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*We invite you to stand as able.



February 1, 2026
11:00 a.m.

LOVE AND LEARN

~ *The Gathering* ~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Contemplation
Tami Newsom, organ

Archer

Call to Worship

What does the Lord require of you?
To do justice,
love kindness,
and walk humbly with God.

*Hymn #491

Stand Up and Bless the Lord

Carlisle

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God, we have not done what is blameless and right, nor spoken truth from the heart with love. We do not keep your word, and when we participate in gossip, our words and deeds cause pain. Forgive us by the power of your mercy, that we might stand in the goodness of Christ and walk in the light of his love.

(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

In The Cross of Christ I Glory
FPC Ringers

arr. Anna Laura Page

Prayer for Illumination

David Stutzenberger

Holy God, your blessings are abundant, and your wisdom exceeds our grasp. Fill us with your Spirit as we hear your word this day, that we may be justice seekers and peacemakers, sharing your life among those who are forgotten, weak, or persecuted, and revealing to all your glory. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Micah 6:1-8

[Pew Bible pg. 866]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 15

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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My soul pro claims the great- ness of the Lord.

Lord, who may dwell in your tabernacle? Who may abide upon your holy hill?
Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, who speaks the truth from his heart. (R)

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend; he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.
In his sight the wicked is rejected, but he honors those who fear the Lord. (R)

He has sworn to do no wrong and does not take back his word.
He does not give his money in hope of gain, nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.
Whoever does these things shall never be overthrown. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

[Pew Bible pg. 4]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Blessed”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith – from the Confession of '57

We believe that Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the Church's mission. His life as one of us involves the Church in the common life of humanity. His service commits the Church to work for every form of human welfare. His suffering makes the Church sensitive to all suffering so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of the poor, sick and oppressed. The Church follows this pattern in its life and in the method of its action. So to live and serve is to confess Christ as Lord.

The Anthem

Offertory
Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on High?
Shall I come before Him with burnt offerings, Shall I come before Him with yearling calves?
Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?
He has shown you, O man; He has shown you what is good.
And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and
to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

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.

~ *The Eucharist* ~

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)



Sanctus

Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, Heav-en and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho san - na in the high- est, ho san - na in the high - est.

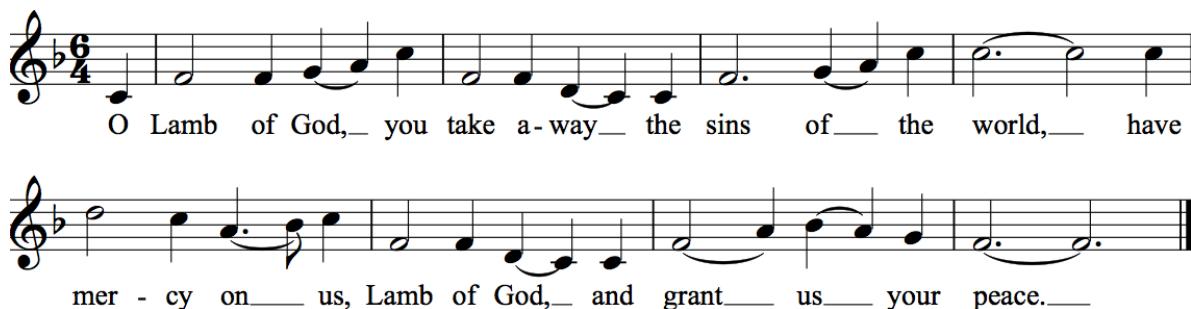
The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei

Proulx



O Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world, have
mer - cy on us, Lamb of God, and grant us your peace.

The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~ The Sending ~

*Hymn #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #343

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Beecher

**Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring, To fulfill God's chosen end.**

*Postlude

Alone Thou Goest Forth, O Lord

Tami Newsom, organ

Held

Ushers ~ Carol and Greg Kraft

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, Frank Guess,
Debbie Long, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally,
Scott & Debby McKinney, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey,
Kirk Morris, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Chris Sparks

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 1 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, AFTER EACH SERVICE

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Join us on Sunday, February 15th at 10:00 a.m. for our annual Surprise Valentine's Brunch. We will be hosting a Surprise Valentine's Gift Exchange during the brunch. This exchange is open to both children and youth. To participate, please

complete the RSVP form at

<https://tinyurl.com/SurpriseValentine2026>



Surprise friends will be assigned and shared with you by Monday, February 2nd, and gifts should remain under the \$20 price limit.

In addition to the gift exchange, we will enjoy a brunch together. Donuts, juice, and water will be provided, and we would love for families to consider bringing a breakfast dish to share. If you are able to do so, please note this in your RSVP.

Please note participation in the Gift Exchange is not required to attend the Brunch.

We are so looking forward to this time of fellowship and celebration together, and we cannot wait to see you there!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

Decide who will win the Super Bowl while sharing in God's love for our neighbors in need and giving generously on Souper Bowl Sunday, February 8.

Put your money in the pot that represents who you think will win the football game: *Seahawks* or *Patriots*. All of the donations collected will go directly to our Tackle Hunger Charity of Choice: Sunset Gap.

Learn more about Souper Bowl of Caring at:
<https://tacklehunger.org/souper-bowl-of-caring-overview>



Mobile Meals needs a team of 2 volunteers to cover Fridays Week 2 every month.

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



Are you a Stephen Ministry with FPC but are currently inactive, or have you been a Stephen Minister in a previous church? If you are interested in serving again within our congregation, please let us know! We would love for you to be a part of our ministry team! Contact Beth Martin, Jeanie Oakley or Joanie Scheuer.

Sign up to provide Nibbles for our 11:00 worship fellowship time after the service!

<https://tinyurl.com/NarthexNibbles> or use the QR code



*Narthex
Nibbles*



All are invited to a special *Soul Cafe* gathering **TODAY**, 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!

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

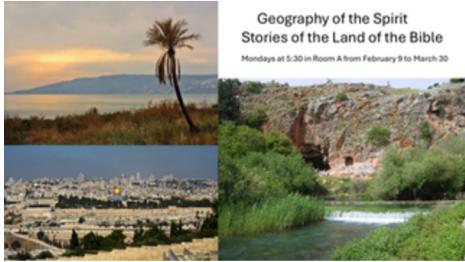
Lunch and Learn

We had a wonderful first Lunch and Learn gathering in January. Please join us on the third Thursday of each month for a time of food, faith and fellowship. Our next gathering is February 19, at 11:30am.

The meal will be catered, and the cost is only \$10 per person at the event.

You can sign up in the Narthex or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCLunchandLearn> or using





Geography of the Spirit
Stories of the Land of the Bible
Mondays at 5:30pm in Room A from February 9 to March 30

People who live in Palestine and Israel often call the land of the Bible, "The 5th Gospel," as it tells the story of our faith in unique and unforgettable ways. Want fresh perspective and deeper understanding of a faith rooted in another place, time, language and culture? John Sharp has spent time in the Middle East, and wants to share a very experiential approach to Christianity's birthplace. This will be a pilgrimage for the mind and heart that provides vivid, lasting images and understanding that permanently enriches faith.

Starting Monday, February 9, the class meets on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm until Holy Week.

Monday, February 9 at 6:30pm in Room A

Come to the 5th Gospel class at 5:30pm and stay to learn more about our trip to Israel and Palestine next year!

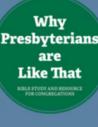


Launches Thursday, February 12 at 7:00pm.

A majority of Americans believe science and faith are in direct conflict, leading to mistrust and misunderstanding of one another. How can faith and science better understand and inform each other? How can faith flourish in an age of science and technology? Bring a friend and join the conversation!

This Week at FPC

Sun, Feb 1

9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
10am Soul Cafe/Room A
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 Room

Mon, Feb 2

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
10am Outreach Committee/Room A
11am Library reserved

Tues, Feb 3

11:30am Posies Planning Mtg/Youth Room
10am PW Coordinating Team/Library, Zoom
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6:30pm Early Onset Dementia Caregivers/Youth Rm
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Feb 4

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

Thurs, Feb 5

6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor

Fri, Feb 6

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
6pm Pinewood Derby Weigh-In/Fellowship Hall
7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

Sat, Feb 7

8am Pinewood Derby/Fellowship Hall



Let's wear our beads and eat Cajun food together at a fun evening playing Bingo!

Bring your friends and your favorite soup, chili, jambalaya or even shrimp etouffee to our Mardi Gras Bingo Night in Fellowship Hall.

Our Church Life committee will provide drinks and chili condiments. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please RSVP at
<https://tinyurl.com/MardiGrasBingoNight>

