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\*We invite you to stand as able.

~ *The Gathering* ~



January 18, 2026  
11:00 a.m.

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

*Meditation*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Peeters

Call to Worship

Sing a new song,  
**a song of thanks and praise,**  
for God has done wondrous deeds,  
**and is great beyond compare!**

\*Hymn #476

*O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!*

Lyons

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Mothering God, we have chased after foolish things, and spent our strength on vanity; our labor has been in vain. Deliver us from arrogance and forgive our self-concern, that we may find our reward with you, as servants of your dream. Through Jesus Christ we pray.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*Kyrie eleison #565

Weaver

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Gloria Patri #567

Weaver

\*The Peace

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

~ The Word ~

Anthem

*Grand March*  
FPC Ringers

arr. Kevin McChesney

Prayer for Illumination

Brenda Luggie

**Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove: open our ears to the truth of your word, that the testimony of Christ may be strengthened among us and the glad news of deliverance revealed. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

[Pew Bible pg. 165]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 40

Dr. Angela Batey - cantor

Hopson

Lord, you are great and do mar-vel-ous deeds; you a - lone are God.

I waited patiently for the Lord who now at last has heard my cry.  
The Lord pulled me out of the muddy pit and set me firmly on a rock.  
On my lips God put a new song; Praise to our God! (R)

Many will see and be in awe, and will trust in the Lord.  
Happy are those who trust in the Lord, not turning with rebels to false gods.  
Great are the things you have done for us, O Lord, our God!  
Great are your wonders and your plans for us; none can compare with you!  
Oh that I could proclaim them abroad, but they are more than can be numbered. (R)

You do not require sacrifice or offering, you have given me an open ear.  
You do not ask for burnt or sin offerings; and I have said, "Here I am."  
In your book it is written that I love to do your will.  
Your law is in my delight, O my God! I hold it deep in my heart.  
I have told of your justice in the great assembly.  
My lips I do not restrain; you know it, O my God. (R)

The glad news of your salvation I do not hide in my heart.  
I speak of your faithfulness to the congregation and do not conceal your steadfast love.  
Do not withhold mercy from me, O God; Let your love and truth forever guard me. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Isaiah 49:1-7

[Pew Bible pg. 679]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Called"

Rev. Matt Nieman

# ~ The Response ~

## Affirmation of Faith – from A Declaration of Faith

**We know our efforts cannot bring in God's kingdom. But hope plunges us into the struggle for victories over evil that are possible now in the world, the church, and our individual lives. Hope gives us courage and energy to contend against all opposition, however invincible it may seem, for the new world and the new humanity that are surely coming. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

## The Anthem

*The Summons*  
Chancel Choir

Tony Alonzo

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

## In the Life of the Church

### 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 #525

*Here I Am, Lord*

Here I Am, Lord

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Response #603

*Song of Simeon*

Land of Rest

**Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled  
These eyes have seen salvation dawn, This child so long foretold.**

\*Postlude

*Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Walcha

Usher ~ Gary Heidinger  
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](mailto:office@fpctn.org), or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.



## Members

Judy Alexander, Pat Dail, Marilyn Felts,  
Dean & Lucy Fleming, Frank Guess, Nancy Huntley,  
Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally,  
Scott & Debby McKinney, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey,  
Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Chris Sparks

*Join us for a special time of  
Fellowship after worship.*

*Narthex  
Nibbles*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING  
NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, AFTER BOTH SERVICES**

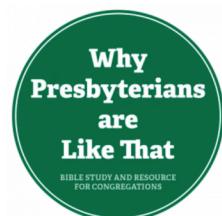
**TODAY at our 9:00am worship service we Ordain and Install our New Class of Elders**  
**Brett Eiffert (Admin), Margo Gregory (Church Life),**  
**Joanie Scheuer (Christian Formation), and Dawn Zilles (Outreach)**

## Sunday morning Adult Classes at 10am



Soul Cafe meets in the new Narthex gathering space. John Sharp facilitates a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day. No lesson to prepare - come as you are!

Pastor Matt's class has started a new study called "Why Presbyterians Are Like That." Each Sunday, we'll look into elements of faith that are foundational to our identity. They include: The Bible, Grace, Response, Brains, Justice, Sin, and Hope. Join us in the Library!



## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

All are invited to a special *Soul Cafe* gathering on February 1st from approximately 10 – 11 am in Room A for a brainstorming session regarding visitor welcome and new member development at FPC.

Jenny Trussell will lead a lively discussion about what works (and what doesn't) when welcoming visitors to FPC, and how to engage guests who may be interested in becoming an active member of the FPC community. Come ready to discuss ideas!



**Sunset Gap**  
 Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join us in a food drive to help stock the food pantry at Sunset Gap during this period of high unemployment. As many of the tourist attractions in Sevier County shut down for winter, many depend on the food pantry even more. Items most needed, in order of priority, include- peanut butter, breakfast items, canned meats, canned vegetables(no glass jars), Ramen noodle soup, pasta & sauce (no glass jars). Deadline is Feb 8 for return to the church in the basket in the narthex. Questions? Contact Debbie Long



Mobile Meals is in dire need of volunteers to cover two regular delivery weeks plus we need additional folks to be subs periodically. Specifically we need two teams of two people each to cover Fridays, Week 1 and Fridays Week 2. Plus we need coverage for 5th Fridays.

If you can help or have questions please call Irene Rice.



Sign up in the Narthex to serve at the Volunteer Ministry Center in 2026  
 FPC's day to serve is the third Tuesday of every month.

**Our next date to serve is Tuesday, January 20**

Sign up to provide Nibbles for our 11:00 worship fellowship time after the service!  
<https://tinyurl.com/NarthexNibbles>  
 or use the QR code



## Looking Ahead

# CHILDREN.YOUTH & FAMILIES



**Easter Egg Hunt on April 5, Easter Sunday, at 10am (between worship services)**

**Summer KidsQuest** is our summer-long, VBS-style children's ministry experience, offered weekly during the 9:00 a.m. outdoor worship service. Rather than a one-week Vacation Bible School, kids gather each Sunday from June 7–August 9 for engaging lessons, songs, and activities as they journey together through this summer's theme, Faith Frontier.



**Camp John Knox** Sign up to go to camp with friends or be on staff this summer. See Mason Warren for more details.

**Montreat (June 13-20)** Montreat Youth Conference is a unique gathering of young people from all over the country for a week of study, worship, and recreation.



## This Week at FPC

**Sun, Jan 18**

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  
4pm Small & Mighty Youth Group/FH

**Mon, Jan 19**

OFFICE CLOSED  
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex  
11am Library reserved

**Tues, Jan 20**

10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC  
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary  
6pm Admin/Library  
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

**Wed, Jan 21**

12pm Parlor reserved  
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary  
1:30pm Staff Meeting/Library  
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A  
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

**Thurs, Jan 22**

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex  
12pm Pastor's Lunch/Library  
12:30pm Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor  
6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor  
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex  
7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

**Fri, Jan 23**

## CHILDREN.YOUTH & FAMILIES

### THIS MONTH

Join us Sundays for **KidsQuest** during the 9am Worship Service  
**Youth Group** -Sundays at 5:30pm

#### Small & Mighty

Once a month we join other youth groups from our Presbytery to form the Small & Mighty Youth Group. Our next gathering is **TODAY, January 18 from 4-6:30pm** for Faith & Fellowship Night

#### January 25

**Bridgepoint 345**-- grades 3, 4 & 5 meet for faith and fellowship



Look for the Winter/Spring 2026 Quest Menu in the Narthex. There are several new classes beginning in the new year.

*See John Sharp for more details or if you have any questions.*