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*We invite you to stand as able.

God Gathers Us

Prelude — *Veni Emmanuel* — arr. Purifoy
Lynn Kszos, flute; Tami Newsom, piano

Greeting — Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship and Lighting of the Advent Candle — LisaKay Matchen

Each Sunday in Advent, we light one candle. These candles represent the growing light that Jesus brings to our dark world.
On the first Sunday of Advent, we light this candle in hope. When our world looks bleak, God's hope is nearer. The light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness has not overcome it.

*Hymn #1 — *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus* — Stuttgart

*Call to Confession

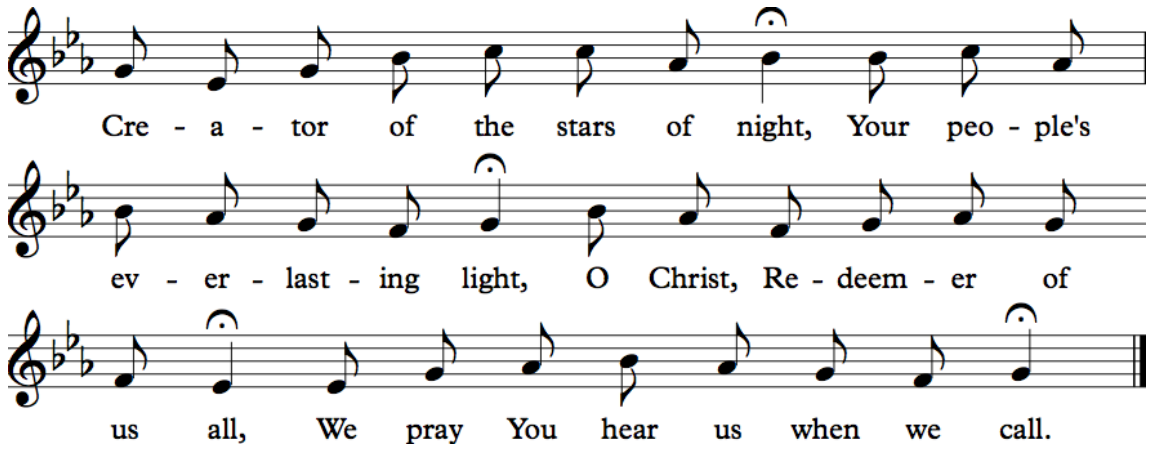
*Prayer of Confession

Lord Almighty, We are busy people. The holidays remind us of more and more things we want to add: more presents, more parties, more preparations.
We have become distracted by our own dreams and visions.

We have become busy with our own homes and plans.
We have allowed ourselves to be filled with false hopes.
We have not considered our ways.
Forgive us for putting ourselves first. Forgive us for putting your kingdom last.
Slow down our hands, and redirect our hearts. Remind us of your presence and send your Spirit upon us, so that we might build our lives to the glory of your name.

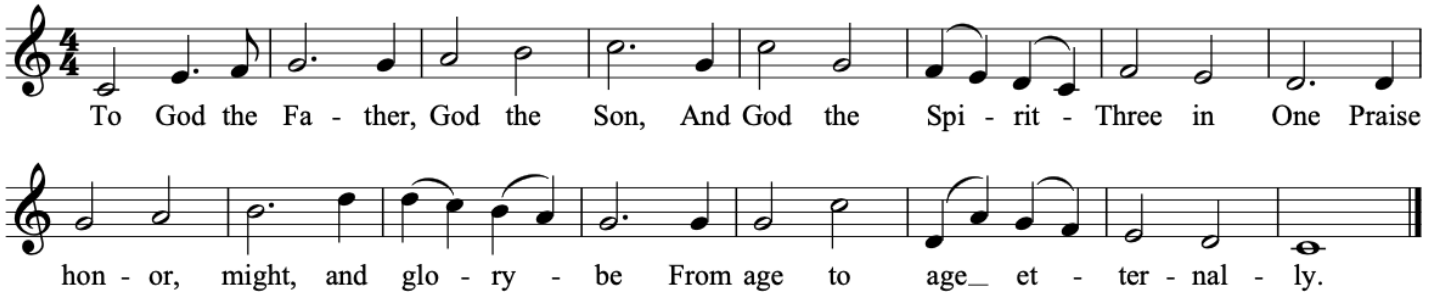
(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison — Conditor Alme Siderum



*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri — Truro



*The Peace

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God Speaks to Us

Prayer for Illumination — Lynn Kszos

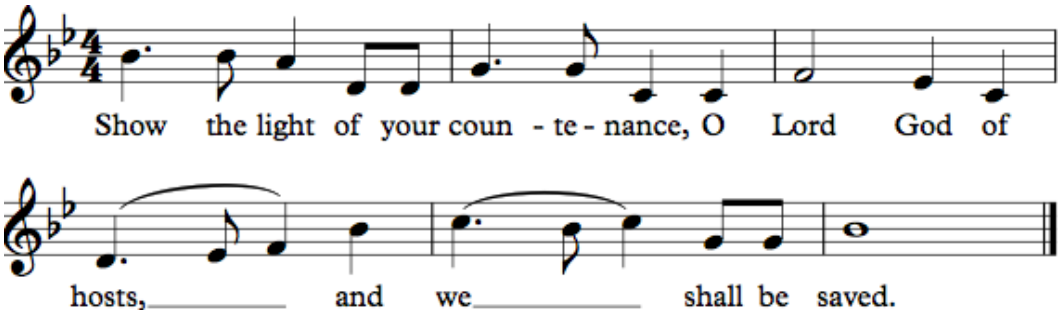
Gracious God, heaven and earth will pass away, but your words will not pass away: Your Word stands forever. May our generation be attentive so that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we remember your ways and gladly do right, meeting you wherever and whenever you appear. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Psalm 80 Dr. Angela Batey, cantor Colin Mawby



Hear, O shepherd of Israel, you that led Joseph like a flock;
Shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim, before Ephraim, Benjamin and Manasseh. **(R)**

Stir up your mighty strength and come to our salvation. Turn us again, O God;
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. (R)

O Lord God of hosts, how long will you be angry at your people's prayer?
You feed them with the bread of tears; you give them abundance of tears to drink. (R)

You have made us the derision of our neighbors, and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
Turn us again, O God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. (R)

And so we will not go back from you; give us life, and we shall call upon your name.
Turn us again, O Lord God of hosts; show us the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved. (R)

Second Scripture Reading: Haggai 1:1-15

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon A Promise for Advent – *"I will be with you"* Rev. Matt Nieman

God Receives Our Dedication

Affirmation of Faith (from *Our World Belongs to God*, paragraph 12, CRC 2008)

Even now, as history unfolds in ways we know only in part, we are assured that God is with us in our world, holding all things in tender embrace and bending them to his purpose.
The confidence that the Lord is faithful gives meaning to our days and hope to our years.
The future is secure, for our world belongs to God.

The Anthem *Come, Lord Jesus* arr. Jim Ailor

Chancel Choir with Lynn Kszos, flute

Come, Lord Jesus, come to dwell with us.
How we need your presence near.
Come and heal our broken, hurting world,
Cast away our doubt and fear.

Come, Emmanuel, be our light today,
Shine through all the dark of night.
Hope and peace and joy and love surround
Every soul that seeks your light.

Sing Noel! Come, let us adore Him.
Sing Noel! Christ the Lord is here!

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.

God Sends Us

*Hymn #12 *People, Look East* Besancon

*Benediction

*Response #9 *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel* Veni Emmanuel

O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel!

*Postlude | *From Heaven to Earth I Come* | arr. Hopson

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

Beth Allen, Pat Dail, Jan & Steve Darnell, Frank Dorman, Dale Emmerson, Dean & Lucy Fleming, David Greaser, Frank Guess, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Linda Nunley, Stuart & Donna Phillips, Ralph Upchurch

Join us for a special time of Fellowship after worship.

Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!

Narthex Nibbles

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.

FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Love and Learn

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

Advent and Christmas Worship Schedule at Farragut Presbyterian Church

Sunday, November 30-First Sunday in Advent
Casual Worship at 9:00am
Sunday School classes at 10:00am
Traditional Worship at 11:00am
Narthex Nibbles at 12:00pm

Sunday, December 6 at 10:00am with Communion-Second Sunday in Advent
At this single worship service, our Children will present the Christmas story with a fun and unique program complete with favorite Christmas scriptures and songs during worship. Worship will be followed by a Christmas Cookie reception in the narthex.

Sunday, December 13 at 10:00am-Third Sunday in Advent
At this single worship service, we will participate in our twenty-ninth annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** followed by a heavy hors-d'œuvre reception. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season. Come sing the Christmas carols you know and love and be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join us!

Sunday, December 20-Fourth Sunday in Advent
Casual Worship at 9:00am
Sunday School classes at 10:00am
Traditional Worship at 11:00am
Narthex Nibbles at 12:00pm

Thursday, December 24-Christmas Eve
2:30pm Special Music
3:00pm Casual Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion (childcare provided)
7:00pm Traditional Candlelight Christmas Eve Service with Communion

Sunday, December 27 at 10:00am-First Sunday in Christmas
Traditional worship followed by Narthex Nibbles

Sunday, January 3-Epiphany Sunday
Casual Worship at 9:00am with Communion
Sunday School classes at 10:00am
Traditional Worship at 11:00am with Communion
Narthex Nibbles at 12:00pm

What's Happening at FPC

NOVEMBER 29, 2026

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 brownie mixes to be distributed to guests in December.
We hope to collect 200+ 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.



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



CHILDREN, YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Christmas Program Rehearsal
Saturday, Dec 5 at 4pm
in the Sanctuary



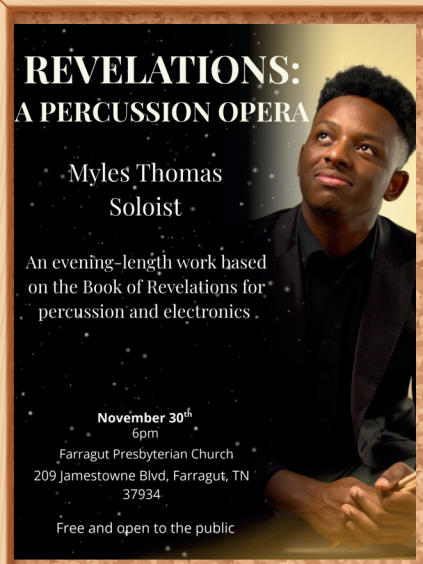
YOU'RE INVITED!

Christmas Movie Night with Dinner
Saturday, Dec 5 following the Christmas Program rehearsal



Christmas Program
Sunday, Dec 6 at 10am service
with a cookie reception afterwards

COMMUNITY LIFE



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, tomorrow night, held right here at FPC!



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



Join Eva Quinley Lynch at the Live Nativity Pageant of Knoxville in December! Eva is on the board and sings in the choir. it's always a meaningful performance of the nativity story.

Mark your Calendar

29TH ANNUAL

Lessons and Carols

On **Sunday, December 13 at 10:00 a.m.** we will participate in our twenty-ninth annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** in the sanctuary, followed by an elegant heavy hors d'oeuvre reception. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. Don't miss singing the beloved carols of the season in this special service, and the celebration that follows! *Mark your calendars!*

This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 29



9am Casual Worship/Sanctuary
10am Soul Cafe/Room A: Discussion on "Everything, Everywhere, All at Once: 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

Mon, Nov 30

10am Chair Yoga/Room A
6pm Myles Thomas Performance/Sanctuary

Tues, Dec 1

10:30am BFA Music/Room D
1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
6:30pm Early-Onset Dementia Caregivers/Parlor
7pm Session/Library
7pm BS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A

Wed, Dec 2

10:30am BFA Music/Room D
12pm Mah Jong/Room A
12pm Parlor Reserved
1:10pm BFA Music/Room D
5:30pm Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Sanctuary
6:30pm Worship & Music Committee/Library
7:30pm Chancel Choir/Room A

Thurs, Dec 3

8am Men's Bible Study/Room A
1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D
4pm Bill Jones School Music Concert/Sanctuary, Room A, Narthex
6:30pm Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall

Fri, Dec 4

10am Chair Yoga/Room A
1:10pm BFA Chapel/Room D
6pm Christmas Gift Steal/Offsite

Sat, Dec 5

4pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal/Sanctuary
5pm Christmas Movie Night/Room D

Next Sunday, December 6, our Children will present the Christmas story with a fun and unique program complete with favorite Christmas scriptures and songs during worship.
Join us at ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am!



We invite everyone to help make our Christmas program extra sweet! Please let Mason Warren know if you can bring a plate of cookies to share for the cookie reception immediately following worship. Homemade or store-bought treats are warmly welcomed. Thank you for adding to the joy and fellowship of this special gathering!



If you would like to honor or remember a loved one with a poinsettia, as part of our church holiday decorations, please fill out an order form in the Narthex