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*We invite you to stand as




## ~ The Gathering ~

Prelude — *Let All Things Now Living*
Tami Newsom, organ

Greeting — Rev. Matt Nieman

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.**

*Hymn #263 — *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* — St. Denio

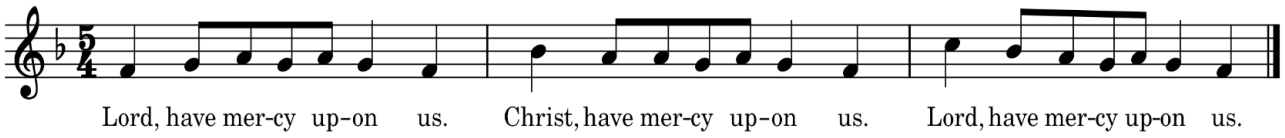
*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**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.**
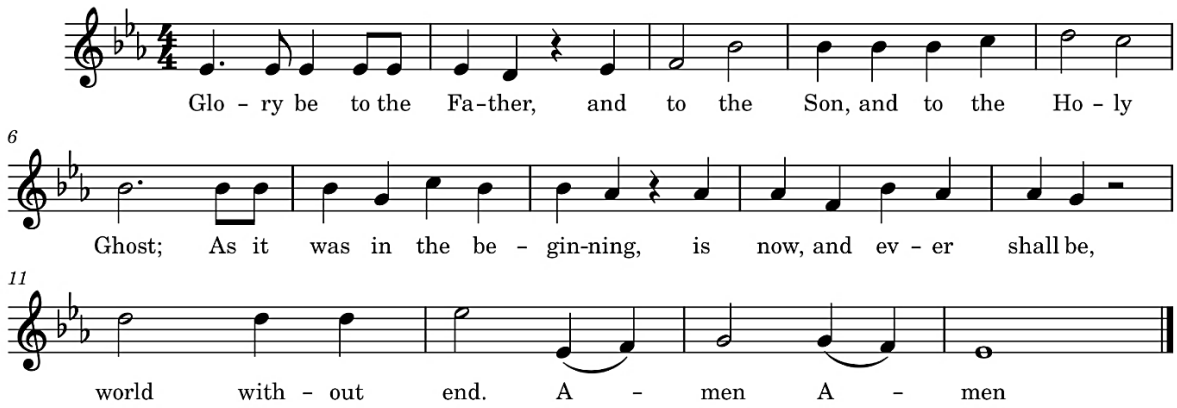
*(please continue in silent prayer)*

*Kyrie eleison #572 Merbecke




*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579 Greatorex




*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## ~ The Word ~

Anthem *Rejoice, The Lord Is King* arr. Anna Laura Page

FPC Ringers

Prayer for Illumination Lisa Gary

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 123 (unison, tune: St. Flavian) Morgan

**I lift my eyes to You, O Lord,**
**Your throne, earth's canopy,**
**As masters hold their servant dear**
**So, Lord, remember me.**

**More like a child than bonded slave,**
**I claim Your grace outright;**
**The proud shall fall, but yet the meek**
**Find favor in Your sight.**

**Your boundless mercies, Lord, outweigh**
**The scorn we must endure;**
**While foes shall fade in their contempt.**
**Your love will long endure.**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You, O Christ.**

Sermon "Stewarding, Not Preserving" Rev. Matt Nieman

## ~ The Response ~

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.**

The Anthem *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending* Lloyd Larson

Chancel Choir

God, whose giving knows no ending, from your rich and endless store:
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom, costly cross, grave's shattered door:
Gifted by you, we turn to you, off'ring up ourselves in praise;
Thankful song shall rise forever, gracious donor of our days.

Skills and time are ours for pressing toward the goals of Christ, Your son:
All at peace in health and freedom, races joined, the church made one.
Now direct our daily labor, lest we strive for self alone;
Born with talents, make us servants fit to answer at Your throne.

Treasure, too, you have entrusted, gain through pow'rs 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.

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 #384GTG *(see next page)* *Soon and Very Soon* Soon and Very Soon

*Benediction

*Response #554 *Let All Things Now Living* Ash Grove

**Let all things now living A song of thanksgiving, To God our Creator triumphantly raise;**
**Who fashioned and made us, Protected and stayed us, By guiding us on to the end of our days.**
**God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us, A pillar of fire shining forth in the night:**
**Till shadows have vanished, All fearfulness banished, As forward we travel from light into Light.**

*Postlude *Fugato* Simon
Tami Newsom, organ

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, Mason Warren, and Kat Wilson
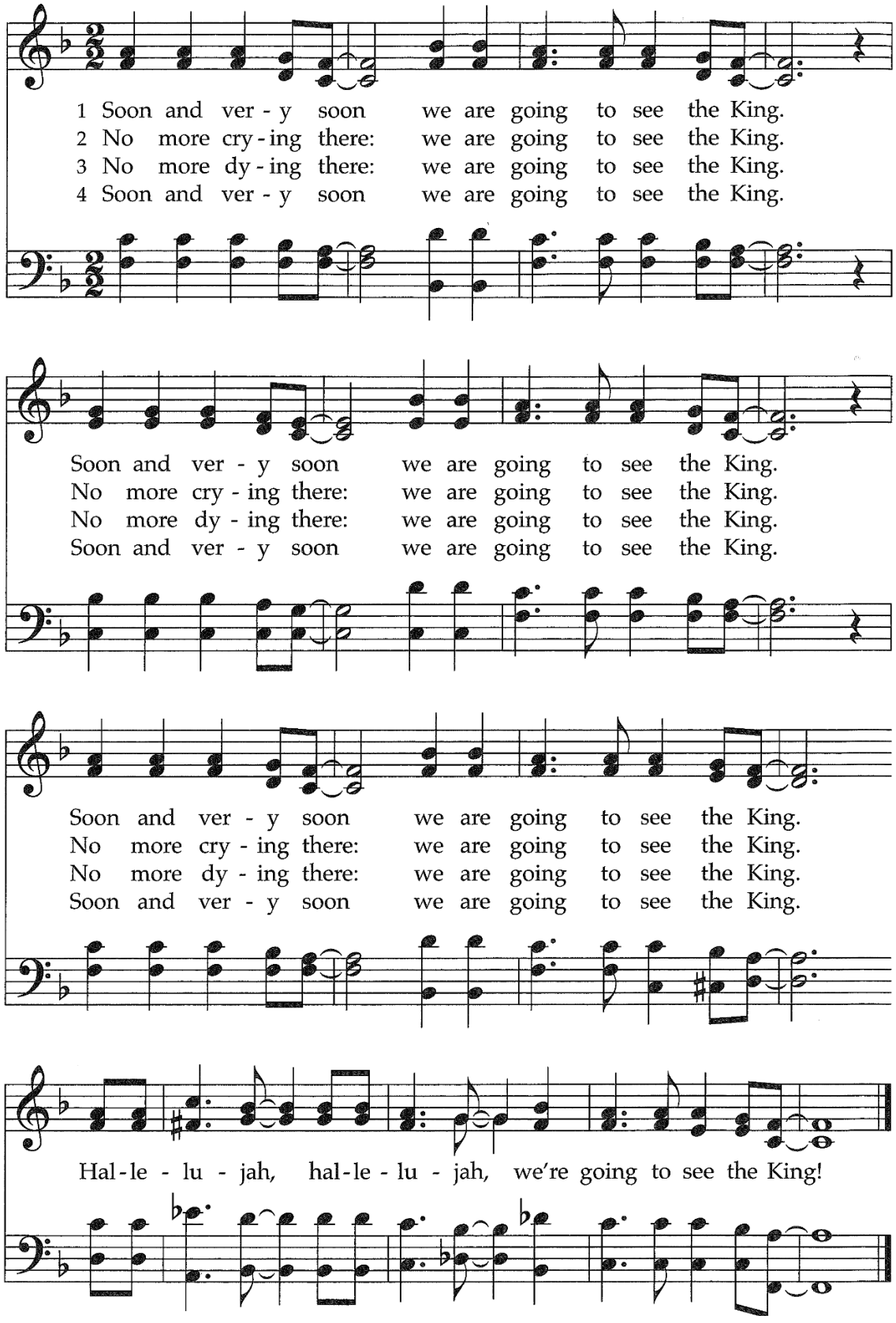
*If you would like to sign up to be an usher, communion server or to read scripture please go to:*
*http://tinyurl.com/FPCVolunteerSignUp*

**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.

# *Soon and Very Soon*




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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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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.

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**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!**

