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LOVE AND LEARN

Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

May 10, 2026
11:00 a.m.

~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

Miles Lane (March)
Tami Newsom, organ

Wright

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of praise be heard! God has kept us among the living and has not let our feet slip.

We went through fire and through water, yet God has brought us out to a spacious place.

Come and hear what God has done for us, all who fear God.

Surely God has listened to us and heard our prayers!

Blessed be God, who is steadfast love.

*Hymn #457

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

Toulon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Loving God, we do not always keep your commandments; we fail to love you; our conscience is not clear. Wash us in the water of life that we may live again through grace and mercy of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #574

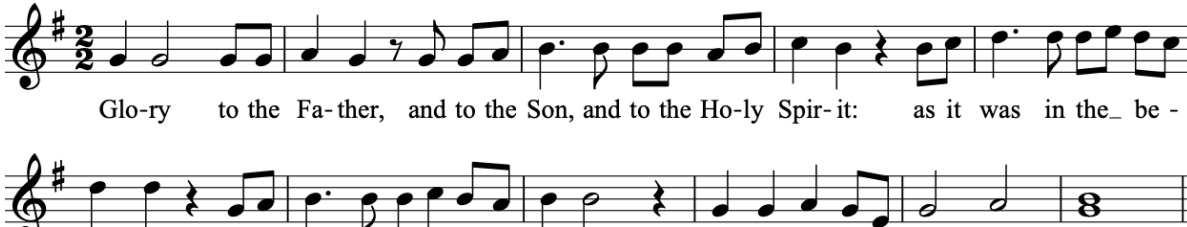
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*Declaration of Forgiveness

*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

Brian Davison

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate: Open our hearts and minds this day, entice us with your presence. Spark us with a word of life – a message that we may share with others as we seek to live Christ’s love in the world. All this we ask in the name of God, who creates, redeems, and sustains us. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-22

[Pew Bible pg. 234]


The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 31

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



In you, O Lord, in you have I tak-en ref - uge.



In you, O Lord, I take refuge. Let me never be put to shame.
In your justice, set me free. Hear me and speedily rescue me.
Be a rock of refuge for me. A mighty stronghold to save me,
For you are my rock, my stronghold. For your name’s sake, lead me and guide me. **(R)**

Release me from the snare they have hidden for you are my refuge, Lord.
Into your hands I commend my spirit. It is you who will redeem me, Lord.
My life is in your hands; deliver me from the hands of those who hate me.
Let your face shine on your servant. Save me in your love. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: John 14:15-21

[Pew Bible pg. 109]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

"Never Alone"

Rev. Matt Nieman



~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith - *(from the PCUSA Study Catechism)*

Question 54: What do you believe when you confess your faith in the Holy Spirit?

Apart from the Holy Spirit, our Lord can neither be loved, nor known, nor served. The Holy Spirit is the personal bond by which Jesus Christ unites us to himself, the teacher who opens our hearts to Christ, and the comforter who leads us to repentance, empowering us to live in Christ's service. As the work of the one Holy Spirit, our love, knowledge, and service of Christ are all inseparably related.

Anthem

Come and Go with Me

Grier and Everson

Men's Ensemble

(Our Men's Ensemble sings today in honor of the women of our congregation!)

It's me, O Lord, standing in the need of prayer.
Come and go with me to that land where I'm bound.
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,
standing in the need of prayer.



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 #543

Abide with Me

Eventide

*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

Allein Gott in der Hoh sei Her
Tami Newsom, organ

Phillips

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

Pat Dail, Frank Dorman, 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, Jan & Jerry Seiler, John Thomason

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

"PACK a PACK" with SUMMER SNACKS



On May 14th, Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry will host one of the three planned school voucher days. When school is out, kids don't always get enough food. If you'd like to help fill the Summer Snack Packs that will be distributed that day with shelf stable, individually wrapped items, here's some suggestions:

Fruit Cups, Peanut Butter and Cheese Crackers, Go Yogurt pouches, Protein Bars, Ramen Noodles, Microwave Mac & Cheese and Spaghetti cups, Juice/Lemonade packets to add to water, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Betty Nicholls.

Now through May 11, there is a labeled shopping cart in the Narthex for these items. As always, the FPC support for these special requests is greatly appreciated.



Board of Church Visitors 2026 Fundraising Campaign

The Board of Church Visitors is a group of dedicated church leaders and laity that have supported students, special projects, and campus ministry initiatives throughout the years. During the 2026 Annual Gathering of the Board of Church Visitors on April 21st and 22nd, the Board set an impressive goal of raising \$25,000 collectively toward two avenues that have direct student contact and impact. Their goal is to raise \$12,500 for Faith-related Scholarships and \$12,500 for the MAST Program. The campaign ends on Friday, May 15th, so donate TODAY! You can give online at: <http://maryville.link/bcv> Or you can send a check to the Maryville College Center for Campus Ministry with it earmarked for the Board of Church Visitors campaign. If you have questions please contact FPC's Director of Family Ministries, Mason Warren.

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: hymnals (from any denomination), 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!

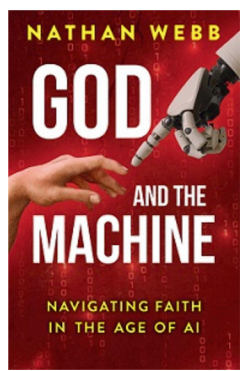
SPIRITUAL FORMATION

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.



FPC Shepherds Gathering

Our FPC Shepherds will gather for a meeting and check-in on Monday, May 18 from 6-7pm in Room A with the FPC Shepherds coordinators.



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!

A listening session 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.



This Week at FPC

- Sun, May 10**
 - Happy Mother's Day!*
 - 9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot
 - 10am Soul Cafe/Room A
 - Pastor Matt's Class/Library
 - 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
 - 12:15pm Nibbles in the Narthex
 - 2pm TVP Rehearsal. FH, Room A, Narthex
- Mon, May 11**
 - 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
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 - 11am Library reserved
 - 3:30pm Stephen Ministry/Library
 - 7pm Christian Formation/Zoom
- Tues, May 12**
 - 10am PW Circle #1/Room A
 - 10am PW Circle #2/Library
 - 6pm Personnel/Library
 - 7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
- Wed, May 13**
 - 10am PW Circle #3/Library
 - 12pm Parlor Reserved
 - 6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Sanctuary
 - 6pm TVP Rehearsal/FH, Room A, Narthex
 - 7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A
- Thurs, May 14**
 - 8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
 - 9am Property Committee/Library
 - 6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor
- Fri, May 15**
 - 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
 - 7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex
- Sat, May 16**
 - 1pm HOA Meeting/Room A
 - 2pm TVP Rehearsal/Fellowship Hall



A Mother's Day for All

by Pauline O'Shea

For Mothers here and everywhere,
Who feel the joy, or the despair,
Of what it means to really care,
For offspring of all stages here

For children who've been mothered so,
Adopted, fostered, or from the womb,
Or nurtured by a guardian too,
This day's a day to give thanks too

For those who yearn for those not here,
The child not born, lost, or deceased,
Or mothers whose time here has ceased,
Know angel love surrounds your face

For those who chose no parent call,
But still do much to serve us all,
Know that we appreciate all
You do to make life wonderful

For those who suffer memories toll,
Of Mother's not meeting their call,
With responses not good, or small,
You're worth so much, stand righteous tall

This day is for all creatures here,
To celebrate those who appear,
To help us get from birth to here,
Know love like that lasts eternally

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