R)

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of the city which shall not be moved; God will help it at the dawn of the day. The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; God's voice resounds, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. (R)

Come, behold the works of the Lord, who has wrought desolations in the earth; who makes wars cease to the end of the earth; breaks the bow, shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire! "Be still, and know that I am God. I am exalted among the nations; I am exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: John 6:25-35

[Pew Bible pg. 98]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon "What Sustains" Rev. Matt Nieman

- The Response -

Affirmation of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism

We believe that we belong, in life and in death, not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own life has freed us from the dominion of evil. Everything fits his purpose of salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he assures us of eternal life and makes us willing and ready to live for him.

The Anthem

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name Chancel Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #142

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 #155

Rejoice, the Lord is King

~ The Sending ~

Darwall's 148th

*Benediction

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

*Postlude

Rondo in G Tami Newsom, organ Bull

Ushers ~ Debby & Scott 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

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

Praise & Thanksgiving

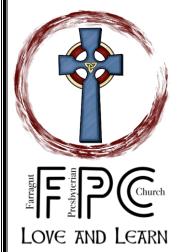
Congratulations to Scott and Debby McKinney on the birth of their grandson, Samuel Carson Glick, son of Kaden and Carsen (McKinney) Glick, on November 10.

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!





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http://tinyurl.com/FPCe-giving

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23. 2025

Christmas Festival TODAY!!

Today is the day! At 3:00 p.m. 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. Come back this afternoon to find our sanctuary transformed with beautiful decorations of the season!



Directory in the Narthex. Didn't get one? the next few weeks. Let Sandra, in the church office, know.

Church Directory Available! Pick up your copy of our new Church These will be available for pick up over

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



Christmas Movie Night with Dinner

Saturday, Dec 6 at 4:30pm in Fellowship Hall

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.



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

<u>Meals With a Mission</u> 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 60z 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 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!



This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 23

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

3pm FPC Christmas Festival/Sanctuary

5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Rm

Mon, Nov 24 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

11am Library Reserved

Tues, Nov 25 10am PW Coordinating Team/Library

11am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Youth Rm

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

6:30pm CS Leaders #444/Library

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

Wed, Nov 26 **OFFICE CLOSES AT NOON**

12pm Parlor Reserved

12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary

Thurs, Nov 27 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

OFFICE CLOSED

Fri, Nov 28 **OFFICE CLOSED**

Sat, Nov 29 **FH Reserved** 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 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

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

