

2nd Sunday
in Lent



March 1 , 2026

the good news is...

great love for
God & neighbor

9:00 a.m.



This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*We invite you to stand as able.

*BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age
Kids ages 3-4 meet in Room D prior to the beginning of Worship for KidsQuest
K-5th Graders will be dismissed to KidsQuest during Worship*

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

Put A Little Love In Your Heart
Worship Team

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Call to Worship

Tell me something good!

God loves you more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God loves all of creation more than you could imagine.

Tell me something good!

God's love meets us in this service of worship. We are not alone.

This is good news indeed!

Let us worship our compassionate God.

I Come With My Devotion

ANGEL'S STORY 7.6.7.6 D ("O Jesus I Have Promised")

Words: Anna Strickland (2025)

Music: Arthur H. Mann (1881)



I come with my de - vo - tion to love and serve
I hear my Sa - vior's call - ing to serve the lost
God made us in God's im - age each per - son whom



my God Whose lov - ing cos - mos formed me
and least The hun - gry and im - pris - oned,
we meet Ex - tra - va - gant - ly lov - ing



be - fore I e - ver sought The glo - ry of the
the bro - ken ones like me For in each act of
all of hu - man - i - ty So I'll re - turn the



hea - vens or praise on earth be - low So ev - ery
kind - ness it's Christ for whom we care All wor - thy
love which has formed me from the start — Lov - ing



gift I have now I lay be - fore the throne
of our love — since it's God's face we bear
my cre - a - tor, my - self, and ev - ery heart

*Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, did we see you hungry and give you something to eat? Did we see you thirsty and give you something to drink? Did we see you alone and offer you compassion? Or did we cross the street? Did we avert our eyes? Did we come up with every excuse in the book? God, we long to be people who love our neighbors with the same overwhelming love that you have for them. But we must admit, we have a long way to go. Forgive us for the times when we let bias, scarcity, or fear get in the way of love. Wash us clean and give us the courage to try again. With hope for a better tomorrow, we pray.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Kids grades K-5 are invited to meet at the front of the church to travel to KidsQuest together (in Room D)

~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

Janet Tinder

Good news God, speak louder than the news updates. Speak louder than our mental distractions. Speak louder than our anger and louder than our fear. God, speak loudly to us today, because we long to hear your good news once more. With hope we pray, amen.

Scripture Readings: Matthew 25:35-40

Luke 7:36-50

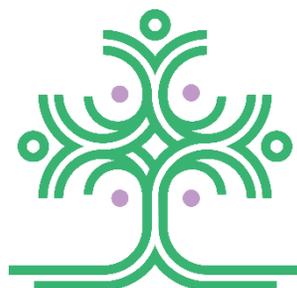
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Sermon

“The Good News Is...Great Love for God and Neighbor”

Rev. Matt Nieman



~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith

Prayer by Rev. Sarah A. Speed | A Sanctified Art LLC | sanctifiedart.org

I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. It sounds like welcome and feels like home. It sounds like laughter and feels like mercy. It sounds like love and feels like a seat at the table, so I believe in the good news of Jesus Christ. I have seen it alive in the world. And even when my heart aches, even when wars rage, even when mercy feels out of reach, I remember the one who welcomed the children and led with nonviolence. I remember the one who cared for the vulnerable and inspired those around him. I remember that the good news really is good news, for I have seen it alive in the world. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Musical Reflection

Joy of the Lord
Worship Team

CCLI Song # 7047091 Chris Llewellyn | Ed Cash | Gareth Gilkeson © 2015 Capitol CMG Paragon; Thankyou Music Ltd

In the Life of the Church

Call for Giving



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.

~ We Remember ~

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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 Communion of the People

Communion Song

For Everyone Born
Worship Team

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, 1998 © 1998 Hope Publishing Company; Music: Brian Mann, 2006 © 2006 Brian Mann (admin. General Board of Global Ministries t/a GBGMusik)
From "Glory To God ~ The Presbyterian Hymnal" © 2013 Westminster John Knox Press - Louisville, KY

~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

Take My Life That I May Be

Refrain/Estrillo



To - ma, oh Dios, mi vo - lun - tad, y haz - la tu - ya, na -
 Take my life, that I may be con - se - crat - ed, Lord,



da más; to - ma, sí, mi co - ra - zón
 to thee; take my mo - ments and my days;

To stanzas *Last time*



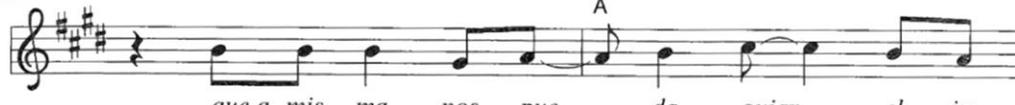
y tu tro - no en él ten - drás. ten - drás.
 let them flow in cease - less praise. less praise.



1 Que mi vi - da en - te - ra es - té
 1 Take my hands and let them move
 2 Take my sil - ver and my gold,
 3 Take my voice and let me sing
 4 Take my will and make it thine;



con - sa - gra - da a ti, Se - ñor;
 at the im - pulse of thy love;
 not a mite would I with - hold;
 al - ways, on - ly for my King;
 it shall be no lon - ger mine;



que a mis ma - nos pue - da guiar el im -
 take my feet and let them be swift and
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry
 take my lips and let them be filled with
 take my heart, it is thine own; it shall

Refrain/Estrillo



pul - so de tu a - mor.
 beau - ti - ful for thee.
 pow'r as thou shalt choose.
 mes - sag - es from thee.
 be thy roy - al throne.

*Charge and Benediction

Today's Worship Team

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Kevin Zetina, cajon & percussion
LisaKay Matchen, Eva Quinley Lynch, Whitney Sharp, and Bruce Wilson, vocals

Usher ~ Kirk Morris
A/V Team ~ David Long

If you would like to sign up to be an usher, communion server or to read scripture please go to:
<http://tinyurl.com/FPCVolunteerSignUp>



Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



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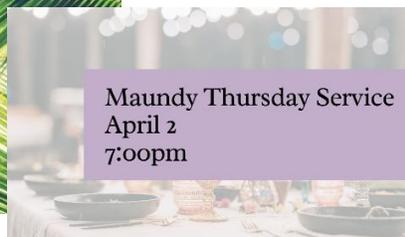
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- Sign the pew attendance pad.



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Angie Batey, Pat Dail, Wayne Davis, Brian Davison, Steve Dehmlow, Marilyn Felts, Dave & Megan Figel, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Jeff Gary, Frank Guess, Judy Ireland, Ken Ladrach, Debbie Long, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Scott & Debby McKinney, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, Kirk Morris, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Marie Shear, Chris Sparks, Dawson Sweetland

Join us for Holy Week Services





Grounding ourselves in the good news this Lent

Our Lenten theme this year is provided by



Join us Sundays as we ground ourselves in the good news each week. You may also use the Lenten devotional provided at the link below.

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Lenten Devotional

Our friends at A Sanctified Art have provided a special e-reader version of this year's Lenten devotional, which you can access on your computer and mobile devices: online.flippingbook.com/view/546389771/ In order to protect their work, please refrain from sharing this link or posting it on social media.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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

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



Sunset Gap Food Pantry Drive: A huge thank you to all who participated in the collection for the food pantry. The food was greatly appreciated. In January, with only 2 weeks open, they served 432 families. Thank you for your generosity.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION



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

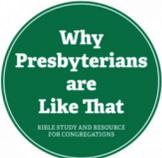
People who live in Palestine and Israel often call the land of the Bible, "The 5th Gospel," as it tells the story of our faith in unique and unforgettable ways. Want fresh perspective and deeper understanding of a faith rooted in another place, time, language and culture? John Sharp has spent time in 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.

The class meets on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm from now thru March 30.



Soul Cafe now meets in Room A. John Sharp facilitates a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day. No lesson to prepare - come as you are! Sundays at 10am.

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 on Sundays at 10am!



CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES

Thank you to those who participated in the Surprise Valentine Brunch. We had lots of fun sharing the love!



COMMUNITY BOARD

Come see the Roane Choral Society on Feb 28, Mar 1, Mar 7 and Mar 8! The chorus is directed by Brenda Luggie and all concerts will feature several FPC members, including Krista Belding, Laura McFee-Adams, Amanda Miranda, Bruce Wilson, & Elizabeth Wilson and Becky Thomason will be part of the full chorus concert on 3/8. Hope to see you there!



This Week at FPC

- Sun, Mar 1**
 - 9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
 - 10am Soul Cafe/Room A
 - Pastor Matt's Class/Library
 - 11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
 - 12pm Nibbles in the Narthex
 - 5:30pm TVP Callback Auditions/Sanctuary
 - 5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Room
- Mon, Mar 2**
 - 10am Outreach Committee/Library
 - 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
 - 11am Library Reserved
 - 5:30pm The 5th Gospel Class/Room A
- Tues, Mar 3**
 - 11:30am PET Lunch & Learn/Room A
 - 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
 - 6:30pm Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Youth Room
 - 7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
- Wed, Mar 4**
 - 9am Smoky Mtn Quilters Guild/Narthex
 - 12pm Parlor reserved
 - 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
 - 5:30pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
 - 6:30pm Worship & Music Committee/Library
 - 7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A
- Thurs, Mar 5**
 - 6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor
- Fri, Mar 6**
 - 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
 - 11am Room A Reserved
 - 7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

SAVE THE DATES



- The Menu**
- Appetizer - Crab dip
 - Salad - Frozen Fruit Salad
 - Entree - Asian Grilled Salmon, Mushroom Risotto & Roasted Asparagus
 - Dessert - Million Dollar Pie

The Foodies is a fun fellowship event that meets quarterly in small groups of 6-8 people. Participants bring an assigned Dish to pass from a designated menu. We meet at the home of a designated host for a great dinner and fellowship.

**The first gathering of 2026 will be March 21st.
Sign up in the Narthex.**

Shop for flowers, plants, crafts, garden decor & more

Posies for the Pantry

SAVE THE DATE!

fundraiser proceeds benefit:

Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd. - Farragut
APRIL 18th-9am to 1pm
Community churches supporting the pantry:
Faith Lutheran - Concord Methodist - Farragut Presbyterian
First Baptist Concord - Grassy Valley Baptist

