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*We invite you to stand as able.



~ The Gathering ~

Prelude

Pastorale No. 1
Tami Newsom, organ

Uehlein

Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

God is our dwelling place:

God gathers us into community with each other to love and work, to support and heal.

God is our dwelling place:

**God gathers us into community with all people
to bring justice and hope, freedom and truth.**

God is our dwelling place:

God gathers us into community with all creation to live in harmony, to grow new gardens.

*Hymn #478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

*Call to Confession

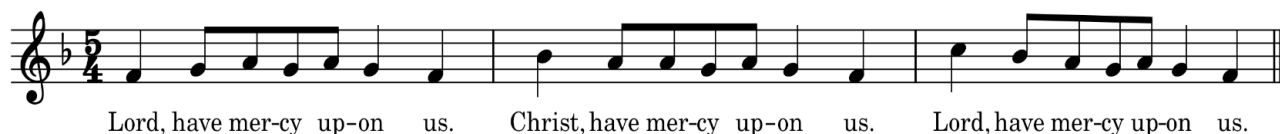
*Prayer of Confession

Your holiness, O God, commands that we confess: we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #572

Merbecke



*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579

Greatorrex



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

Holly Gary

Come, Holy Spirit, in the Word of God, as the breath of life, amidst your people gathered here, into our hearts and minds. Stir us to know the happiness of life in your blessings. Amen.

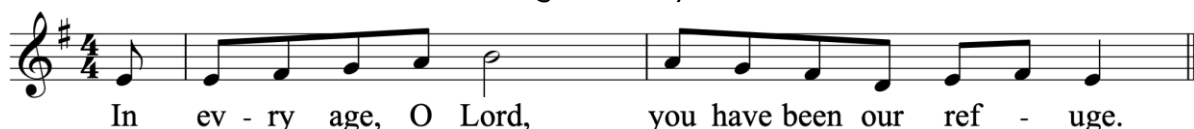
First Scripture Reading: Matthew 22:34-40

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

Psalms 90

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



In ev - ry age, O Lord, you have been our ref - uge.

O Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to the next.
Before the mountains were born or the earth or the world brought forth,
you are God, without beginning or end. **(R)**

You turn us back into dust and say: "Go back, children of the earth."
To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone,
no more than a watch in the night. **(R)**

You sweep us away like a dream like grass which springs up in the morning.
In the morning it springs up and flowers; by evening it withers and fades. **(R)**

Who understands the power of your anger and fears the strength of your fury?
Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Deuteronomy 34:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“But you shall not cross over”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith (from Matthew 22)

What is the greatest commandment?

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’

The Anthem

God is Our Refuge and Strength
Chancel Choir

Robert Lau

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in times of trouble.
Therefore, we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea; though its waters roar and foam,
And the mountains tremble with its tumult.

“Be still and know that I am God.” God is our refuge and strength.

There is a rivers whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the most high dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall.
God will help her at the break of day.

The Lord of hosts is with us, the god of Jacob is our fortress.
On earth he has no equal.

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe does seek to work us woe!
His craft and pow’r are great, and armed with cruel hate.
With God we shall defeat him.

God is our refuge and strength. Be still and know that he is God.
On earth he has no equal. Amen.

In the Life of the Church

A Moment for Stewardship

Kimberly Platt

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 #386

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*Benediction

*Response #328

All Praise to God

Sacred Song

**All praise to God for song God gives, for music and a hope that lives;
God's sacred word is so profound, we sing and let the truth resound.
God gave us music, gave us voice; sing alleluia and rejoice!
We lift in faith secure and strong the sacred word through sacred song.**

*Postlude

Toccata

Martini

Ushers ~ Carol and Greg Kraft

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,
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 Megan Figel, following the loss of her husband, Dave, following a long illness.

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.



TRUNK 'R' TREAT IS TONIGHT FROM 4-5:30pm

We need YOU to help make this a fun evening full of Nautical Nonsense! Please sign up to host a trunk or help with activities in Kraken Cove at <https://tinyurl.com/FPCTrunkRTreat>.



If you are providing baked goods for the cake walk, please bring them to the Fellowship Hall by 3:30pm.

Holiday Baskets for Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

It's that time of year to begin making plans for the special holiday food baskets distributed at our SHFP pantry. FPC has been asked to donate cake mixes and canned frosting to be distributed to guests in November and December. We anticipate 400 families will be served so we hope to collect 200 cake mixes and 200 cans of frosting for November and 200 of each for December.

Collection will begin Monday, October 19th and there will be a grocery cart in the Narthex. Your generosity in supporting the pantry is amazing!

If you have any questions, please contact Betty Nicholls.



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. Glass jars are needed so bring your recycled jars in! Don't forget to save your burned-out light bulbs, as several styles of cute ornaments are created from them.

Do you have coats in your closet you no longer use? Consider donating to KARMs "Coats for the Cold!" This is an annual coat drive to collect thousands of coats for those in our area who otherwise may not have a coat during the frigid winter months. Drop off gently-used men's, women's and children's coats at any KARM store or Prestige Cleaners from Monday, October 19th – Friday, November 6th, 2026.

The need is always greater for children's coats and adult XL.

Individuals in need of a coat, can get a coat ticket from local service agencies, participating churches and food pantries. Coat tickets can be used to shop at any KARM Store location any time during the distribution period following collection.



COLLECTION DATES – October 19th – November 6th
DISTRIBUTION DATES – November 16- December 5th



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Stewardship Sunday is coming!

Sunday, November 8th.

10am Worship with our annual Thanksgiving Meal to follow.

Let us know you're coming at

<https://tinyurl.com/FPCThanksgivingMeal>



This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 25

- 9am Casual Worship/Front Parking Lot or Sanctuary
- 10am Soul Cafe/Room A: Studying the Sermon on the Mount
Pastor Matt's Class/Library: Studying "The Epic of Eden - Understanding the Old Testament as Your Story"
- 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 12pm Narthex Nibbles
- 4pm Trunk or Treat/FH & Side Parking Lot

Mon, Oct 26

- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 6pm Nominating Committee/Library
- 7pm Session/Library
- 7pm FPC & UT Joint Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary, Room A, FH

Tues, Oct 27

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

Wed, Oct 28

- 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, Oct 29

- 9am CAM Cabin Trip/Offsite
- 1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D
- 6:30pm Cub Scouts/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Parlor

Fri, Oct 30

- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D
- 7pm Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex



Christmas Festival Save the Date!

One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration.

On Sunday, November 15 at 3:00 p.m. we are very excited to present our annual Christmas Festival – In A Time Of Thanks! Our own FPC Chancel Choir will again partner with the Chamber Singers of the University of Tennessee to present wonderful music and readings that celebrate Thanksgiving and lead us right into Christmas! Don't miss this opportunity to help our church community give a warm welcome to lots of visitors our special Music Ministry events always bring into our beautiful worship space!