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*Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Jessica Lewis

Prelude

*God So Loved*  
 Musical Ensemble

We The Kingdom

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\*Call to Worship

1 Peter 2:9-10

Jesus says, "Come to me, all you that are weary, and I will give you rest."

**All of us know what it is like to be weary. All of us carry heavy burdens.**

Let us accept Christ's invitation.

**We long to rest in God.**

Come, let us lift our voices in praise to our glorious Father.

\*Opening Songs

*Everlasting God*  
 and  
*Come Thou Fount*

(lyrics and music are printed on the next pages)

\*Opening Song

Everlasting God

Brown/Riley

VERSE

♩ = 100

F Fsus F Fsus F Fsus

Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait

4 F Fsus F Fsus F Fsus

up - on the Lord. Strength will rise as we wait up - on the Lord, we will wait up - on the Lord, we will wait

PRE-CHORUS

8 F F/A B♭ F/A B♭ C Dm C F/A B♭ F/A B♭ C Dm

up - on the Lord. Our God, You reign for - ev - er. Our Hope, our strong De - liv -

CHORUS

14 C F F/A B♭

'rer. You are the ev - er - last - ing God, the ev - er - last - ing God,

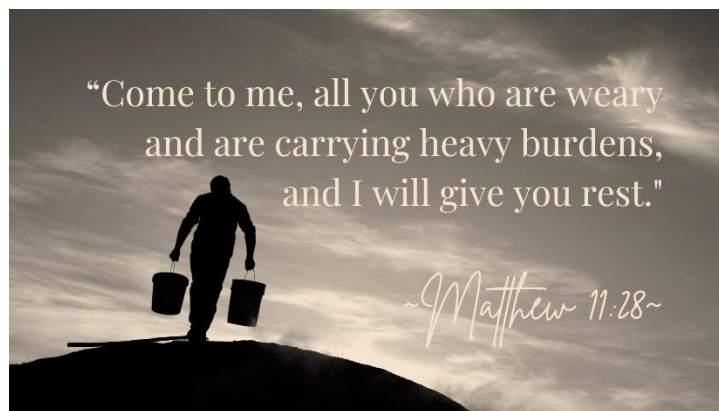
20 Dm B♭ F F/A B♭

You do not faint, You won't grow wea - ry. You're the de - fend - er of the weak,

26 Dm B♭ 1 2

You com - fort those in need. You lift us up on wings like ea - gles. ca - gles.

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**VERSE**

♩ = 80    G7    C    G    C    F C    G7    C    G7    C

1. Come, Thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace; Streams of mer - cy, nev - er  
 2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come; And I hope, by Thy good  
 3. O, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be! Let Thy grace, Lord, like a

6    G    C    F C    G7    C    C    Em F    F/C    C    C    Em F

ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise: Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a -  
 pleas - ure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home: Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, wan - d'ring from the fold of  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee: Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I

12    C    G7    C    G    C    F C    G7    C

bove; Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.  
 God; He, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.  
 love; Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

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\*Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we marvel at the thought of a well-fitted yoke, a burden scaled to match our frames; we do not know how to rest in the promise of such labor. Some of us are weary from unceasing responsibility; others find no welcome in the marketplace. Forgive our blind striving, our stifled concern, the judgments we cast on others. Make yourself known to us in the silence. Shape your children for the commonwealth of your love.**

*(please continue in silent prayer)*

\*Declaration of Forgiveness

\*The Peace

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

~We Proclaim~

Prayer for Illumination

Becky Thomason

**Merciful God, in this moment of stillness, wash us clean of our presumptions. Receive us as your weary children. Then, by the power of your Spirit, bless us with a word that revives, for we pray in the name of Jesus, your living Word. Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Romans 7:15-25a  
 Matthew 11:25-30

Becky Thomason  
 Jessica Lewis

The Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

“The Yoke’s On Me”

Jessica Lewis

## ~The Response~

\*The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Musical Reflection

*I Am*

Jill Phillips

Sandra Porter Bohlken, soloist

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Call for Giving

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

*Everlasting God*

(words and lyrics previously printed on page 2)

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\*Charge and Benediction



### **Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:**

Sandra Bohlken, vocals, guitar ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar ~ Bruce Wilson, vocals  
and Monica Gardiner, percussion



If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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@fpcn.org](mailto:office@fpcn.org), or
- Sign the pew attendance pad

Joining Our Family of  
Faith  
in Prayer:

A Sabbatical Journey

*You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. — Matthew 5:14*

Anne Lamott tells us that “Lighthouses don’t go running all over an island looking for boats to save; they just stand there shining.” May the daily prayers of **our sabbatical journey**

continue to shine brightly as we reflect on who we are as members of a family of faith. Add your name to the list posted on the whiteboard before or after worship or by calling the church office to share in this journey. A guide featuring daily readings from the Psalms is available at: <https://tinyurl.com/Sabbatical-Prayer-Guide>.

**IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN!!!**

.....It's amazing how time flies. Our Directory is two years old and very out-of-date. Kids have grown, hair color has changed, new members have joined us, some of our loved ones are dearly departed. It is time for an update.

.....**Family pictures need to be current.** Please send yours to the church office ([office@fpctn.org](mailto:office@fpctn.org)) with your name in the subject line, and remember heads need to be close together, as the directory picture is only one inch square. These pictures are **due by July 9**. If there are questions, contact Mikie Lancaster or Dawn Zilles in the office. ....Look for the current directory on view on the outdoor/narthex tables. Please check over this master list and make sure all information is correct. Make any corrections if needed, and then initial your information so we will know it has been proofread. *Thank you for your help.*



It's time for the **Foodies Annual Picnic** at Mikie Lancaster's Lake house! This year it will be held on Saturday, July 15th, starting at 3pm and eating at 5pm. We will be grilling hot dogs, hamburgers, and brats. \$5 dollar per person is requested to cover the cost of the meat and condiments. Please bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share. Sign-up and maps to Mikie's will be in the narthex.



**Growing Families Lake and Pool Party!** – Saturday, July 22 at 3:00 p.m. Come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on the water at Clay and Denise Griffin's home at 8908 Kelsey Lane. We will be grilling hamburgers and hotdogs and providing beverages. Please bring an appetizer, side, or dessert to share. Bring life jackets if you have them for the little ones (we only have a few for the under 50lb. crowd). Contact Denise Griffin for more information.

The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women in **collecting school supplies for special area teachers** (art, music, physical ed, special ed, etc.) in Cocke and Sevier Counties. Items most needed: tissues, pencils, crayons, colored pencils, glue sticks, scissors, printer paper, ziplock bags, hand sanitizer, markers, construction paper, bottled glue, skin-toned crayons, blank paper or sketch books, rulers. You can place your donations in the designated basket in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Debbie Long.

**ATTENTION FPC YOUTH:** Help **feed the homeless at Volunteer Ministry Center** on Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. We will be serving pizza and ice cream to the less fortunate. Transportation from the church will be provided. Contact Mason Warren if you can help.

Youth can also participate in the **Small & Mighty Youth Group** on July 24<sup>th</sup> as they go **tubing down the Little River in Townsend** starting from The Smoky Mountain River Rat Tubing Outpost. Save the date and contact [masonwarren@fpctn.org](mailto:masonwarren@fpctn.org) for more information.

## **FPC outing to the TN Smokies v/s Mississippi Braves - Saturday, July 22 at 7:00 pm:**

A reminder for those signed up to attend that the **stadium is now cash-free**, so parking, refreshments, and souvenirs must be paid for by credit/debit card. It will be Christmas in July night co-sponsored by Harman Ice! Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus will be on site for photos and meet-and-greets. A wonderful ice sculpture will be on display for photos as well. Fans can enjoy Christmas music, themed in-between inning entertainment, and wonderful decorations throughout the ballpark. The players will be wearing specialty jerseys that fans can bid on to take home at the end of the night. There are fireworks after the game. Contact Leigh Ann Neely with questions.



**It's Back-to-School time at Sunset Gap.** Sign-up is available both at the church and online. Be sure to add your phone number when signing up in case we need to contact you. Please do not gift wrap. Items are due back on July 30 for delivery that week. Be sure to attach a tag with the child's name and the tag number on it (or grade and gender for the online sign-up). Questions? Contact Debbie Long.

Use this QR code or the link to the online 2023 Sunset Gap School Supplies sign-up: <https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapBackToSchool2023>. If you scroll down to the bottom of the online sign-up page you will see the supplies needed for each grade.



## **2024 Trip to Egypt:**

Hal and Jeanie Oakley are leading an all-inclusive trip to Egypt on April 1-12, 2024. The trip includes visiting Cairo, Alexandria, a 5-day Nile Cruise, and the Pyramids. Total cost, including airfare is \$5275. If you would like to extend your trip through April 17, the group will continue on to Jordan (Amman, Mt. Nebo, Petra), the Dead Sea, and Israel (Jerusalem-3 days). Total cost of trip with extension to Jordan and Israel is \$7275. If you are interested in either option, please contact Hal Oakley (256.658.5252) or Jeanie Oakley (256.468.4501) for more information.



**Sunset Gap** needs your help! Ten years ago a grant paid for a refrigerated truck for Sunset Gap, which allowed them to include fresh items in food boxes. Much of what they distribute comes from government programs as well as Second Harvest, FISH Hospitality Pantries, grocery stores, and other sources in and around Knoxville,

which is an hour away. Without refrigeration they can only pick up non-perishable food. Careful maintenance and periodic repairs kept their truck running until last winter, when it broke down on Interstate 40 on the way to pick up food. The verdict was dire: the truck needs a new engine. The cost? \$55,000. Without their refrigerated truck, they have been unable to pick up perishable items since December 2022. They are asking for donations on a GoFundMe page to help reach this important goal, so they can continue to feed hungry families. If you would like to contribute, please go to: <https://www.gofundme.com/f/fix-our-truck-to-feed-our-families>

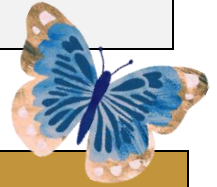


## **PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:**

Patricia Dail, Kathi Damelio, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Barbara Kivlin, Bron Lewis, Debbie Long, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Mike Murphy, Tami Newsom, Wesson Schult, Les Shear, Janet and Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

## This Week at FPC

Sun, Jul 09	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service		
Mon, Jul 10	9:00	a.m.	KidZone's "Creativity Rocks!"/Room A
Thur, Jul 13	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Fri, Jul 14	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
Sat, Jul 15	3:00	p.m.	<b>FOODIES</b> /Mikie Lancaster's Lake House



### Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in the Parlor in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in the parlor in bad weather.
Monday Connection/Pastor Matt's Class	Library	Monday Connection class and Pastor Matt's class are studying the book, "In the Footsteps of the Savior: Following Jesus Through the Holy Land" by Max Lucado. This pastor and New York Times bestselling author offers an unforgettable journey following Jesus through his life on earth, and gives you a chance to see the Holy Land and God's heart for humanity in a brand-new light.
Youth	Summer break	The youth Sunday School class is on summer break and will resume in August



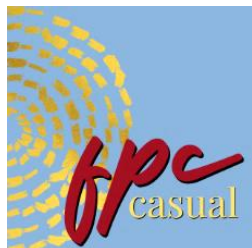
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grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.*