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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost



~ **We Gather** ~

Welcome

Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

Prelude

Raise A Hallelujah
Musical Ensemble

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*Call to Worship

O give thanks to the Lord!
Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!
Remember all the things God has done! We glory in God's holy name!
Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge: we come to be in God's presence.
Come, let us worship God!

*Opening Songs

All Things Bright and Beautiful
and
You Never Let Go

(lyrics and music are printed on the next pages)

Refrain

All things bright and beau-ti - ful, all crea-tures great and small,

all things wise and won-der - ful, the Lord God made them all.

1 Each lit - tle flower that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
2 The pur - ple-head-ed moun-tain, the riv - er run-ning by,
3 The cold wind in the win-ter, the pleas-ant sum-mer sun,
4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell

God made their glow-ing col - ors; God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright-ens up the sky:
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - ery one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

VERSE

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1. E - ven though I walk through the val - ley of the shad - ow of death, Your
 2. And I can see a light that is com - ing for the heart that holds on, a

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C2/E

per - fect love is cast - ing out fear, and e - ven when I'm
 glo - rious light be - yond all com - pare, and there will be an

5

G C2/E

caught in the mid - dle of the storms of this life, I won't turn back, I know You are near.
 end to these trou - bles, but un - til that day comes, we'll live to know You here on the earth.

PRE-CHORUS

8

Em7 D G Em7 D G

And I will fear no e - vil, for my God is with me, and if my God is

13

Em7 D G D C2

with me, whom then shall I fear? Whom then shall I fear?

CHORUS

G Em7

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Oh no, You nev - er let go, through the calm and through the storm. Oh no, You nev - er let go in

20

Dsus Last time to Coda C2

ev - 'ry high and ev - 'ry low. Oh no, You nev - er let go, Lord, You nev - er let go of me.

Bridge

**Yes I can see a light
That is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles
But until that day comes
Still I will praise You
Still I will praise You
(Repeat)**

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*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts, to live in a way that puts you first.
We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and
control, instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice.
Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief, so that what we confess with our lips
we may truly believe in our hearts.**

(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

John Begovich

**Son of God, you walk on the waters of turmoil to meet us in the midst of your
purposed journey for our lives. Help us to recognize your presence, remember
your promise, rely on your power, and receive your peace through every storm.
Amen.**

Scripture Readings: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-24
Matthew 14:22-33

John Begovich
Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

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

Sermon

“Courageous Faith”

Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

~The Response~

*Affirmation of Faith (from *The Brief Statement of Faith*)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit
justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and
neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in
Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the
waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls
women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the
Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ**

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as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Musical Reflection

Tremble
Musical Ensemble

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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

My Feet Are On the Rock

I Am They

Verse 1

I can see the clouds roll in
I can feel the winds they try to shake me
I will not be moved my feet are on the Rock

Verse 2

I can feel the waters rise
I can hear the howling lies that haunt me
Fear won't hold me now my feet are on the Rock

Chorus

When I feel my hope_ a - bout to_ break.____ I will cling to
Your_ un - chang - ing_ grace.____ Let the wa-ters come_ and the earth give. way._
I'll be danc-ing in_ the rain._____ My feet are on. the Rock. Oo.. Oo..

Verse 3

I can see the morning light
I can feel the joy on the horizon
Here my faith is found I stand on solid ground

Bridge

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
So stomp your feet and clap your hands
Our feet are on the Rock

Ending

My feet are on the Rock Oo Oo
My feet are on the Rock

*Charge and Benediction

Special thanks to today's Music Ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, vocals, guitar/piano ~ Tim Mashue, bass guitar
and Kevin Zetina, 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@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad

The **Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff** has graciously offered to lead us in worship today and tend to our pastoral care needs while Pastor Matt completes his sabbatical. She has been a member of this presbytery for 22 years, has served 3 congregations in that time, and was just elected as General Presbyter for the Presbytery of East Tennessee yesterday! Wendy is passionate about equipping and encouraging the church as it witnesses to the gracious and inclusive love of God. She lives in Hardin Valley with her husband, Brian, and their teenage children, Isaac and Rebecca. She enjoys reading, baking, and walking with her dogs, Bo and Barkley. Welcome Wendy, Thank You, and Congratulations on your new position as General Presbyter!

Pastor Matt will return from his sabbatical on Monday, August 14th!

For the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. — Ephesians 5:9

As we look forward to Matt's return from his sabbatical on August 14, may we continue to reflect on everything that is good and right and true in our daily prayers. A guide featuring daily readings from the Psalms is available at:

<https://tinyurl.com/Sabbatical-Prayer-Guide>. Our sincere thanks to Martha Edington and Elizabeth Preston for their dedication in the creation and design of this thoughtful and enlightening program.



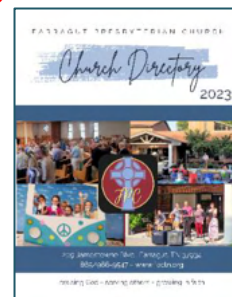
NEXT SUNDAY! We will have **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, August 20th and the **Summer Fair** will follow with hotdogs, side dishes, ice cream and watermelon! There will be lots of fun and games for kids of all ages!



To be sure we have enough food on hand for the event, we ask that attendees sign-up with the QR code here, at

<https://tinyurl.com/FPCSummerFair>, or in the narthex **no later than August 15th**. This will also be Pastor Matt's first Sunday back from his sabbatical!

The new **2023 Church Directories** will be available to pick up in the narthex next Sunday, August 20th. They will be alphabetized so it should be simple to find yours. If you cannot locate your directory, please refrain from taking one with someone else's name on it, and let the office or Mikie Lancaster know, and we will get you a copy. *Thank You!*





KIDZONE RESUMES TODAY for the Fall schedule! KidZone will return to its school year model following the Passing of the Peace in our new KidZone space in Fellowship Hall. (Children kindergarten and younger can be dropped off in Fellowship Hall prior to the beginning of worship.) For questions, please contact Mason Warren at: masonwarren@fpctn.org.



Our Special Thanks to volunteers Jean Peretz, Turner Neely, Mason Warren and Patton Lewis for serving meals to the hungry at Volunteer Ministry Center downtown in July. If you would like to be a part of this very important outreach program, contact August coordinators Terry and Robert Olberding to help serve on Tuesday, August 15th. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

We need to acknowledge and give thanks for our **“Emergency Landscaping Team”** that showed up recently in the heat and saved us from an invasion of weeds! Our rescuers included: Irene and David Rice, Mark Allen, Eric and Lori Corbett, Steve Dehmlow, Frank Dorman, Denise Griffin, Thom and Mary Ellen Haig, Karen Johnson, Ken Ladrach, Tami Newsom, Eric Nicholls, Darrell Sparks, Rick Van Allen and Bruce Wilson. We appreciate all of your hard work and dedication! *Thank You!*



A big thank you to all who participated in the **back to school drive** for the Sunset Gap kids and Coker County special area teachers. Your donations are so greatly appreciated. They make such a huge difference as the school year progresses. **Thank you!** Pictured here is the Sunset Gap Back-to-School Supply Delivery Team: Gayle Williams, Frank Guess, Debbie Long, David Long, Carol Kraft and Kelly Schueler.

Thursday Evening Bible Study: Having finished the longest book of the Bible last year, we’re turning to the shortest Gospel this year. If you’re interested in an in-depth look at the Gospel of Mark, we’d love to have you join us (even if you can’t make every week). Our first meeting will be on September 7 at 7pm, in the church library. Thereafter, we meet from 7-8pm on Zoom, except for parties. If you’d like more information, you can talk to Elizabeth Wilson, the church office, or any of the current members.



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Kathi Damelio, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Hanson, Bron Lewis, Jimmy and Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Les Shear, Janet and Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver

This Week at FPC

Sun, Aug 13	9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service		
Mon, Aug 14	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Christian Education Committee/Zoom
Tues, Aug 15	7:00	p.m.	Stephen Ministry Group/Library
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/Volunteer Ministry Center
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Fri, Aug 18	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
Sat, Aug 19	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	*****	*****	Welcome Back Music Ministry Party/Mikie'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.
Youth	Summer break	The youth Sunday School class is on summer break and will resume on August 27 th .



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To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, and make disciples of Jesus Christ.