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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 — *Child of Love*
Worship Team

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Call to Worship

We lift our eyes to you.
We raise our voices.
The day of the Lord is near,
coming like a thief in the night.
The day of the Lord is near;
the day is coming quickly.
The day of the Lord is near,
and we are your good and faithful servants.

*Opening Song

We Are

Verse 1
Ev'ry secret ev'ry shame
Ev'ry fear ev'ry pain
Live inside the dark
But that's not who we are
We are children of the day

Pre-Chorus
So wake up sleeper lift your head
We were meant for more than this
Fight the shadows conquer death
Make the most of the time we have left

Chorus



Verse 2
We are called to spread the news
To tell the world the simple truth
Jesus came to save there's freedom in His name
So let His love break through *(chorus)*

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*Prayer of Confession — Rev. Matt Nieman

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are oppressed or unjustly accused, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we are giddy with power and abuse the rights of others, we hold tight to our privilege and forget your laws. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession, and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~ We Proclaim ~

Prayer for Illumination — Brett Eiffert

Shine your light on your Word, O Lord; by your Spirit let us see your wonder. For your justice outruns our sense of fairness; your love overwhelms our deepest affections. Open our eyes, unstop our ears, and show us your most excellent way; for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Scripture Readings: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon — "Stewarding, Not Preserving" — Rev. Matt Nieman

~ We Respond ~

Affirmation of Faith (adapted from the song "Made for More")

We know who we are, because we know who You are. The cross of salvation was only the start. Now we are chosen, free and forgiven. We have a future and it's worth living. Because we weren't made to be tending the grave, we were called by name, born and raised back to life again. We were made for more. So why would we make a bed in our shame when a fountain of grace is running our way? We know we are yours and we were made for more.

Musical Reflection — *Made for More*

Matt and Laura Nieman, duet

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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

Soon and Very Soon



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*Charge and Benediction

Today's Worship Team

Sandra Bohlken, keyboard & vocals ~ Steve Darnell, guitar & mandolin
Charles Needham, bass ~ Myles Thomas, cajon & percussion
Mindy Houlihan, Shannon Needham, and Laura Nieman, 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, Frank Dorman, Dale Emmerson, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Shaler Gentry, David Greaser, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Kirk Morris, Tami Newsom, Linda Nunley, Stuart & Donna Phillips, Lewis Ransdell, Ralph Upchurch

Bereaved

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

Prayers for Jo McElhaney, following the loss of her brother, Gary Bridges.

Prayers for Stuart & Donna Phillips, whose son Garret died suddenly.

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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

Your FPC *Candidates* for Session

The Nominating Committee wishes to place the following elder candidates into nomination at the Congregational Meeting today, November 15, 2026. Upon election, they will serve a three-year term on Farragut Presbyterian's Session. The Committee that each candidate will co-chair is in parenthesis beside his or her name. We believe they make up an excellent Class of 2029, and we encourage you to give each one your prayers, support and vote.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Jeff Thode, moderator

Eva Quinley Lynch — Sandra Hipsher

Ken Ladrach — Amy Eiffert

Tom Feldhausen — Brian Davison

Larry Byars
(Admin)



I was raised mostly in and around San Antonio, Texas, since my father was in the Air Force. I was born at Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, Mississippi. I discovered computers while working as a Co-op Student at the Y-12 Plant in Oak Ridge and worked in several companies developing software and computer systems for scientific research applications. I began working in the field of Positron Emission Tomography in 1984. Jane and I met in Oak Ridge and were married in 1970 and have raised 5 children in Oak Ridge and Clinton. After the children left home, we moved to West Knoxville and now have 11 grandchildren in various places around the country.

We joined FPC in 2023 so we are relative newcomers. I've been involved with the Wednesday afternoon golf group and Jane and I attend Matt's Sunday School class. Both Jane and I have been involved in Bible Study Fellowship for many years where I served as a Children's Leader until 2020.

When Jane and I first attended FPC, we knew we had found a place for us to worship and serve our Lord with like-minded believers.

LisaKay Matchen (Worship & Music)

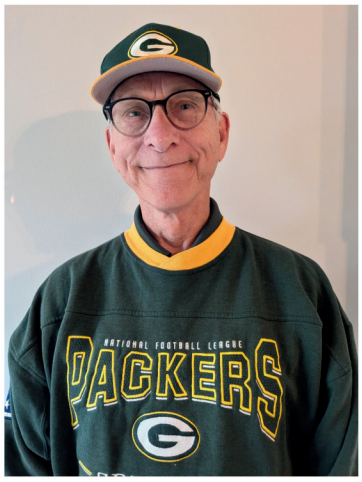


I was born into a Christian family, was baptized in the Lutheran Church, and attended the Congregational church regularly when we lived in the US. When my father's work took us to foreign lands, one of the first things my parents did was find a church for us to attend. I was confirmed in our home church and attended youth group regularly though high school. I have always been a Christian. When I was in college, I found another Congregational church and was very active with the choir. Performing and listening to Sacred music is the way I feel the Spirit most clearly.

I was a founding member of Alpharetta Presbyterian church and remained in regular attendance there with my children. I sang in the choirs and was the artistic director of Alpharetta Christian Theater, a family friendly drama ministry of APC. In 2017, we moved to Columbus, Georgia, where I joined Columbus First Presbyterian church and choir, and started another Christian drama ministry. I was elected an elder there and was able to serve all but the last 6mo of my term, as we moved to Knoxville in February 2022.

I joined FPC with my husband, Henry and our son, Donny. Our daughter and her husband live in Columbus, Ohio. Music still is one of the main ways I feel the Spirit. I am active in all the musical ensembles here at FPC: Praise team for the early service, and chancel and bell choirs for the late service. I've served on the Worship and Music committee since I joined and have helped with the children's Christmas pageant and other drama related things like the advent messages and children's programs.

Earl Platt
(Property)



I was born in Milwaukee Wisconsin. I lived in Burlington, Wisconsin for 17 years and graduated from Burlington High school. I lived in Denver Colorado until the refrigeration company I worked for moved me to San Diego. I worked in commercial refrigeration for 45 years. I was also involved in Boy Scouts in San Diego, with my son, as assistant scoutmaster. I was a deacon for three years at Point Loma Presbyterian Church in San Diego and also at a Presbyterian Church in La Jolla, California for five years. My wife Kimberly and I have been married for 44 years. We have 3 children, 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandson.
After I retired, we moved to Tellico Village for better weather, playing golf and to overall enjoy the seasons of East Tennessee. We joined Farragut Presbyterian Church three years ago. We participate in the adult Bible study small group on Sunday evenings and I am on the property committee, which I enjoy because I like doing work around the church.

Alison Rogers
(Christian Formation)



I am an RN and currently serve as Director of Training and Development for a national hospice organization. I grew up attending Church of the Good Samaritan in Knoxville and graduated from Farragut High School before heading to Guilford College, where I earned a degree in Religious Studies. My time studying within Quaker circles deeply influenced my faith and continues to shape how I approach spirituality, community, and the world around me.
I am an admitted Divinity School dropout! After spending a year at Wake Forest School of Divinity, I ultimately realized that my true calling was nursing. That said, my love of theology never left. I have always enjoyed deep conversations, asking questions, and learning from others, which is one of the reasons I have so thoroughly enjoyed the church's Young Adult Small Group.
Before children made traveling a little more complicated, I loved exploring the world and had the opportunity to visit Mexico, Guatemala, Nicaragua, the Dominican Republic, Russia, Italy, and France. These days, I am happiest spending time outdoors and with my family. My two children are at the heart of just about everything I do, and life would certainly be a lot less entertaining without them!
I am excited to serve as an elder, deepen my understanding of the church and the Presbytery, and reconnect with the church roots that have been part of my life since childhood. I looks forward to growing in faith, learning alongside this community, and finding new ways to serve.

The Candidates for the 2027 Nominating Committee are:

Eva Quinley Lynch, moderator

Amy Eiffert	Jeanie Oakley
Tom Feldhausen	Beth White
Ken Ladrach	Dawn Zilles

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Love and Learn

The session has called a Congregational meeting today Sunday, November 15, before each worship service to elect new elders in the class of 2029. Please plan to attend.

25th Annual Christmas Festival TODAY!

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

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

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.

You can put your donations in the grocery cart in the Narthex.
Your generosity in supporting the pantry is amazing!
If you have any questions,
please contact Betty Nicholls.



THE Shepherd OF Hope Food Pantry



Sunset Gap Mitten Tree

The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women in collecting hats, scarves, mittens and gloves for the mitten tree which is available Nov-Feb for anyone in the community who needs warm items.
Items may be new or handmade.
A bin is in the narthex for your donations.
Deadline is Dec 6.
Questions? Contact Debbie Long

SUNSET GAP CHRISTMAS

Look for the sign-up sheets both on-site and on-line for the 40 children that we are sponsoring this Christmas. Select a tag, sign up on the sheet with both your name and phone number. Be sure to note your tag's number. Please return wrapped for Christmas, with the child's name and tag number on the package.
If you would like to sign up online you can use the link below or scan the QR code.
Please return everything to church by Dec 6.
Questions? Contact Debbie Long.

https://tinyurl.com/SGChristmas2026



Lunch and Learn

Our next Lunch and Learn is this coming Thursday, Nov 19th at 11:30 in Room A. This month will be a lighthearted and celebratory preparation for the season of Thanksgiving. We'll look at the practice of thanksgiving in participatory, historical and biblical ways. Join us and discover how gratitude is not only good for your health, it can be a fun time together!
The cost is $10 at the door.
You can sign up in the Narthex or at https://tinyurl.com/FPCLunchandLearn



The Church Life Committee invites you to join us on Friday, December 4th starting at 6pm at the Concord Yacht Club (11600 S. Northshore Drive) for fun and fellowship at our annual Christmas Party! Dress is casual, and please bring a wrapped unisex gift per attendee (approximately $15-$20 value) for our hilarious gift steal. Also bring a dessert or heavy appetizer to share (and a favorite adult beverage if you wish). Please RSVP in the narthex, online or via QR code by 12/3 and contact the church office for additional questions. https://tinyurl.com/ChristmasGiftSteal



This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 15
- 9am Casual Worship/Sanctuary
- 10am Pastor Matt's Class/Library: Studying "The Epic of Eden - Understanding the Old Testament as Your Story"
- 11am Traditional Worship/Sanctuary
- 12pm Narthex Nibbles
- 3pm 25th Annual Christmas Festival/Sanctuary
- 4pm Small & Mighty Youth Group/FH

Mon, Nov 16
- 10am Chair Yoga/Room A
- 11:30am BFA Yoga/Room D
- 5pm Church Life Committee/Library

Tues, Nov 17
- 10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
- 10:30am BFA Music/Room D
- 1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
- 1:30pm Stephen Minister Training/Library
- 4pm Stephen Ministry/Library
- 6pm Admin/Library
- 7pm BS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A

Wed, Nov 18
- 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/Sanctuary
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

Thurs, Nov 19
- 8am Men's Bible Study/Library
- 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, Nov 20
- 10am Chair Yoga/Room A
- 1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D

Sat, Nov 21
- Fellowship Hall Reserved

You know Myles as our Casual Service percussionist but he is also a music educator and composer. Myles is currently pursuing his Master's Degree in percussion at UT and has prepared a wonderful concert as part of his studies. Please join him for this special performace held right here at FPC!

