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*We invite you to stand as able.

*BabySteps (Nursery) is available for infants to children 2 years of age
Kids ages 3-4 meet in Room D prior to the beginning of Worship for KidsQuest
K-5th Graders will be dismissed to KidsQuest during Worship*

~ We Gather ~

Prelude

You Are Good
Worship Team

Verse

Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
Lord You are good
And Your mercy endureth forever
People from every nation and tongue
From generation to generation

Bridge

You are good all the time
All the time You are good
You are good all the time
All the time You are good

Chorus

We worship You Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
We worship You Hallelujah hallelujah
We worship You for who You are
For You are good

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Call to Worship

O taste and see:
God is good.

*Opening Song

Let Us Build a House

Capo 3: (A7) (D) (A) (D) (G) (A) (Bm)
C7 F C F B^b C Dm



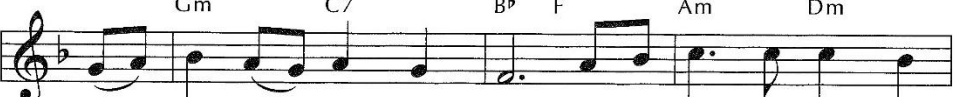
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter,
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and

(D) (A) (D) (Bm7) (Em) (A)
F C F Dm7 Gm C



safe - ly live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell
strong and true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek
wine, and wheat; a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground
wood and stone to heal and strength-en, serve and teach,
vi - sions heard and loved and trea-sured, taught and claimed

(Em) (A7) (G) (D) (F#m) (Bm)
Gm C7 B^b F Am Dm



how hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
to dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
where peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
and live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
as words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and

(Em) (A) (D) (G)
Gm C F B^b



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the
wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as
Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we
strang - er bear the im - age of God's face; let us
laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace; let this

Refrain

(D) (G) (F#7) (Bm) (Em) (Bm)
F B^b A7 Dm Gm Dm



love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
share in Christ the feast that frees us: all are wel - come;
bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
house pro-claim from floor to raf - ter:

(F#m) (Em) (D) (Em) (A7) (D) (G) (D) (A7)
Am Gm F Gm C7 F B^b F C7



all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place.

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*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Nieman

Holy God, we confess we have not been obedient to your will for us. We have sought justice for ourselves but neglected justice for others. We have insisted on our rights but have not lived rightly in our relationships. We have desired mercy for our sins, but we have not offered mercy to those who have sinned against us. By the power of your Holy Spirit free us from the prison of our disobedience. Help us to love as you have loved us that our lives may testify to your abounding grace through Jesus Christ.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*The Peace

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

~ We Proclaim ~

A Moment with the Children: Blessing of the Backpacks

Mason Warren

Prayer for Illumination

John Begovich

Lord, by the power of your Spirit give us your words of life that our faith may increase and our hearts be made whole. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Matthew 15:21-28
Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Sermon

"Irrevocable"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *Confession of '67*)

We believe that God's love is a mystery beyond the reach of our minds. Human thought gives to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals his love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of his love.

Musical Reflection

A Thousand Hallelujahs Worship Team

Verse 1

Who else would rocks cry out to worship
Whose glory taught the stars to shine
Perhaps creation longs to have the words to sing
But this joy is mine

Chorus

With a thousand hallelujahs
We magnify Your name
You alone deserve the glory
The honor and the praise
Lord Jesus this song is forever Yours
A thousand hallelujahs
And a thousand more

Verse 2

Who else would die for our redemption
Whose resurrection means I'll rise
There isn't time enough to sing of all You've done
But I have eternity to try

Bridge

Praise to the Lord
To the Lamb
To the King of heaven
Praise for He rose
Now He reigns
We will sing forever

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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.

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

Rise and Shine

Verse 1

Arise, There's a new day upon us
So come out of the darkness, Stand in the morning light
Take heart, There's a new wind that's blowing
Heaven's gates are wide open, It's time to lift your eyes

CHORUS

G(4) Am7



Rise and shine for the

88 F2 C G(4) Am7 F2 C

light, the light has come. Je - sus Christ, come be - hold the Ris - en Son. Hold on to

94 G(4) Am7 F2 C G(4)/B G(4) Am7

hope, shake off your fear, sing like you know free - dom is here. Rise and shine for the

100 F2 C Dm7(4) F2 G(4)

light, the light has come. Oh, the light has come.

106 Am7 F2 C

Oh.

Verse 2

Wake up
It's the dawn of revival
Calling saints and disciples
Into the promised land
Sing praise
Let it rise from your spirit
So the whole world can hear it
Lift up His Holy Name Chorus

*Charge and Benediction

Today's Worship Team

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass ~ Myles Thomas, cajon & percussion
LisaKay Matchen, Shannon Needham, Whitney Sharp, 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, Frank Dorman,
Dave & Megan Figel, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Frank Guess,
Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Beth Martin, Ann McAnally,
Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Linda Nunley,
Donna Phillips, Kimberly Platt, Alan White

Bereaved

Becky Thomason and family following John's sudden death. A memorial service for John will be held at FPC on Saturday, August 22; 10am receiving of friends and 11am service with reception to follow.



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Pastor.....Rev. Matthew Nieman
Director of Spiritual Formation.....Rev. Dr. John Sharp
Director of Family Ministries.....Mason Warren
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Music Leader for Casual Worship
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Bookkeeper.....Lori Corbett
Treasurer.....John Begovich
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Clerk of Session.....Lisa Gary

What's Happening at FPC

AUGUST 16, 2026



BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS TODAY AT 9AM SERVICE

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



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



Lunch and Learn

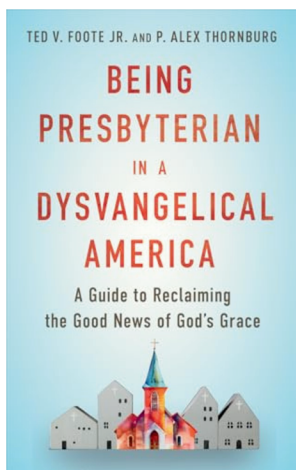
"Protect Yourself: Common Sense Anti-Fraud Measures"

Presented by Lori & Eric Corbett

Please join us on the third Thursday of each month for a time of food, faith and fellowship. Our next gathering is Thursday, Aug 20, 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>



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 BEGINS A NEW STUDY

Beginning on August 23, and continuing Sundays until Advent, we will gather at 10:00 am in Room A to experience Jesus' message and understand a pattern of life that is fresh and surprising (even shocking at times). The goal is for everyone to hear, understand, discuss and confidently live the new life that Jesus intends for his people.

The Sermon on the Mount is not only the most impactful presentation in history, but its two thousand or so words have shaped Western civilization more than any other source – written or oral. Matthew's record contains a microcosm of Jesus' entire mission and message for transforming every area of life.

Understand the Sermon on the Mount, and you understand Christ, his mission and his claim on our lives – every facet, every moment.

Mason will also be offering a version of this for our children during the 10 o'clock hour.



Hands Only CPR training will be led by Jenny Trussell and take place on Sunday, August 30 at 10am in Room A. More details to come!

This Week at FPC

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| Sun, Aug 16 | 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 17 | 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
5pm Church Life Committee/Library |
| Tues, Aug 18 | 10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
10:30am BFA Music/Room D
1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
6pm Admin/Library
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex |
| Wed, Aug 19 | 10:30am BFA Music/Room D
12pm Mah Jong/Narthex
12pm Parlor Reserved
1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A |
| Thurs, Aug 20 | 11:30am Lunch & Learn/Room A
1:10pm BFA Chapel/Sanctuary
6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor |
| Fri, Aug 21 | 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
1:10pm BFA Chapel/Sanctuary |
| Sat, Aug 22 | John Thomason Memorial/Sanctuary, Narthex
10am Receiving of Friends
11am Memorial Service with reception to follow |

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