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*We invite you to stand as able.



~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

Prelude of East Acklam
Tami Newsom, organ

Jackson

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

The wilderness is still.

The hungry are left empty.

The cracked earth crumbles.

The thirsty cry out.

The Promise Keeper pulls them close.

God, hear us now.

Water flows.

The Holy One listens.

A feast from heaven.

The Holy One provides.

*Hymn #469

Morning Has Broken

Bunessan

*Call to Confession

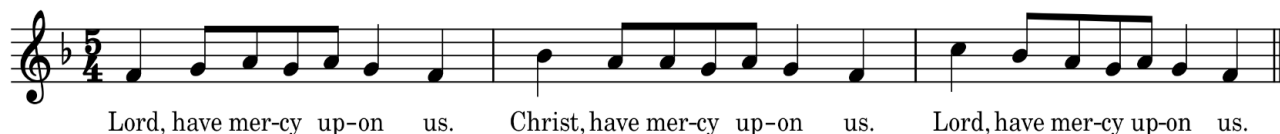
*Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, we have sought after things, but we have not sought after you. We have expected generosity, but we have not shown generosity. We have not been gracious or grateful. We have failed to remember all that you have done. Forgive us and fill our hearts with gratitude. Help us to share our gifts and strengthen our legs so that we can run after you, O God.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #572

Merbecke



*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

Greatorex



Glo - ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
6 Ghost; As it was in the be - gin-ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
11 world with - out end. A - men A - men

*The Peace

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

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

Let the wisdom of your Word rain down on us like manna and feed us, that we may be strengthened to do the work to which we are called, for the glory and honor of your name. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Exodus 16:2-15

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 105 (unison, Tune: Ellacombe)

Morgan

**Sing songs of praise and thanks to God, Who wondrous deeds has done;
By whose design was life ordained, God's strength, the battle won.
The judgements of the Lord are just; Earth moves beneath God's voice;
The righteous glory in God's might, And faithful hearts rejoice.**

**Remember well when God's elect In bondage bore the chains,
Endured the test of faith and won God's favor yet again.
These slaves, redeemed through true belief, The tyrant's rod destroyed;
They claimed the blessings of the land Which masters once enjoyed.**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 20:1-16

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon

“The Golden Rule”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Anthem

All Things Bright and Beautiful
Chancel Choir

John Rutter

All things bright and beautiful,
All creatures great and small,
All things wise and wonderful,
The Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,
He made their glowing colours,
He made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,
The sunset and the morning, That brightens up the sky;
The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,
The ripe fruits in the garden – He made them every one.

He gave us eyes to see them,
And lips that we might tell,
How great is God Almighty,
Who has made all things well.

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 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 #369

I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

I'm Gonna Live

*Benediction

*Response #422

Treasure too You have entrusted

Beach Spring

**Treasure too You have entrusted, Gain through powers Your grace conferred;
Ours to use for home and kindred, And to spread the gospel Word.
Open wide our hands, in sharing, As we heed Christ's ageless call,
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving You by loving all.**

*Postlude

Be of Good Courage
Tami Newsom, organ

Telemann

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, Shaler Gentry,
Frank Guess, Sandy Latimer, Beth & Jimmy Loyless,
Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Kirk Morris,
Tami Newsom, Linda Nunley, Donna Phillips, Kris Van Allen

Bereaved

Prayers for Jo McElhaney whose daughter Martha Rogers passed away on 9/6 from heart failure. A service for Martha will be held on September 26 at 3:00pm at Mynatt Funeral Home in Fountain City. Receiving of friends will be from 1:00-3:00pm.

Prayers for Jessy Rich whose husband, Jim Rich, passed away on 9/17.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION

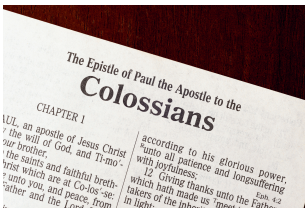


SOUL CAFE CONTINUES A NEW STUDY

Sundays, from now 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.



In September, Pastor's Matt's class will focus on the New Testament epistle to the Colossians. In it, we will see that no part of human existence remains untouched by the loving and liberating rule of Jesus. Come be part of the discovery, Sundays at 10am in the Library.



SAVE THE DATE – THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

Elemental: A Discussion of Science & Faith returns this fall.

More details coming soon.

OUTREACH

The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian women as we collect food for the Sunset Gap food pantry. They have averaged serving 2140 people each month this year. The following is in order of priority. Please, no glass jars.

- 1- peanut butter
- 2-breakfast items, pancake mix and syrup, cereal, rice, oats, jelly
- 3-canned meats
- 4-canned vegetables
- 5-pasta and sauce, canned sauce at Kroger and Walmart
- 6-boxed macaroni and cheese
- 7-small bags of flour and cornmeal

Deadline will be October 11. Any questions, please contact Debbie Long. Thank you for your generosity.



The Pantry is in need of volunteers who have full-size pickup trucks without bed caps to pick up orders from the Second Harvest warehouse in Maryville.

Product will be on a 4x8 pallet with a maximum weight of 1000 lbs. If you are able to help or have questions please contact Gerri Crutchfield at gerricrutchfield@gmail.com.

Many thanks to our Sept. VMC volunteers!

Chuck Gonzalez,
Jean Peretz,
Gayle Williams,
Margo Gregory,
Karen Brown-Gonzalez



Sign up to serve on the sign up sheet in the Narthex

Sign up in the Narthex now for the the next Foodies gathering on Oct. 24!

Menu

Appetizer: Bacon Wrapped Dates

Salad: Apple Walnut Blue Cheese

Entree: Fennel & Sausage Stuffed Pork Tenderloin,
Cranberry Sauce, Make Ahead Mashed Potatoes,
Roasted Brussel Sprouts

Dessert: Gluten Free Gingerbread Cake

CHURCH LIFE



September 27

One Worship Service at 10am with Bluegrass Music Tailgate Party to follow in the Fellowship Hall

Church life committee is providing fried chicken and drinks

Wear your team colors and bring your favorite tailgate food to share!

RSVP at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCTailgateParty> or use the QR code



*(infants-12th grade and
their families)*

On September 27, after enjoying a tailgate lunch, come outside for a fun back to school bash complete with a dunk tank, bouncy slide, and water games!



This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 20

9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot
10am Special Session Meeting/Fellowship Hall
Soul Cafe/Room A
Pastor Matt's Class/Library

11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
12pm Nibbles in the Narthex

Mon, Sept 21

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
5pm Church Life Committee/Library

Tues, Sept 22

10am PW Coordinating Team/Library
10:30am BFA Music/Room D
11am Prayer Shawl Ministry/Parlor
1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
6:30pm CS Leaders #444/Library
7pm BS #444/FH, Narthex, Sanctuary, Room A

Wed, Sept 23

10:30am BFA Music/Room D
12pm Mah Jong/Narthex
12pm Parlor Reserved
1pm PW Bible Study/Library
1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
6pm Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

Thurs, Sept 24

8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
12pm Pastors Lunch/Library
12:30pm Neighborhood Book Club/Parlor
1:10pm BFA Chapel/Sanctuary
6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor

Fri, Sept 25

10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D

Sat, Sept 26

Fellowship Hall reserved

Save the Date!
Trunk or Treat
Sun, Oct 25,
4:00-5:30pm



The congregation is invited to join the Presbyterian Women for their Thank Offering Brunch on Saturday, October 17, at 10:00am in the fellowship hall.

Brunch will be catered by Riverside Coffee and the cost is \$15 per person. Our guest presenter will be the Owl Ridge Raptor Center, a nonprofit dedicated to rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing injured and orphaned birds of prey, including owls, hawks, falcons, vultures, and eagles. They partner with local veterinarians, the UT Veterinary Hospital, TWRA, USFWS, and a network of rehabbers to give every bird the best chance at recovery and return to the wild. Come meet their ambassador birds, which includes 5 different owls and 1 American Kestrel.

Sign up will be in the Narthex beginning Sept 27



**Cub Scout Popcorn
Sales TODAY after
each service!**