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*We invite you to stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Linda Stutzenberger, organ

Hopson

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

God is great and greatly to be praised;

There is no end to God's greatness. God's kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;

God's dominion endures throughout all ages.

*Hymn #281

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM Rhondda

*Call to Confession

***Prayer of Confession**

God of compassion, we are sick. We have wrestled all night with worry instead of resting in you. We have asserted our own goodness instead of awakening to yours. We have turned away those hungry for your help instead of trusting you and feeding them from your limitless supply of blessings. Forgive us, heal us, and help us to hold on to you. We call upon you, for you will answer us, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(please continue in silent prayer)

***Kyrie eleison #574**

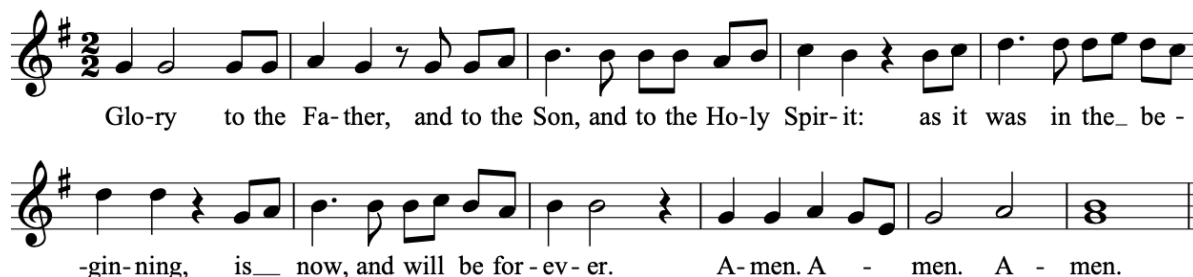
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***Declaration of Forgiveness**

***Gloria Patri #567**

Weaver



***The Peace**

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

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

David Stutzenberger

All-knowing God, you have satisfied our hunger at sunset and held us close through nights of wrestling. Now let the day break with your blessing. Awaken and illumine us by your Word that we may behold your likeness. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:13-21

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Hear, O Lord, my plea for justice,
Listen to my heartfelt prayer;
In Your just deliberation
May I find redemption there.

Test my heart for its affliction,
Purify my soul with fire;
Let my mortal tongue speak wisdom,
Righteousness be my desire.

Keep me, Lord, in sure protection,
As the apple of Your eye;
Shelter me beneath Your shadow
When my hour of death draws nigh.

In its wake send vindication;
To its darkness, show Your face;
Bring Me to my resurrection
Clothed in garments of Your grace.

Second Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Marks of Faith”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Heidelberg Catechism*)

We believe that we belong, in life and in death, not to ourselves but to our faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own life has freed us from the dominion of evil. Everything fits his purpose of salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he assures us of eternal life and makes us willing and ready to live for him.

Spirituals featured:
I Want Jesus To Walk With Me
My Lord, What A Mornin'
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
What Can Wash Away My Sin
Amazing Grace

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.

~ The Eucharist ~

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(prayer continues)



Sanctus

Phillips

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, _____

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. _____ Ho - san - na in the high est. _____

_____ Blessed is the One _____ who comes in the name of the

Lord. _____ Ho - san - na in the high - est.

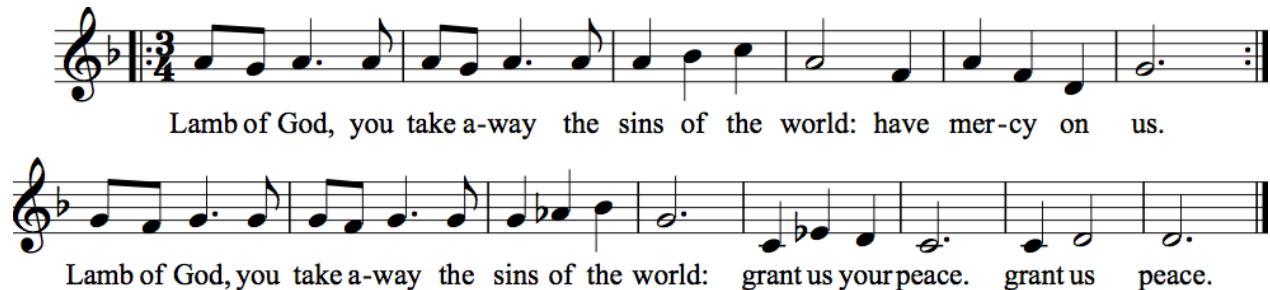
The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Agnus Dei

Phillips



The Communion of the People

The Prayer after Communion

~ The Sending ~

*Hymn #514

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Linstead

*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

Jubilation

Young

Linda Stutzenberger, 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, 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

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



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<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



Thank you to everyone who donated to our Sunset Gap Back to School Drive and to our Special Area teachers supply drive!
Thank you to our volunteers who helped sort all the donations last Sunday.



A special thank you to our volunteers who drove all the supplies to Sunset Gap on Tuesday, July 28!

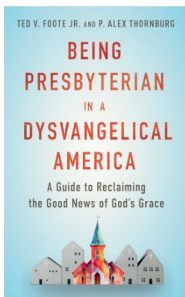
Pictured from L to R:
Charles Snodgrass, Greg & Carol Kraft, Debbie Long, Gayle Williams, Kent & Joyce Williams, David Long, Kimberly & Earl Platt

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

Pastor Matt's Class meets in the library at 10am on Sundays, and has begun 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.

"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.



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!



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.

EXCITING NEWS! A NEW STEPHEN MINISTRY CLASS IS BEGINNING THIS FALL!

What is Stephen Ministry?

Stephen Ministry equips lay people to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care to individuals in our congregation and community who are experiencing difficulties in their lives.

Who is a Stephen Minister?

A caring, Christian friend who listens, cares, prays, supports, and encourages.

As a Stephen minister, you will be very well trained and supported so that you are able to provide a high level of emotional and spiritual care.

A 2 hour weekly training Stephen Minister (SM) class will start October, 2026 through the beginning of December and start again February, 2027 through March with a SM commissioning worship service in April. We will then combine the current Stephen Ministry team with our newly trained team for monthly supervision and continuing education.

Please let us know if you are interested or have any questions as we would love to talk with you!

We need to hear from you by August 16 so we can plan our Fall schedule.

All our love and prayers in Christ!

Your FPC Stephen Ministry Team: Beth Martin, Jeanie Oakley, Joanie Scheuer



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

AUGUST 16

Students are invited to bring your backpacks to worship for a special blessing for the start of the new school year!



Kids are invited join us for our final Faith Frontier on Sunday, August 9, where, in addition to our normal activities, our children will share some of the songs they have learned this summer during the 9:00 a.m. worship service.

As our KidsQuest summer on the Faith Frontier comes to a close, we want to extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who helped make this season so special. Whether you helped set up the KidsQuest space, volunteered on Sunday mornings, donated supplies, prayed for our ministries, or supported our children and youth in countless other ways, your generosity and dedication made this summer an incredible experience. Thank you for helping our young people grow in their faith!

This Week at FPC

Sun, Aug 2	9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot 10am Soul Cafe/Room A Pastor Matt's Class/Library 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary 12pm Nibbles in the Narthex
Mon, Aug 3	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 1pm Outreach Committee/Library
Tues, Aug 4	6:30pm Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor
Wed, Aug 5	11am Sanctuary Reserved 12pm Mah Jong/Narthex 12pm Parlor Reserved
Thurs, Aug 6	12pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Fri, Aug 7	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 12pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

