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*We invite you to stand as able.

~ *The Gathering* ~



Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

O Love, How Deep
Tami Newsom, organ

Gabrielson

Call to Worship

Let your light shine!

We are the salt of the earth.

Let your light shine!

We are the light of the world.

Let your light shine!

Praise the Lord for the gifts that God has given us!

Let your light shine!

*Hymn #469

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Patient God, it is so easy for us to miss the point. We know how to perform righteousness; we go to church, we donate, we volunteer, but we care more about how we are seen than our faithfulness to you. We show off our piousness, instead of actually sharing our food, our homes, our resources with those in the most need. Have mercy on us for the ways we serve ourselves, and teach us your way, the way that leads to justice and peace.

(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 ~

Prayer for Illumination

Gary Heidinger

Lord, open our understanding by the power of the Holy Spirit, that as the Word is proclaimed we may receive holy wisdom to understand the gifts you have bestowed on us. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 112:1-10

[Pew Bible pg. 563]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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Hap - py are they who have giv - en to the poor.

Hallelujah! Happy are they who fear the Lord and have great delight in his commandments! Their descendants will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed. Wealth and riches will be in their house, and their righteousness will last for ever. (R)

Light shines in the darkness for the upright; the righteousness are merciful and full of compassion. It is good for them to be generous in lending and to manage their affairs with justice. For they will never be shaken; the righteous will be kept in everlasting remembrance. (R)

They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; their heart is right; they put their trust in the lord. Their heart is established and will not shrink, until they see their desire upon their enemies. (R)

They have given freely to the poor, and their righteousness stands fast for ever; They will hold up their head with honor. The wicked will see it and be angry; They will gnash their teeth and pine away; the desires of the wicked will perish. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 5:13-20

[Pew Bible pg. 4]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“Salt and Light”

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

You Are The Salt and Light Chancel Choir

Pepper Choplin

You are the salt of the earth.
You are the light of the world.
Go to the world and give it flavor.
Go with the light and let it shine.

You are the salt of the earth.
You are the light of the world.
But what good is the salt if it loses its flavor?
What good is the light until it shines?

One tiny bit can change all the flavor and
take the bitterness away.
A tiny point of light can pierce through the darkness to
shine with a guiding ray.

Go live as the salt of the earth.
Go live as the light of the world.
You are the salt, so share all the flavor.
You are the light, so let it shine.

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 #354

Guide My Feet

Guide My Feet

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #435

Now let us be united

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

**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

Vulpius
Tami Newsom, organ

Willan

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, Marie Shear, Chris Sparks

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT



WEEK OF
FEBRUARY 8. 2026

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESCHEDULED TO TODAY, 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 9th, 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 15 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 TODAY for Souper Bowl Sunday.

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



All are invited to a special *Soul Cafe* gathering TODAY, February 8th 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 5:30 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.

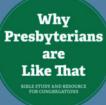
Starting Monday, February 9, the class meets on Mondays from 5:30-6:30pm until Holy Week.

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!



This Week at FPC

Sun, Feb 8

9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
10am Annual Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
10:15am Soul Cafe/Room A
 Pastor Matt's Class/Library - 
 KidStart/Room D
 YouthQuest/Youth Rm
11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
12pm Annual Congregational Meeting/Sanctuary
12:15pm Nibbles in the Narthex
2pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Room

Mon, Feb 9

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
10am Outreach Committee/Library
10am Book Club/Room A
4pm Stephen Ministry/Library
5:30pm The 5th Gospel Class/Room A
6:30pm Israel Trip Info Meeting/Room A
7pm Christian Formation/Zoom

Tues, Feb 10

10am PW Circle #1/Room A
10am PW Circle #2/Library
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6pm Personnel/Library
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Feb 11

10am PW Circle #3/Library
12pm Parlor reserved
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
6pm Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

Thurs, Feb 12

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
9am Property Committee/Library
6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room D, Parlor
7pm Science & Faith/Room A

Fri, Feb 13

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
11am Posies Planning Meeting/Library
7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

Elemental

Science & Faith at FPC

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!



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>



**Annual Meeting of the Congregation
Farragut Presbyterian Church
February 8, 2026**

Agenda

I.	Opening Prayer	Rev. Matt Nieman
II.	Review of 2025 Ministry	
III.	Update on Horizon 2035	Rev. Dr. John Sharp
IV.	Review of 2025 Finances Presentation of 2026 Budget	Elder Cheryl Cardwell
V.	The Year Ahead a. Fresh Look II	
VI.	Closing Prayer	
VII.	Adjournment	

FPC 2026 Budget information

Budget Category	2025 Actual	2025 Budget	2026 Budget
Offering income	\$723,390	\$720,000	\$725,000
Big Fish Academy Income	\$24,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Miscellaneous Income	\$24,729	\$23,450	\$19,450
Total Income	\$772,119	\$767,450	\$768,450
Session expenses*	\$48,975	\$52,241	\$49,071
Administration	\$468,447	\$457,544	\$507,372
Property	\$128,846	\$123,975	\$100,975
Christian Formation	\$13,937	\$15,600	\$12,050
Church Life	\$5,809	\$9,420	\$7,150
Worship and Music	\$24,079	\$34,325	\$24,450
Outreach	\$74,812	\$74,345	\$67,382
Total Expense	\$764,905	\$767,450	\$768,450
Net Income	<u>\$7,214</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

* includes \$37,877 total principal payments on mortgage

Other 2025 Giving

Christmas Joy Gift	\$2,157
One Great Hour	\$3,779
Pentecost Offering	\$1,880
Peacemaking Offering	<u>\$1,890</u>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>\$9,706</i>
Mortgage Reduction	\$1,600
Other Designated Gifts	\$50,031

FPC Pastor: 2026 Terms of Call

Cash Salary: \$55,245
Housing allowance: \$48,000
Social Security Tax Supplement: \$7,898
Medical and pension coverage: \$49,136
Dental Insurance: \$1,448
Annual paid vacation: 5 weeks
Annual continuing education leave: 2 weeks

Annual allowances for reimbursement of expenses
 Continuing education \$ 2,000
 Professional expenses \$ 1,000

Actual mileage reimbursed at IRS rate

Horizon 2035 Update

Plan Progress Since May 2025

Overview and Purpose

- *Horizon 2035* is a visioning and readiness initiative shaped by months of input from Session, church leadership, and the entire congregation.
- The plan was adopted by Session in late April 2025, with immediate implementation commencing.
- Copies of the plan were made available to the congregation.
- *Horizon 2035* is not a rigid formula or recipe, but a living framework designed to:
 - Reflect FPC's unique identity and values
 - Respond to emerging opportunities
 - Catalyze a vibrant, missional future

Plan Activities and Implementation

Horizon Implementation Team

- A dedicated Horizon Implementation Team was created to communicate updates, provide accountability and foster progress to plan.
- Updates are provided - both formal and informal, via multiple reports to Session, congregational written and oral updates, and conversations with Implementation Team members.
- Implementation Team members are: Thomas Feldhausen, Sharon Koch, Lynn Kzos, Matt Nieman, John Sharp and Jeff Thode

Planning, Tracking, and Infrastructure

- Developed a fully functional Gantt Chart to track implementation progress, and ongoing development of a church health and mission dashboard.
- Evaluation of activities, schedules and resources that align with mission, identity and best practice. New activities such as "Narthex Nibbles" after the second service, the Christmas Memorial service, and *Lunch & Learn* are a few examples.
- Successfully onboarded a Director of Christian Formation.
- Input to Session and church leadership relative to needs and opportunities identified by *Horizon 2035* that might be addressed in Fresh Look II initiative.

Vision Launch and 40th Anniversary Celebration

Six-Week Vision Launch – Summer 2025

- Dates established and observed for a six-week vision emphasis and 40th birthday celebration.
- Weekly worship focused on themes aligned with the church's mission.
- "Love & Learn" was adopted as missional expression of FPC's purpose.
- Created an updated church emblem designed by in-house artists.
- Published a "Telling Our Story" explanation of the new emblem.

- Developed and distributed new identity brochures detailing the mission and activities of the church. These are available in pew racks and throughout the church – members being encouraged to invite and welcome new participants.

Celebration Highlights

- Hands-on mission project during “Love the World” Sunday: with hundreds of meals prepared and approximately 90 participants. These “Meals with a Mission” outreach events will continue in 2026.
- New Sunday class announced on “Learn” Sunday.
- 40th birthday celebration (July 13) with baptisms, interviews with charter members and over 160 luncheon attendees.

Quest: Christian Formation and Discipleship

Quest Structure and Offerings

- Developed unique framework for Christian formation at FPC, and published *Quest* class menus for ongoing and new offerings. Menu will be updated and published at least twice annually.
- Children and youth ministries are developing structures aligned with the *Quest* theme and scope.

Adult Formation Initiatives

- **Young Adult Small Group** - Launched August 17 after consultation with young adult leaders. New groups will form on an “on demand” basis.
- **Soul Café**: - Class began July 20 with ongoing attendance of around 20.
- **Pastor’s Class** - Continues as a core *Quest* offering with robust participation.
- **Additional Classes have included** - *You, an Owner’s Manual*, C.S. Lewis/Narnia class (part of ongoing Thursday evening class online) and *Lunch & Learn* which launched January 15 with about 36 participants.

Upcoming Opportunities

- **The Fifth Gospel** – Starts 2/9/26 at 5:30 pm in Room A. This will be a lively “virtual” trip through the land of the Bible – deepening understanding of the context and meaning of our faith by experiencing the story that the land and its culture are telling. A perfect way to observe Lent and prepare for Easter!
- **Elemental** – Conversations in science and faith at FPC, launches on 2/12/26 at 7:00 pm in Room A. This initial event features biology professor and author Drew Crain. Future events will include reading groups, featured presenters and topics of current interest. Invite your friends and colleagues!
- **Israel Trip** – February of 2027. Come to the information meeting on Monday, February 9th at 6:30 in Room A for much more on this.
