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FARRAGUT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Love and Learn

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OCTOBER 11, 2026
11:00 A.M.

~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

Pastorale
Tami Newsom, organ

Wesley

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

When the path leads nowhere, we become disoriented, and skies darken,
how do we find peace, O God?

When farewells are too many, tears won't stop, and strength is gone,
how do we rest, O God?

When hope is hard, love is lost, and light is dim,
you give us one more breath, O God.

*Hymn #483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you are the Lord our God, who brought us out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. And yet our trust in you is fragile, easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—the dismissal of your faithfulness as a result of our forgetfulness. Our trust is fragile, easily broken by the slightest pause—an answer to prayer not instantly given, a request for peace not immediately felt. Our trust is fragile, easily displaced by gods of our own making—the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost, the god of illusion, pursued in any form. Lord, have mercy on us, through Christ, our Lord.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #572

Merbecke



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 #579

Greatorrex



*The Peace

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

~ The Word ~

Prayer for Illumination

Brenda Luggie

Holy Spirit of God, shine your light upon this Word and into our hearts that we may be enlightened with fresh understanding. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalms 106 (unison, Tune: St. Anne)

Morgan

1. Our gracious Lord be always praised,
Give thanks to God above;
The blessings we enjoy on earth
Are gifts of God's great love.

2. Remember, Lord, our faithfulness
When in Your courts we meet:
May our degree of righteousness
Find mercy at Your feet.

3. The chosen ones, from bondage freed,
Were sheltered in Your fold:
With hands unmoistened by the sea,
They cast an ox of gold.

4. The righteous remnant of their tribe
From sin found liberty:
When my own judgement shall be due,
Be gracious unto me.

Second Scripture Reading: Exodus 32:1-14

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith - The 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

The Lord Is My Shepherd
Chancel Choir

Howard Goodall

The Lord is my shepherd I shall not want,
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil.

For you are with me, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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 (see insert)

When God Restored Our Common Life

Resignation

*Benediction

*Response #435

Now let us be united

Es flog ein kleins waldvoegelein

**Now let us be united And let our song be heard.
Now let us be a vessel For God's redeeming word.
We all are one in mission, We all are one in call,
Our varied gifts united By Christ, the Lord of all.**

*Postlude

Cantilena

te Velde

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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.



Members

Pat Dail, Jan Darnell, Frank Dorman, Dale Emmerson,
Dave & Megan Figel, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Shaler Gentry,
Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally,
Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Kirk Morris, Tami Newsom,
Linda Nunley, Donna Phillips

Bereaved

Prayers for Jessy Rich whose husband, Jim Rich, passed away on 9/17. Visitation with family and friends will be held at FPC on Saturday, November 7 from 2-4pm.

Join us for a special time of Fellowship after worship.

Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!

If you would like to help provide food for our Narthex Nibbles please sign up using one of the following methods: sheet in the Narthex, calling the church office, online at <https://tinyurl.com/NarthexNibbles>, or use the QR code.

If you feel you are unable to serve food but would like to make a donation, please write "narthex nibbles" on your check memo line or envelope and place it in the offering basket.

*Narthex
Nibbles*



When God Restored Our Common Life



1. When God re - stored our com - mon life, our hope, our lib - er -
2. We went forth weep - ing, sow - ing seeds in hard, un - yield - ing
3. Great lib - er - at - ing God, we pray for all who are op -



ty, at first it seemed a pass - ing dream, a
soil; with laugh - ing hearts we car - ry home the
pressed. May those who long for what is right with



wak - ing fan - ta - sy. A shock of joy swept
fruit of all our toil. We praise the One who
jus - tice now be blest. We pray for those who



o - ver us, for we had wept so long; the
gave the growth, with voic - es full and strong. The
mourn this day, and all who suf - fer wrong; may



seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds we wa - tered once with tears sprang up in - to a song.
seeds they wa - ter now with tears spring up in - to a song.

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Music: USA folk melody, Walker's Southern Harmony

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DEADLINE IS TODAY

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 is October 11. Any questions, please contact Debbie Long. Thank you for your generosity.



Lunch and Learn

Our next Lunch and Learn is this coming Thursday at 11:30 in Room A. Our program will be a brief look at the life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, including some of his writing in Life Together.

The cost is \$10 at the door.

You can sign up in the Narthex or at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCLunchandLearn>



Come in costume and join us for a night of NAUTICAL NONSENSE full of fun and fellowship!

Sign up to host a trunk at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCTrunkRTreat>



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.

Sign up in the narthex before & after services



CAM CABIN TRIP

It is time for a trip to Townsend to take donated items to the CAM Craft Shop (Coalition of Appalachian Ministries).

We are going on Thursday October 29 with a stop at Elvira's Cafe for lunch on our way in. Anyone with craft and sewing items to donate can bring them to the church or call Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster for a pick-up.

Besides the fabric, yarn, thread, buttons, zippers, and other sewing notions the crafters always love to get, there have been some special requests for old hymnals, insulabrite needed for hot pads, polyfill, quilt batting, and especially white thread. At the moment they don't need glass jars. Don't forget to save your burned-out light bulbs, as several styles of cute ornaments are created from them!

Elemental

Science & Faith at FPC

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22 AT 7:00 P.M.

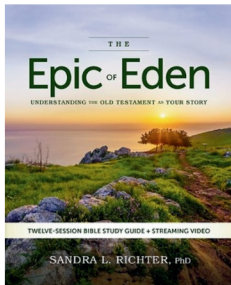
Elemental: A Discussion of Science & Faith returns!

On October 22 at 7:00, our own Louise Stevenson will lead us in a generous conversation on how science and faith connect rather than conflict with each other.

As a Ph.D. scientist in the environmental sciences and a researcher at Oak Ridge National Lab – as well as a person of deep and vibrant faith – she is uniquely positioned to guide us in this shared experience. Whether you know a lot or a little about science and faith, just have questions, or know colleagues or neighbors who might be interested, invite a friend and join the conversation!

Soul Cafe

Sundays, until Advent, we will gather at 10:00am 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.



Starting in October, Pastor Matt’s Sunday School class will begin a new overview of the Old Testament titled, *The Epic of Eden –Understanding the Old Testament as Your Story*. Experience the real people, real places, and real faith of the Old Testament as the truth of your spiritual heritage comes alive in a whole new way.

The class will meet in the library at 10:00am and run through the fall.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 11	9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot or Sanctuary 10am Soul Cafe/Room A Pastor Matt’s Class/Library 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary 12pm Narthex Nibbles
Mon, Oct 12	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 10am Book Club/Library 3:30pm Stephen Ministry/Library 7pm Christian Formation/Zoom
Tues, Oct 13	10am PW Circle #1/Room A 10am PW Circle #2/Library 10:30am BFA Music/Room D 1:10pm BFA Music/Room D 2pm Stephen Minister Training/Library 6pm Personnel/Library 7pm BS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A
Wed, Oct 14	10am PW Circle #3/Library 10:30am BFA Music/Room D 12pm Mah Jong/Room A 12pm Parlor Reserved 1:10pm BFA Music/Room D 6pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A 6pm Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary 7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A
Thurs, Oct 15	11:30am Lunch and Learn/Room A 1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D 6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor
Fri, Oct 16	10am Chair Yoga/Narthex 1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sat, Oct 17	10am PW Brunch with the Birds/FH

Sign up in the Narthex now for 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



We had a great turnout for our Tailgate Party this past Sunday and the Church Life Committee wants to thank everyone for their help in making the event a success! It was a beautiful day to worship outside together and then enjoy the wonderful fellowship and food with one another ❤️. Thanks so much for helping us setup, cleanup and for the delicious tailgate food you brought.

We’re looking forward to our next event and sending blessings to all!