

July 5, 2026



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\*We invite you to stand as able.

## ~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

*Patriotic Medley*

Olstad

Lynn Kszos, *flute* with Tami Newsom, *piano*

Greeting

Mason Warren

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.**

\*Hymn #562

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

Melita

\*Call to Confession

\*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)*

\*Kyrie eleison #574

Johnson

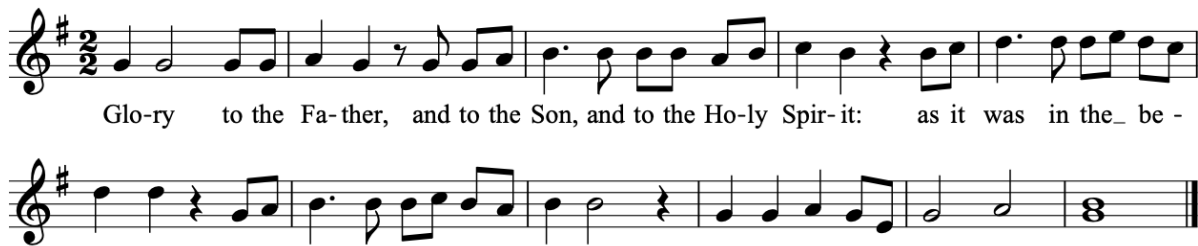


Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

\*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

Lynn Kszos

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 4:1-10

[Pew Bible pg. 3]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 146 (Tune: Nettleton, unison)

Morgan

**Bless the Lord, give praise and honor  
Unto God who lends me breath;  
May my tongue God's greatest never  
Cease to tell before my death.  
And in songs of sovereign goodness  
Let me sing beyond the grave;  
God, whose grace my life to ransom.  
God, whose will my soul to save.**

**Blessed are they whose hope is vested  
In the God of Israel;  
In the hour of deepest anguish,  
God's provisions will not fail.  
Freedom for the shackled spirit,  
Strength and stay to those who fall;  
Blessings offered without measure,  
Righteousness enough for all.**

Second Scripture Reading: 1 John 3:11-17

[Pew Bible pg. 240]

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

"Free to Be..."

Mason Warren

## ~ The Response ~

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.**

Anthem

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

Purifoy

Lynn Kszos, *flute* with Tami Newsom, *piano*

In the Life of the Church

Call for the Offering

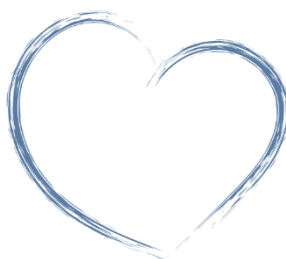


You can use the QR code to give online or place your offering in the baskets located at the Sanctuary doors. Thank you for your gifts.

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

We Are One in the Spirit 300  
They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

Capo 1: (Em) (Bm) (Em)  
Fm Cm Fm

1 We are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord;  
2 We will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand;  
3 We will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side;  
4 All praise to the Fa - ther, from whom all things come,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

we are one in the Spir - it; we are one in the Lord,  
we will walk with each oth - er; we will walk hand in hand,  
we will work with each oth - er; we will work side by side,  
and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's on - ly Son,

(Am) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm

and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re - stored:  
and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
and we'll guard hu - man dig - ni - ty and save hu - man pride:  
and all praise to the Spir - it, who makes us one:

Refrain (C) (Em)  
D<sup>b</sup> Fm

And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our

(Am) (Em) (Am) (Bm) (Em) (Am/E) (Em)  
B<sup>b</sup>m Fm B<sup>b</sup>m Cm Fm B<sup>b</sup>m/F Fm

love; yes, they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love.

A parish priest at St. Brendan's on the South Side of Chicago in the 1960s was very involved in the local Civil Rights movement and needed something for his youth choir to sing at ecumenical, interracial events. Finding nothing, he wrote this song in a single day.

TEXT and MUSIC: Peter Scholtes, 1966  
Text and Music © 1966 F.E.L. Publications, assigned 1991 to The Lorenz Corp.

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS  
7.6.7.6.8.6 with refrain

\*Benediction

\*Response #369

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!**

\*Postlude

*Stars and Stripes Forever*

Sousa

Tami Newsom, organ

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](mailto: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.

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



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](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 12<sup>th</sup> 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.



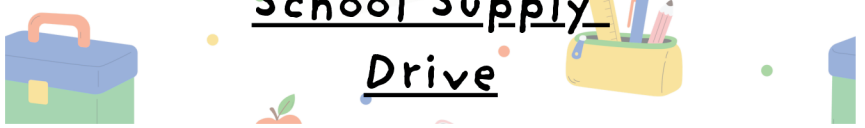
Kids ages 3-11

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

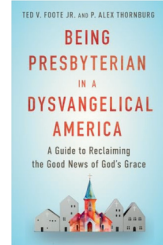
Soul Cafe meets in Room A at 10am. John Sharp facilitates a lively, interactive experience around worship themes and content for the day. No lesson to prepare - come as you are!



## 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.

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.

## 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