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*We invite you to stand as able.

*BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age
Please bring children ages 3-11 to Room D prior to the start of Worship for our
Summer KidsQuest Program: Faith Frontier.*

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

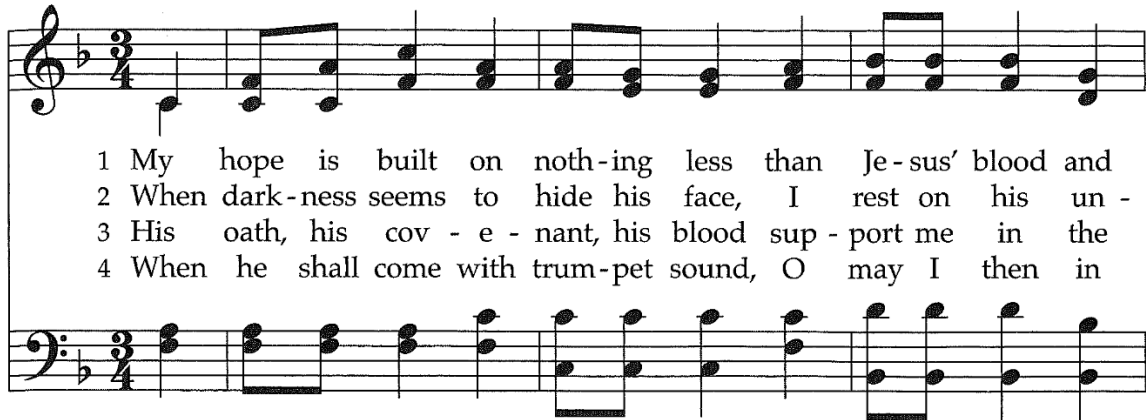
My Jesus
Worship Team

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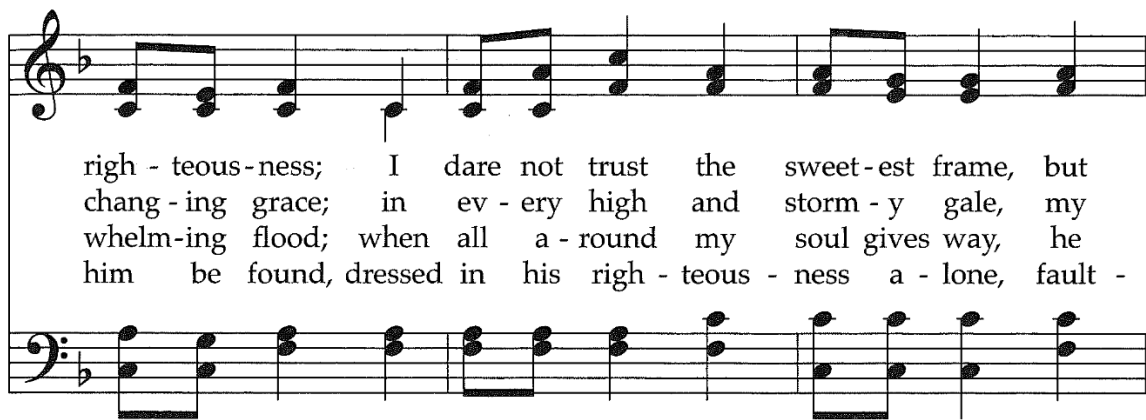
Call to Worship

The windows of heaven are open;
let us receive God's abundance.

My Hope is Built

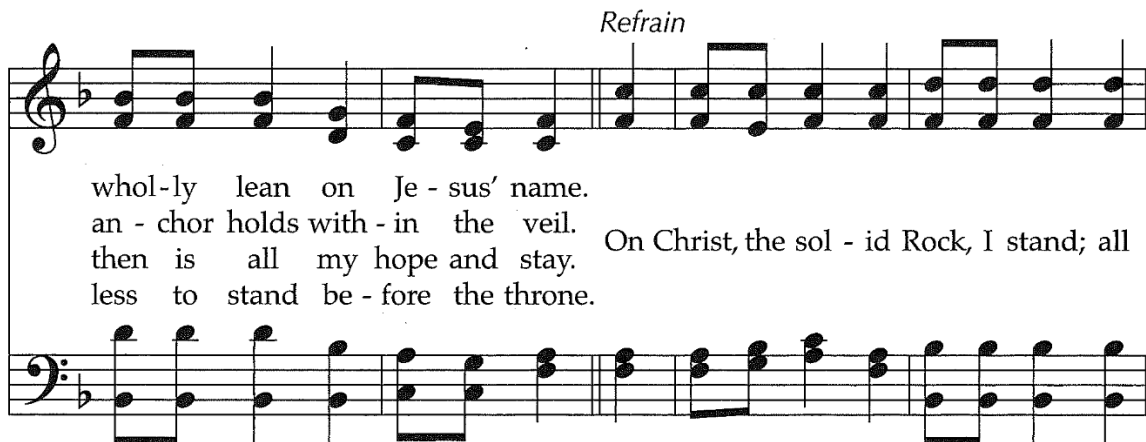


1 My hope is built on noth-ing less than Je-sus' blood and
2 When dark-ness seems to hide his face, I rest on his un -
3 His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood sup - port me in the
4 When he shall come with trum-pet sound, O may I then in



righ - teous-ness; I dare not trust the sweet-est frame, but
chang-ing grace; in ev - ery high and storm - y gale, my
whelm-ing flood; when all a - round my soul gives way, he
him be found, dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone, fault -

Refrain



whol-ly lean on Je - sus' name.
an - chor holds with - in the veil. On Christ, the sol - id Rock, I stand; all
then is all my hope and stay.
less to stand be - fore the throne.



oth-er ground is sink-ing sand; all oth-er ground is sink-ing sand.

***Prayer of Confession**

Patient and persistent God, we come, polished and presentable, to this comfortable room as if we knew what to expect, as if this were a safe and predictable place, as if we could simply observe. Holy One, forgive our tepid expectations. In the mystery of your love, overshadow us. Plant the seeds of your gospel in each of our hearts until we bloom and spill with your passion to serve in a world that is wasting.

(please continue in silent prayer)

***The Peace**

**The Peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.**



~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

John Begovich

God of life, by the power of your Spirit come to us now. Plow our hearts with your living Word until we who are broken become fertile with your love, for we long to bear fruit in a world that is wasting. We pray in the name of Jesus, whose charge we bear. Amen.

**Scripture Readings: Romans 8:1-22
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23**

Sermon

"On Fertile Ground"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Declaration of Barmen*, 8.17)

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in the midst of a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely Christ's property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from Christ's comfort and from Christ's direction in the expectation of his appearance.

Musical Reflection

Beautiful Things

Worship Team

Verse 1

All this pain
I wonder if I'll ever find my way
I wonder if my life could really change
At all

Verse 2

All this earth
Could all that is lost ever be found
Could a garden come up from this ground
At all

Chorus

You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of the dust
You make beautiful things
You make beautiful things out of us

Verse 3

All around
Hope is springing up from this old ground
Out of chaos life is being found
In You

Bridge

You make me new You are making me new
You make me new You are making me new

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Sacrament of Baptism

Marigold Elizabeth Fritz
Daughter of Meredith and Tucker Fritz

In the Life of the Church

Call for Giving



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.



~ We Remember ~

Invitation to the Lord's Table



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 Communion of the People

Communion Song

Gratitude
Worship Team

Verse 1

All my words fall short
I got nothing new
How could I express
All my gratitude

Verse 2

I could sing these songs
As I often do
But every song must end
And You never do

Verse 3

I've got one response
I've got just one move
With my arms stretched wide
I will worship You

Bridge

Come on my soul
Oh don't you get shy on me
Lift up your song
'Cause you've got a lion inside of those lungs
Get up and praise the Lord

Chorus

So I throw up my hands
And praise You again and again
'Cause all that I have is a hallelujah hallelujah
And I know it's not much
But I've nothing else fit for a king
Except for a heart singing hallelujah
Hallelujah

~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

My Feet Are On the Rock

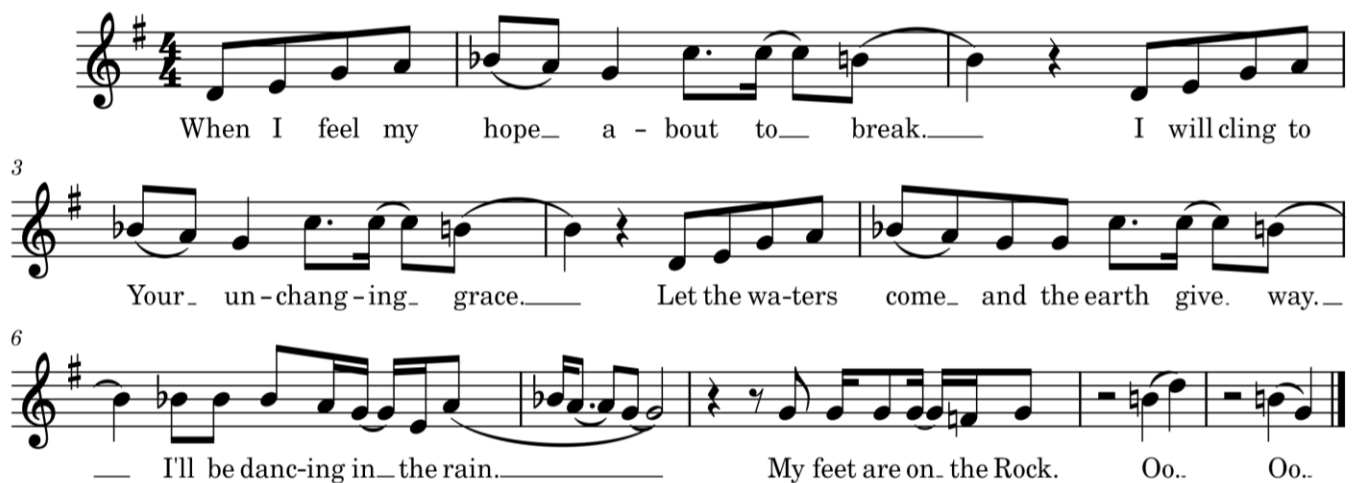
Verse 1

I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds they try to shake me
I will not be moved my feet are on the Rock

Verse 2

I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the Rock

CHORUS



When I feel my hope_ a - bout to_ break.____ I will cling to
3 Your_ un - chang - ing_ grace.____ Let the wa - ters come_ and the earth give. way._
6 I'll be danc - ing in_ the rain._____ My feet are on_ the Rock. Oo.. Oo..

Verse 3

I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground

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*Charge and Benediction



Today's Worship Team

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals
Steve Darnell, mandolin ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Kevin Zetina, cajon & percussion
Mindy Houlihan, Shannon Needham, Laura Nieman, vocals

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, Mason Warren, and Kat Wilson

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, Jan Darnell, Brian Davison, Dave & Megan Figel,
Dean & Lucy Fleming, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless,
Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom,
Linda Nunley, Donna Phillips, John Thomason,

Bereaved

Prayers for Patricia Watson and family at the loss of husband and father, Jack Watson on July 9.

Prayers for the family of Bob Bowman who died on June 24. A memorial service for Bob will be held at FPC on Saturday, August 1. Visitation is at 10am and the service will begin at 11am with a reception to follow in the narthex.



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Love and Learn



<http://tinyurl.com/FPCE-giving>

Pastor.....Rev. Matthew Nieman
Director of Spiritual Formation.....Rev. Dr. John Sharp
Director of Family Ministries.....Mason Warren
Director of Music.....Dr. Angela L. Batey
Associate Director of Music.....Tami Newsom
Music Leader for Casual Worship
and Office Administrator.....Sandra Porter Bohlken
Bookkeeper.....Lori Corbett
Treasurer.....John Begovich
Financial Secretary.....Tom Koch
Clerk of Session.....Lisa Gary

Join us in the Fellowship Hall after worship for our Annual Church Picnic!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Back to School at Sunset Gap

Look for the sign up board in the narthex or outside for early service to sign up to sponsor an item for a child in Cocke Co. We are sponsoring 28 children this year. Sign up on the board, be sure to note your number and return to church by July 26. (no gift wrapping please)

You can also sign up online at

<https://tinyurl.com/SGback2school26>

or by using the QR code



Questions? Contact Debbie Long

Come see all the cute clothes and supplies for our Sunset Gap children. On Sunday July 26th we will be sorting all the items into one large bag for each child. Many hands will make this job go quickly right after the later service. We only have 28 children but it's important that every item on each child's list is there and checked off.

Come help for 30 minutes or an hour if it takes that long.

We need you!

SORT



Saddle up and join us for our Summer KidsQuest on the "Faith Frontier!"

We meet every Sunday during our 9am worship service for learning and activities that remind us how God remains present with us throughout every season and circumstance of life.

School Supply Drive



Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join us in collecting school supplies for Special Area Teachers (art, music, PE, special education) in Cocke and Sevier Counties. Items most needed include: tissues, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, printer paper, ziplock bags, hand sanitizer, markers, construction paper, bottled glue, skin-toned crayons, sketchbooks. You may place your donations in the designated basket in the narthex. Deadline is July 26.

Questions? Contact Debbie Long.

Are you ready for a drive in the country?

On July 28, we will deliver all the supplies and clothes, plus all the yummy meals we made to Sunset Gap. We'll leave in the morning before it gets hot to make the delivery. Those who would like to gather for some fellowship after the delivery will stop for a bite to eat.

We are looking for 3-4 more vehicles.

Call Debbie Long 865-919-5701 if you can drive or would like to help unload.



FAMILY MINISTRIES

FPC Youth in grades 6-12 join us for our fun summer outings!

Kids ages 3-11 join us for KidsQuest on Sundays

FPC YOUTH SUMMER 2026

JULY 5	NO YOUTH
JULY 12	ESCAPE ROOM
JULY 14	SMYD • RIVER RAT TUBING
JULY 19	ONE KNOXVILLE SOCCER GAME
JULY 21	YOUTH SERVE • VMC
JULY 25	WHITE WATER RAFTING
AUGUST 2	SOAKY MOUNTAIN WATERPARK
AUGUST 9	NO YOUTH

**ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE
FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT
MASON WARREN, MASONWARREN@FPCFN.ORG**





FPC NIGHT AT THE SMOKIES

Saturday, August 1 at 7pm

Knoxville Smokies take on the Pensacola Blue Wahoos at Covenant Health Park.

Tickets are \$21 each

Seats are in section 106

Parking at Langley Garage can be purchased in advance for \$5 or day of the game for \$7.

Things to note:

Stadium is cash free and has a clear bag policy

For more information and to reserve your seats use the sign up sheets in the Narthex. Deadline to reserve your seats is July 13.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

SAVE THE DATE

Join our Quest Through the Wilderness! This fall, the Thursday evening Bible study group will begin an in-depth look at the Book of Exodus, from baby Moses to God descending in a cloud.

We meet from 7-8pm on Zoom almost every Thursday, but it's a come-when-you-can attendance policy, so don't let a busy schedule keep you away. If you'd like to know more, or to receive the Zoom link, please contact Elizabeth Wilson or the church office. Our first class, which will be orientation, introduction, and fellowship time, will be September 10.

We'd love to have you join us.

This Week at FPC

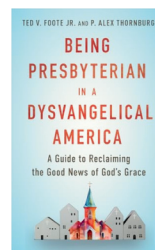
Sun, Jul 12	10am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot 11am Church Picnic/Fellowship Hall
Mon, Jul 13	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 3:30pm Stephen Ministry/Library 7pm Christian Formation/Zoom
Tues, Jul 14	10am Small & Mighty Youth Group/Off-site 6pm Personnel/Library
Wed, Jul 15	12pm Mah Jong/Narthex 12pm Parlor Reserved
Fri, Jul 17	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sat, Jul 18	All-day Fellowship Hall Reserved



Sign up in the Narthex for the Foodies Picnic at Mikie's Lake House!

Our next gathering will be Saturday, July 25th starting at 3pm
The menu: Shrimp Boil (we eat at 5pm)

Pastor Matt's Class will resume August 2, in the library, with a study of the book *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* by Presbyterian ministers Ted Foote and Alex Thornburg. "Dysvangelical" names a theology that is distorted, dysfunctional, and dystopian, twisting the good news of God's grace into a message of fear, partisanship, and exclusion.



"In this new book, the authors speak directly to Presbyterians who are disillusioned and confused by how Christianity is being misused in American culture. So often, our beliefs as faithful Christians do not line up with the shouted chants and disturbing actions taken by those claiming to represent a true vision of Christianity. Twenty-five years after their best-selling book *Being Presbyterian in the Bible Belt*, the authors return with fresh urgency to affirm the heart of Reformed theology and what it means to be truly evangelical in a time of theological and cultural distortion. With clarity, compassion, and a touch of humor, *Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America* equips readers to name what feels wrong, rediscover what is right, and live into a gospel that is still good news for all."

As always, you need not have read the book to attend the class. In fact, invite a friend who might have interest in this discussion about the direction of the church and faith in our country today.

