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LOVE AND LEARN

Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

April 26, 2026
11:00 a.m.

~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ
Tami Newsom, organ

Bach

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We have been through much, but the Lord has been with us,
and so we find peace and give thanks.

The Lord is our shepherd; we have everything we need.

Through shadow and light, through death and birth, through grief and joy, we have never
been alone. We rest in that truth.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow us all the days of our lives, and we shall dwell in
the house of the Lord forever.**

*Hymn #288

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Ellacombe

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**Holy One, we confess to you and to one another that we have not always followed
Christ's example. When we have been abused, we have been abusive in return. We have
gone astray. Lead us back into your fold and guard our souls in Jesus' name.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #574

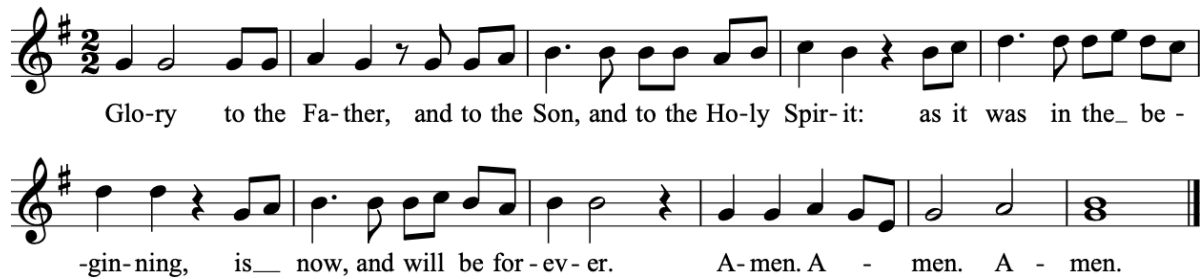
Johnson



*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #567

Weaver



Glo-ry to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Spir-it: as it was in the_ be -
-gin-ning, is_ now, and will be for - ev - er. A-men. A - men. A - men.

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

Paul Johnson

Loving God, we pray that your Holy Spirit will strengthen us to be devoted to the teachings of your Word, that through it we may hear your voice and follow it into eternal life. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 2:19-25

[Pew Bible pg. 233]

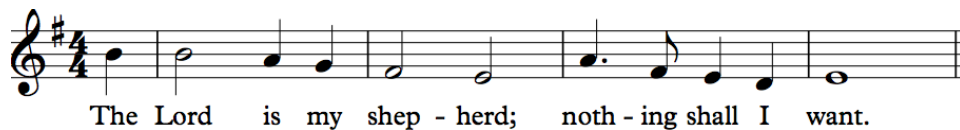
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 23

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



The Lord is my shep - herd; noth - ing shall I want.

Lord, you are my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pasture where you give me repose.
Near restful waters you lead me, to revive my drooping spirit (R)

You guide me along the right path; You are true to your name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I swell for ever and ever. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 2:42-47

[Pew Bible pg. 120]

The Word of the Lord.

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Sermon

“All Were Together”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith - *from the Confession of 1967*

We believe that the new life in Christ does not absolve us from conflict with unbelief, pride, lust, and fear. We still must struggle with disheartening difficulties and problems. Nevertheless, we live in good cheer, bearing witness on good and evil days alike, confident that the new life is pleasing to God and helpful to others. As members of the Church, we are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all people in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics. We must resist pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God's purpose, rather than our schemes, will finally prevail.

Anthem

The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Chancel Choir

Edward Bairstow

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #171

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 #435

We All Are One in Mission

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*Benediction

*Response #104

Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!

Hymn to Joy

**Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: All creation is amazed.
In the desert all surrounding, See, a spreading tree has grown.
Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.**

*Postlude

Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!
Tami Newsom, organ

Cherwien

Ushers ~ Debby and Scott McKinney
A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, 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

Bob Bowman, Pat Dail, Kathy Emmerson, Marilyn Felts,
Dave & Megan Figel, Dean & Lucy Fleming,
Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally,
Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Linda Nunley,
Donna Phillips, Lewis Ransdell, John Thomason



Fresh Look 2 Q&A

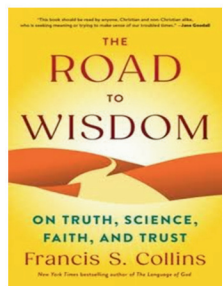
Join us today following both services for a Q&A regarding Fresh Look 2, the campaign to improve our sanctuary and narthex areas. The Session's prioritized list of projects will be reviewed, and opportunities for questions and comments will be provided.

They will take place at 10:00 in the narthex and 12:00 in the sanctuary.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Elemental April 28 at 7pm
Science & Faith at FPC

- Can science and faith help each other and serve society as robust ways of building trust, wisdom advancing the common good?
- Dr. Francis Collins led the National Institutes of Health and was co-director of the human genome project. Along the way, he moved from a position of atheism to that of humble and vibrant faith in Christ. Join us on Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 PM (Room A) as we discuss his newest book that has a lot to say to people of faith as well as skeptics.



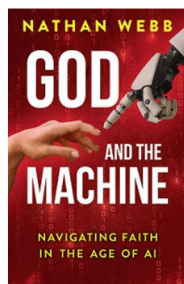
NEXT WEEK

Next Sunday, May 3 we will worship together at one service at 10am for Fresh Look 2 Commitment Sunday. Bring your commitment cards to present during worship and then stay for a fun Cinco de Mayo themed Commitment Sunday Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall directly following worship. Let us know you're coming by signing up in the Narthex or by using the link <https://tinyurl.com/CommitmentSundayLunch> or the QR code

Sunday morning Adult Classes at 10am



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!



Pastor Matt's class meets in the Library. Beginning May 10 we will start a study of the book God and the Machine by Nathan Webb. It's a study of artificial intelligence and how it relates to faith. As usual, you need not have read the book. However, if you'd like to read it, it can be found at Cokesbury.com or wherever books are sold.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CAM CABIN DONATIONS

SPRING has arrived, and we are organizing another trip to Townsend to take crafting supplies to CAM (Coalition of Appalachian Ministries) on May 20. Much appreciated are all sewing supplies and fabric, yarn, and even costume jewelry, if it is the type that can be incorporated into hand-made items. Also crafters have mentioned some special "wished-for" items: cotton for quilting and aprons, a great need for batting, denim, and yarn, especially cotton yarn. Used light bulbs are made into cute Snowmen and other Christmas decorations. Old and worn (even stained) tablecloths can be transformed into many useful items. Trims, such as ric rac and of course thread (black and white especially), and buttons are always on the wish list. The crafter who decorates glass jars is still doing it and uses even canning jars. For more information or to arrange a pick-up, call Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster. Anyone wanting to ride along is most welcome: we always enjoy our lunch out!



Sign up in the Narthex to serve at the Volunteer Ministry Center on May 19.

FPC's day to serve is the third Tuesday of every month.

Linda & Jim Scotthorn are coordinating the May 19 team.

UT Contemporary Acappella

The Sanctuary will be Rockin' on Sunday, May 03 at 6:00 p.m. with the annual free spring concert presented by the UT College of Music contemporary acappella groups for the benefit of our FPC community!

You'll hear such classics as:

Seven Bridges Road (The Eagles), Good Vibrations (The Beach Boys), jazz standard Autumn in New York, Dreams (Fleetwood Mac), Orange Colored Sky (Nat King Cole), Perfect (Ed Sheeran), Skyfall (James Bond), Birds of a Feather (Billie Ellish), Blame It on the Boogie (Jackson Five). There just may also be some UT songs you've heard a few times before!

So invite all your friends to come to FPC to hear covers of these popular songs and don't miss this opportunity to help our church community give a warm welcome to lots of visitors our special Music Ministry events bring into our beautiful worship space!

COMMUNITY BOARD



The next gathering will be May 2nd. Sign up in the Narthex.

The Menu

<u>Appetizer</u>	<u>Entree</u>
Authentic	Million Dollar
Mexican Shrimp	Chicken & Corn Souffle
Cocktail	
<u>Salad</u>	<u>Dessert</u>
Mandarin Orange	Strawberry
Salad	Shortcake

This Week at FPC

Sun, Apr 26

- 9am Casual Worship/Sanctuary
- 10am Fresh Look 2 Q&A/Narthex
- 10am Soul Cafe/Room A
Pastor Matt's Class/Library
- 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 12pm Fresh Look 2 Q&A/Sanctuary
- 12:15pm Nibbles in the Narthex
- 2pm TVP Rehearsal/FH, Room A, Narthex
- 6pm Fresh Look 2 Leadership Dinner/FH

Mon, Apr 27

- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 7pm Session/Library

Tues, Apr 28

- 10am PW Coordinating Team/Library
- 11am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Youth Rm
- 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 6:30pm CS Leaders #444/Library
- 7pm BS #444/FH, Room D, Narthex
- 7pm Science & Faith/Room A

Wed, Apr 29

- 12pm Parlor Reserved
- 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 3pm Library Reserved
- 6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Sanctuary
- 6pm TVP Rehearsal/FH, Room A, Narthex
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

Thurs, Apr 30

- 4pm Bill Jones Homeschool Music Recital/Sanctuary
- 6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor

Fri, May 1

- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

Sat, May 2

- 2pm TVP Rehearsal/FH, Room A, Narthex



CALLING ALL FPC GOLFERS

Our FPC golf group meets Wednesdays at the Avalon Golf and Country Club. We play 9 holes starting at 4:30pm followed by dinner at the club. The golf is \$30 including the green's fees and cart.

Join us for fun and fellowship!

If you are interested in playing please RSVP to Wayne Walls.

PET Outdoor Ministry Team wants to hear from you!

Listening sessions about the past, present and future of John Knox Center will take place in person on May 31st here at FPC at 2:30pm

Contact the church office for other virtual or in person dates if you are not able to attend on May 31.

