

2nd Sunday
in Lent



March 1, 2026

the good news is...

great love for
God & neighbor

11:00 a.m.



This service is being recorded by
video and audio means.

*We invite you to stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude

Flutes from Suite du Deuxieme Ton
Tami Newsom, organ

Clerambault

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.

*Hymn #488

The God of Abraham Praise

Leoni

*Call to Confession

*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)

*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

Brian Davison

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.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:35-40

[Pew Bible pg. 29]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Psalms 121

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

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My— help comes from the Lord, the ma-ker of heav'n and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth. (R)

He will not let your foot be moved and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep; (R)

The Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. (R)

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50

[Pew Bible pg. 66]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

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

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

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.

The Anthem

God So Loved The World
Chancel Choir

John Stainer

God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoso believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world;
But that the world, through Him, might be saved.

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 (see next page) *I Come with My Devotion* Angel's Story

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #81 *And through these days of penitence* St. Flavian

**And through these days of penitence, And through Thy Passiontide,
 Yea, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

*Postlude *Basse de Cromorne from Suite du Deuxieme Ton* Clerambault
 Tami Newsom, organ

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

Usher ~ Wayne Walls
A/V Team ~ David Long and Mason Warren

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:



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

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 a special time of
Fellowship after worship.

Narthex
Nibbles

Join us for Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday
March 29
Worship at 10am
with a meal to follow

Maundy Thursday Service
April 2
7:00pm

Good Friday Service
April 3
12:00 noon

Easter Sunday Worship Services
April 5
Casual Service at 9:00am
Traditional Service at 11:00am



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

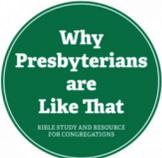
People who live in Palestine and Israel often call the land of the Bible, "The 5th Gospel," as it tells the story of our faith in unique and unforgettable ways. Want fresh perspective and deeper understanding of a faith rooted in another place, time, language and culture? John Sharp has spent time in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

