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LOVE AND LEARN

Farragut  
Presbyterian  
Church

May 17, 2026  
11:00 a.m.

## ~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

*Spirit*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Bedford

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Let the righteous be joyful!

**Sing to God; sing praises to God's name;**

**lift up a song to the one who rides upon the clouds.**

Listen, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.

**Ascribe power to God, whose power is in the skies.**

\*Hymn #151

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Diademata

\*Call to Confession

\*Prayer of Confession

**Living God, we confess that our faith is sometimes weak, our love for others can be faint, our prayers are often timid, and our gratitude is frequently unconvincing. When we stand looking toward heaven, yet feel far from you, you draw near in mercy to forgive us, and fill us with your power, through the grace of Jesus, our resurrected Savior.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*Kyrie eleison #574

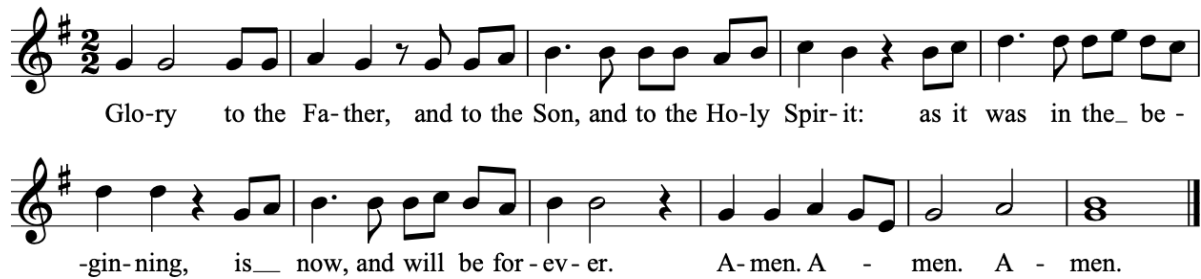
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\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*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

David Stutzenberger

**Come Holy Spirit, open our minds to see the power of Scripture to give life; enlighten our hearts that we might see Christ in all whom we meet; in the name of the one, holy, and living God, to whom we give all glory. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Luke 24:44-53

[Pew Bible pg. 91]

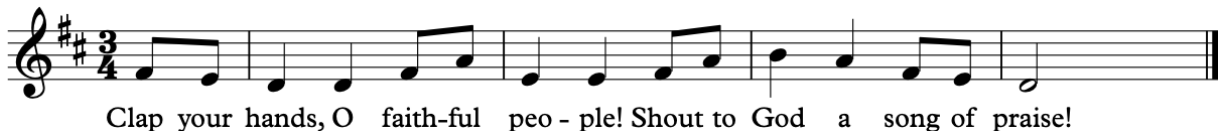
The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

Psalm 47

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



Clap your hands, O faith-ful peo - ple! Shout to God a song of praise!

Clap your hands, O faithful people! Shout to God a song of praise!  
From the dust of conquered nations, God a realm of grace shall raise.  
To God's name forever faithful, May we prosper all our days. (R)

With a shout, and blast of trumpet, God shall mount a throne on high:  
Let our praise, as finest incense, Rise to meet God in the Sky.  
Fill the world with glad rejoicing. Heaven shall sing, and earth reply. (R)

Let your hearts be filled with gladness, As the Lord your life shall bless:  
Live as heirs of God's great justice, Wear the cloak of righteousness.  
God will grant us earth's dominion, All things good, and nothing less. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11

[Pew Bible pg. 118]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“What Time It Is”

Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith - *(written by Rev. Lynn Oakley)*

**We believe that God is not finished with us. We believe that resurrection does not erase wounds but transforms them. We believe that doubt held in community can become deeper trust. We believe that the Spirit moves not only in certainty, but in discernment and holy imagination. We trust that God is doing a new thing—not something we manufacture, but something we receive.**

Anthem

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*  
Chancel Choir

arr. Hal Hopson

The anthem text may be found in The Hymnal, #142

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 #145

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

Marion

\*Benediction

\*Response #155

*Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Darwall's 148<sup>th</sup>

**Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

\*Postlude

*Miles Lane*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Wright

Ushers ~ Carol & Greg Kraft  
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](mailto: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

Join us for a special time of Fellowship after worship.

*Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!*

Help provide Nibbles for our 11:00 worship fellowship time after the service!

Sign up in the Narthex or at <https://tinyurl.com/NarthexNibbles>

or use the QR code



*Narthex  
Nibbles*

## 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: 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!



Meals with a Mission  
June 14

On June 14 we will pack chicken and rice meal bags for local food pantries.

We need your help funding this project!

**On May 31 we will collect donations to fund the project during worship.**



## SPIRITUAL FORMATION

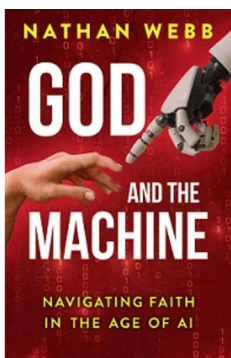


### Lunch and Learn

Please join us on the third Thursday of each month for a time of food, faith and fellowship. Our next gathering is Thursday, May 21, 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>

### 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](http://Cokesbury.com) or wherever books are sold.

# FAMILY MINISTRIES



Our Summer KidsQuest program, Faith Frontier, is just around the corner, and we are currently **seeking volunteers** to help make this Summer's adventure possible! Whether you enjoy working directly with children, helping with activities, or supporting behind the scenes, we would love for you to join us "On the Trail with Jesus" this Summer. Sign up information can be found at



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EAAAD2CA2F58-64097170-kidsquest>

Our Summer youth activities are quickly approaching, and we are currently seeking adult volunteers and chaperones to help support our students throughout the Summer. If you are interested in helping with trips, events, and fellowship opportunities, please see the sign up information at

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050E4EAAAD2CA2F58-64116501-2026>



## COMMUNITY BOARD



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

## *This Week at FPC*

- Sun, May 17**  
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 18**  
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex  
5pm Church Life Committee/Library  
6pm Shepherd Gathering/Room A
- Tues, May 19**  
10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC  
6pm Admin/Library  
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
- Wed, May 20**  
11am Big Fish Graduation/Sanctuary  
12pm Parlor Reserved  
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A  
6pm TVP Rehearsal/FH, Narthex  
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A
- Thurs, May 21**  
11:30am Lunch and Learn/Room A  
6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor
- Fri, May 22**  
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex  
7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> 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.*

