



FARRAGUT PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*Courageous Faith*

AUGUST 13, 2023  
11:00 a.m.

*Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

**~The Gathering~**

Prelude

*Children of the Heavenly Father*  
Tami Newsom, organ

Dale Wood

Greeting

Rev. Dr. Wendy Neff

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!

Hymn #267

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

Royal Oak

*(Refrain)*

**All things bright and beautiful, All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful: The Lord God made them all.**

**Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings:  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. (Refrain)**

**The purple-headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky, (Refrain)**

**The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden: God made them every one. (Refrain)**

**God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. (Refrain)**

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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)*

Kyrie Eleison #574

*Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us*

Johnson

Lord, \_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, \_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us.

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Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ have mer - cy up - on us. \_\_\_\_\_

The image shows two staves of musical notation in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff continues the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes, with some words separated by hyphens to indicate syllables. There are some blank lines and underscores in the lyrics, likely indicating where a singer should breathe or pause.

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Declaration of Forgiveness

Gloria (unison; Tune: Dix)

Kocher

**For Thy Church, that evermore Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love.  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.**

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The Peace

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

**~The Word~**

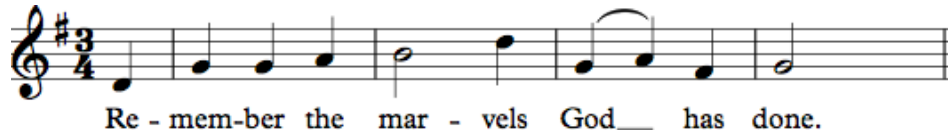
Prayer for Illumination

Gloria Purjet

**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.**

First Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-24

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**



Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name; make known his deeds among the peoples.  
Sing to him, sing praises to him, and speak of all his marvelous works.  
Glory in his holy Name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice. **(R)**

Search for the Lord and his strength; continually seek his face.  
Remember the marvels he has done, his wonders and the judgments of his mouth.  
O offspring of Abraham his servant, O children of Jacob his chosen. **(R)**

Then he called for a famine in the land and destroyed the supply of bread.  
He sent a man before them, Joseph who was sold as a slave.  
They bruised his feet in fetters; his neck they put in an iron collar.  
Until his prediction came to pass, the word of the Lord tested him. **(R)**

The king sent and released him; the ruler of the peoples set him free.  
He set him as a master over his household, as a ruler over all his possessions,  
To instruct his princes according to his will and to teach his elders wisdom. Hallelujah! **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

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 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!”**

The Anthem

*How Beautiful Are The Feet* from “Messiah”  
Brenda Luggie, soprano

G.F. Handel

Call for the Offering

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 #411

*Arise, Your Light Is Come!*

Festal Song

**Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;  
Show forth the glory of your God, which shines on you today.**

**Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;  
Proclaim the captives' liberty, good tidings to the poor.**

**Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,  
Bind up the broken-hearted ones and comfort those who mourn.**

**Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!  
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response #369

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

I'm Gonna Live

**I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!  
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Postlude

*Trumpet March in D*

William Rowan

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- 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](mailto:office@fpctn.org)

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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!

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.

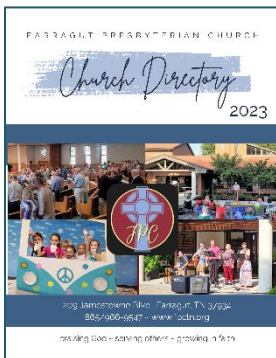
Joining Our Family of  
Faith  
in Prayer:  
A Sabbatical Journey

**NEXT SUNDAY!** We will have **ONE WORSHIP SERVICE** on Sunday, August 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>**. 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 20<sup>th</sup>. 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!*



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 Cocke 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.





**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 15<sup>th</sup>. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex.

**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.



### 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
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Aug 19	*****	*****	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 <sup>th</sup> .



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#### Church Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday 9am-3pm; Friday 9am-1pm



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