

July 5, 2026



This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*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

Your Love Awakens Me
Worship Team

CCLI Song # 7054720 Chris Quilala | Phil Wickham

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Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

*Opening Song

For Everyone Born

E *Leader or All* A2

1 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2 For wom - an and man, a place at the ta - ble,
 3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5 For ev - ery - one born, a place at the ta - ble,

E A2 B sus B

for ev - ery - one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
 re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

F#m7 E/G# A2 B sus

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

E B sus E B sus

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wom - an and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

Refrain B *All* E E/G# A2 B sus B

and God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

E E/G# A2 B sus B

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes,

C#m C#m/B A2

God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice,

B sus B (E) *Fine* A2 E B sus B

jus - tice and joy!

*Prayer of Confession

Gracious and loving God, from the beginning you have called us to abide in love. You have called us to love you and to love one another. Yet, we confess, we often fail to do so. We allow the world to shape our desires, to redefine our understanding of freedom, and to cloud our vision, preventing us from seeing your image in one another. Merciful God, forgive us. Free us from the sin that hinders our ability to love one another. Free us from the division that seeks to separate us from you and your creation. Free us to love one another as you have loved us, empowered by the Holy Spirit and humbled by your faithfulness.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*The Peace

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



~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Genesis 4:1-10
1 John 3:11-17

Sermon

“Free to Be...”

Mason Warren

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ, through Scripture engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

Free to Be Me
Worship Team

Verse 1

At twenty years of age
I'm still looking for a dream
A war's already waged for my destiny
But You've already won the battle
And You've got great plans for me
Though I can't always see

Chorus 1

'Cause I got a couple dents in my fender
Got a couple rips in my jeans
Try to fit the pieces together
But perfection is my enemy
And on my own I'm so clumsy
But on Your shoulders I can see
I'm free to be me

Verse 2

When I was just a girl
I thought I had it figured out
See my life would turn out right
And I'd make it here somehow
But things don't always come that easy
And sometimes I would doubt

Bridge

And you're free to be you

Verse 3

Sometimes I believe that
I can do anything
Yet other times I think
I've got nothing good to bring
But You look at my heart
And You tell me
That I've got all You seek
Oh and it's easy to believe
Even though

Ending

I'm free to be me
And you're free to be you



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.

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.**

~ We Go Out Into the World ~

*Closing Song

Hold Us Together

Verse 1

It don't have a job
It don't pay your bills
Won't buy you a home in Beverly Hills
Won't fix your life
In five easy steps
Ain't the law of the land or the government
But it's all you need

Verse 2

It's waiting for you
Knocking at your door
In the moment of truth
When your heart hits the floor
And you're on your knees



CHORUS: And love will hold us to - geth - er, make us a shel - ter to weath -

C#m A E B/D# C#m A



er the storm. And I'll be my broth - er's keep - er, so the

E C#m A E



whole world will know that we're not a - lone. _____

*Charge and Benediction

Today's Worship Team

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Kevin Zetina, cajon & percussion
LisaKay Matchen, Eva Quinley Lynch, Whitney Sharp, and Bruce Wilson, 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, Dave & Megan Figel,
Dean & Lucy Fleming, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless,
Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom,
Donna Phillips, John Thomason

Bereaved

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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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

Please join us for our annual Church Picnic!

The Church Life Committee will provide
BBQ / Desserts /Beverages

We invite you to bring your favorite picnic side dish!

Unsure what to bring or feeling adventurous?

Here's a link for some new recipes we found that sound delicious:
https://www.tasteofhome.com/collection/bbq-sides?_cmp=stf

Don't have time to make a dish?

Fresh Market, Ingles and Publix also have some wonderful options.

We look forward to seeing you!

Come to the
CHURCH PICNIC
Sunday, July 12th 11:00a.m.
after the single worship service at 10:00 a.m.



Church Life needs a headcount to make sure we have enough food.
Please RSVP at
<https://tinyurl.com/ChurchPicnicRSVP>
or sign up on the narthex table.



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.



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)

FAMILY MINISTRIES

FPC YOUTH SUMMER 2026

- JULY 5 _____ NO YOUTH
- JULY 12 _____ ESCAPE ROOM
- JULY 14 _____ BMYG @ RIVER RAT TUBING
- JULY 19 _____ ONE KNOXVILLE SOCCER GAME
- JULY 21 _____ YOUTH SERVE @ VMC
- JULY 26 _____ 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

No Youth outing today,
July 5.

Middle and high school
students are invited to
join Mason for our next
outing on an escape room
adventure, July 12.

More details to come.



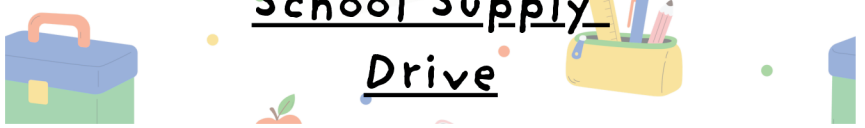
Kids ages 3-11

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.

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) Questions? Contact Debbie Long



SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Soul Cafe meets in Room A at 10am. John Sharp facilitates a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day. No lesson to prepare - come as you are!



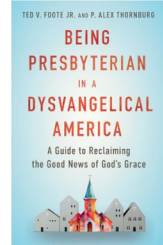
SAVE THE DATE

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 5
 - 9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot
 - 10am Soul Cafe/Room A
 - 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
 - 12:15pm Nibbles in the Narthex
- Mon, Jul 6
 - 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
 - 1pm Outreach Committee/Library
- Tues, Jul 7
 - 6:30pm Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor
- Wed, Jul 8
 - 12pm Mah Jong/Narthex
 - 12pm Parlor Reserved
 - 6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
- Thurs, Jul 9
 - 8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
- Fri, Jul 10
 - 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
 - 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

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.