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*We invite you to stand as able.



November 30, 2025
11:00 a.m.



What do
you fear?

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

1st Sunday in Advent

~ The Gathering ~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

O Come, O Come Emmanuel
Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

arr. Gaudet

Advent Candle Lighting and Call to Worship

LisaKay Matchen

In a world full of fear, where do you see hope?

We see hope when we look to the next generation. We feel hopeful when we gather together. We know hope, deep in our bones, when we dream of a better world.

You are right. Even in a fearful world, hope is all around us. Today we light the candle of hope as a reminder of this good news. May this flicker of light help us remember that we have reason to hope.

Light candle.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*Hymn #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

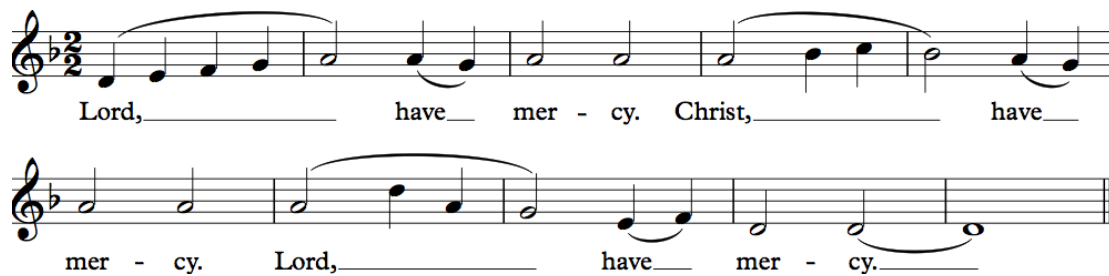
*Call to Confession

*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)

*Kyrie eleison



*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Stuttgart

Come, Thou long-expected Jesus Born to set Thy people free;
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art,
Dear Desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

*The Peace

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

- The Word -

Anthem

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

arr. Barnell

Dr. Linda Stutzenberger, harp

Prayer for Illumination

Linda Ewald

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.

First Scripture Reading: Lamentations 3:55 ~ 57

[Pew Bible pg. 767]

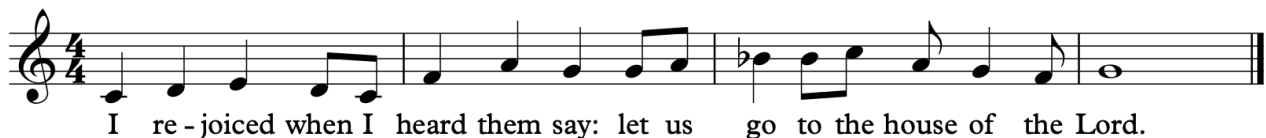
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 122

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



I rejoiced when I heard them say:

"Let us go to God's house."

And now our feet are standing within your gates,
O Jerusalem. (R)

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact.

It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord. (R)

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement of the house
of David. (R)

For the peace of Jerusalem pray:

"Peace be to your homes!

May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace! (R)

For love of my family and friends I say:

"Peace upon you."

For love of the house of the Lord

I will ask for your good. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 1:5 ~ 13

[Pew Bible pg. 56]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Amid Our Fear, We Are Heard”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

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.

The Anthem

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. John Bell

Chancel Choir

The anthem text may be found in *The Hymnal*, #5

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 #2

Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus

Hyfrydol

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #9

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

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

Ushers ~ MaryAnne & Wayne Walls

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.



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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

Join us for a special time of Fellowship after worship.

Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!



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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

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



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>



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



<i>This Week at FPC</i>	
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.

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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