



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

~The Gathering~

Prelude

Grande plein jeu from Suite du Premier T
Tami Newsom, organ

Clerambault

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

We gather as the body of Christ.
We are many individuals, but together we are one.
Each of us has our own gifts, our own calling, our own role,
but all of us proclaim Jesus Christ is the Messiah!
Come, let us worship God.

Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

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Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
When faced with earthly powers that seem overwhelming, we crumble.
We fear this world. We fear losing our status, our stability, our station
more than we fear you.**

**Forgive our shortcomings and teach us to trust in you when we take a risk
for what we know is right.**

(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.

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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

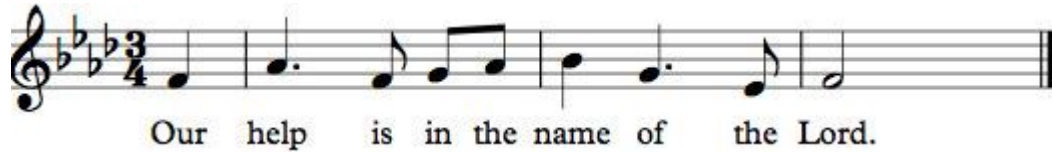
Martha Edington

**Lord our God, your name and your word are exalted above everything. We are
listening for your word; we are looking for your light. By the power of the Holy
Spirit, renew our minds and hearts so we may discern your will and respond in
faith. We pray in the name of your Son, our Savior. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:13-20

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.



Had the Lord not been on our side (Israel, sing this song!),
Had the Lord not been on our side when the foe rose up against us, **(R)**

then they would have swallowed us alive, burning us with their rage.
The floods would have carried us away; in the rushing water we would have drowned. **(R)**

Let us give thanks to God, who kept us from being destroyed. **(R)**

Like birds we flew from the fowler's net; the snare is broken, and we are free.
Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Romans 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“With Sober Judgement”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith (based on Psalm 124)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side, when our enemies attacked us, then they would have swallowed us up alive. Blessed be the Lord who has not given us as prey to their teeth. Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Anthem

Walk With Me
Brian Davison, bass

John Rice

Refrain

Walk with me, I will walk with you and build the land that

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God has planned where love shines through.

(please join in singing the refrain when indicated)

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Minute for Mission

UKirk Silent Auction

Susan Harbin

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 #391

Take My Life

Hendon

**Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days; Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I with-hold;
Take my intellect, and use every power as Thou shalt choose,
Every power as Thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is Thine own; It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

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

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Postlude

Basse et Dessus de Trompette
Tami Newsom, organ

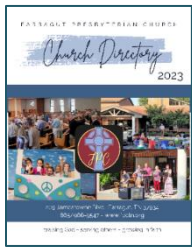
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If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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



The new **2023 Church Directories** are still available to pick up in the narthex today. They are alphabetized so it should be easy 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. We would like to sincerely thank those that helped with the 2023 directory: Mikie Lancaster, Ruth Jacobs, Debbie Long, Becky Thomason, and Dawn Zilles.

UT Football Parking! Hey Big Orange fans! Emerald Youth Foundation is excited to offer a **Parking Pass program** for the 2023 football season! Proceeds raised benefit Emerald Youth's programs in faith, learning and health serving 3,000 young people annually in Knoxville's city neighborhoods.



For more information go to: <https://www.emeraldyouth.org/parking>.

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.

FEED THE HUNGRY: Special thanks to Gayle Williams, Gale Montgomery, MaryAnne Walls and August Coordinators Robert and Terry Olberding for preparing and serving a meal to the less fortunate at Volunteer Ministry Center in August. If you would like to participate in this important outreach program next month on September 19th, see September Coordinators, Karen Brown Gonzalez and Chuck Gonzalez, or you can sign up in the narthex.



University of Tennessee UKirk Silent Auction Fundraiser: On Friday, **September 29th from 6:00-8:00 pm** [UT UKirk, the Presbyterian Campus Ministry](#), will host an open house and silent auction to raise money for this wonderful ministry. The house is located at 1831 Melrose Ave, Knoxville, TN. If you would like to sign up to provide an item or bring food for the event, please follow the link below or use the QR Code.



<https://tinyurl.com/UKirkSilentAuction>. If you are donating an item, please bring it to UKirk or give it to UKirk board member Susan Harbin **by September 22nd**. We hope that you will attend the Open House and Auction to see the UKirk House, meet the students, and learn more about their campus ministry.

SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY: We have been asked to provide specific items for holiday meals in November and December for food pantry families. We'll be collecting boxes/bags of stuffing mix, cake mixes, and ready-to-frost cans of icing. In total for the two months, we figure we'll need 400 of each item. You can place your donations in the Shepherd of Hope shopping cart in the narthex. Thank you for your continued support of this special outreach to our community.



IT'S FOOTBALL SEASON!

Our Church Life Committee will be hosting our **TAILGATE LUNCHEON** at 11am on Sunday, October 1st after a single blended worship service at 10:00 a.m. Dust off your team jerseys and pom-poms and add the date to your calendar. More information to follow in the next few weeks.

SPECIAL THANKS! to our Christian Education and Church Life committees for their combined efforts in putting on a very successful SUMMER FAIR last week. It was amazing! Look for more photos at: <https://www.fpctn.org/summer-fair-sunday-august-20-2023/>



This Week at FPC

Sun, Aug 27		9:00 a.m. Casual and 11:00 Traditional Worship Services	
Mon, Aug 28	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	1:00	p.m.	Youth Group/Soaky Mountain
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	PET Nominating Committee/Library
Tues, Aug 29	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Aug 30	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scout Troop #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
Thur, Aug 31	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Fri, Sept 01	11:45	a.m.	Big Fish Music/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in Room D in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in Room D in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Library	Monday Connection is currently on a short break.
Pastor Matt's Class	Room A	This class will be studying "Questions Jesus Asked" based on the book by Magrey deVega. The class will discuss 6 of the most provocative questions Jesus posed to others in order to bring us a fuller appreciation for the wisdom, power, and presence of God in our lives.
Youth	Café (Parlor)	The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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

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

