



TO PRAISE GOD, WELCOME ALL, SERVE OTHERS,
GROW IN FAITH, BE DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST
AND SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Good News Banner

November 2024

Farragut Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 9-3

Friday 9-1

Worship

9:00 am

Casual Service

Sanctuary

11:00 am

Traditional Service

Sanctuary

<https://tingurl.com/fpclivestream>

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God to be disciples of Jesus Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit to acknowledge God's gracious presence in the world. Our faithful response in praising God encompasses compassionate service to all, nurturing one another to grow in faith together and sending out disciples to share the Good News.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



Doing Hard Things

The Division of Student Life at the University of Alabama, where my son Jacob goes to college, sends out periodic emails to parents. It will often include articles suggesting ways to encourage their kids to study more or smarter, ways to help them navigate the college curriculum so that they actually graduate in roughly four years, and tips for helping them maintain their mental health.

This week, one of the articles was titled, “From a College Professor: Families, Let Your Student ‘Do Hard Things.’”

From the writer, Karen Spierling:

“As a long-time college history professor — with a daughter beginning the college application process — this is my wish: That every first-year college student would come to campus with this mantra running through their head: College is hard. Learning is hard. I will work hard, and I can’t wait to see what I learn!

“And that with every phone call or text with their college student, families would have this mantra running through their heads: You scream on the outside, I’ll scream on the inside.

“In my own experience as a parent, when my children are overwhelmed by learning to do new and hard things, it takes all my concentration to stay calm and encouraging instead of shouting, ‘Oh my gosh, you are right, that sounds impossible!’”

Doing hard things. That’s part of school, that’s part of college, that’s part of life. And...it’s part of discipleship.

It’s hard to witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It’s hard to serve other people in ways that Jesus would want us to serve. And sometimes it seems impossible or fruitless. And yet, it’s not impossible.

With our own talents and skills, we can do the “hard things” of discipleship. And as a result, we can “make a joyful noise to the Lord” as the psalmist writes.

“Make a Joyful Noise” is our stewardship theme for this year. On Nov. 10, we will do that by committing our financial resources to the church’s work in 2025. It’s hard to let go of our money, money that we have worked hard for and saved diligently over many years in most cases.

And yet, in response to God’s many blessings in our lives, we do the “hard thing” of letting go of some of our treasure so that others can be blessed. And in doing so, we will reap the reward of satisfaction that comes with serving our Lord.

Once again, from professor Karen Spierling: “What I know from my academic journey and what I see in my students is that hard is an essential element to satisfaction, accomplishment, pride, and growth. These are keys to our students’ success in the adult world.”

Giving is one of the hard things of faith. But it leads to satisfaction and to our growth as disciples.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

Hello Friends! Farragut Presbyterian Church is looking for volunteers to assist in our worship services. If you can help in any of the submitted categories (usher, scripture reader, or communion server), please go to: <http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp> and sign up in the appropriate available time slot. If you have any questions, please contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach, or the church office (865/966-9547). Thank you for your help!



Stewardship Sunday is Coming! November 10

“Make a joyful noise!” Psalm 100 is famous for those words. Most often associated with music, making a joyful noise is also achieved by the ways we live, love, and serve in the name of Christ. God calls us to make a noise in our community and the world that is bold, impactful, and filled with joy.

Our stewardship theme for this year is “Make a Joyful Noise!” It reflects the opportunities we have for making a lasting, joyful impact on the world around us through our gifts. Those gifts come in the form of our voices—used to make music, deliver words of encouragement, or stand up for the marginalized. They come in the form of talents shared that foster education, poverty relief, and faith development. And they come in the form of monetary contributions we make to the church and beyond.

During morning worship on Stewardship Sunday, November 10, we will make our financial commitments as our “joyful noise” so that our church’s many ministries in this community and around the world will be supported in 2025. We all should have received in the mail an Estimate of Giving Card. Please bring it with you on November 10.

During worship (one service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary), we will make our confidential commitments. And then, following worship, we will celebrate our blessings with a wonderful meal in fellowship hall. To make your reservation you can go online to <https://tinyurl.com/FPCThanksgivingMeal>, or scan the QR code with your phone.

Thank you in advance for your enthusiastic participation in this year’s Stewardship Sunday events.



The Stewardship Sunday Team

OUR FABULOUS TAILGATE PARTY CREW

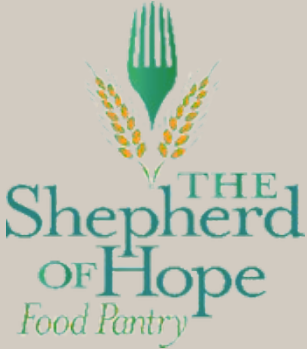
you are the best



WE HAD A GREAT TURNOUT!

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Holiday food baskets will be distributed to Shepherd of Hope Pantry guests in November and December. The Pantry is supported by several area churches, including FPC, each of whom will provide components of the food baskets.

FPC will contribute the following items: cake mixes, canned frosting of any flavor and brownie mixes. Please consider adding these items to your grocery basket, then drop them off into the grocery cart in the Church narthex.



A special thanks to volunteers Gale Montgomery, Joyce Williams, Gayle Williams, October meal coordinator Jean Peretz and Margo Gregory for purchasing, preparing, and serving a meal to the homeless at VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER this month.

If you would like to take part in this much-needed outreach program, contact November coordinator, Carol Kraft about participating in the next meal on November 19th, or sign up in the narthex.



A big thank you to all who donated to our Sunset Gap food pantry drive. With the affects of Helene and losing a good pantry in Newport, they are really busy. It's looking like they will serve 700 families this month.

Coming soon: Sunset Gap Christmas signups. We will be sponsoring 40 children this year. Signups will be available at church and online. Delivery will be early December. If you have questions, please call Debbie Long

We continue to pray for all of the devastated families of the Southeast that have been affected by the Hurricane Helen tragedy.

Thank you to all of our FPC Family who donated bottled water and food items, which have been transferred to agencies for direct distribution to those in need. Additional thanks to those in FPC Family who have sorted and transferred these items to the agencies.

The collection of these food and water items has ceased and the focus is currently on MONETARY donations. If you would like to support the disaster recovery efforts from our presbytery go to: <https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/donate> and choose the PET Disaster Response Fund option.





2024 COATS FOR THE COLD

HELP KEEP YOUR NEIGHBORS WARM THIS WINTER

Collection:
10/14/24 - 11/9/24

Distribution:
11/18/24 - 12/7/24



"I needed clothes and you clothed me... whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Matthew 25:36 & 40



The Knox Area Rescue Ministries has kicked off its "Coats for the Cold" collection drive. The annual coat drive collects thousands of coats for those in the area who may not have a coat during the winter months. The community can donate new and gently used men's, women's and children's coats at any KARM store location at any time. The last day to donate is Saturday, November 9

FPC will receive vouchers for coats to be distributed to selected missions that we support. These missions will distribute the vouchers to those that they serve.



YOU ARE INVITED TO

A NIGHT WITH UKIRK

Dinner, Music & Storytelling

2024

FRIDAY | **15** | NOVEMBER
6:30pm

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
2829 KINGSTON PIKE, KNOXVILLE, TN 37919

TICKETS ARE \$20 IN ADVANCE OR \$25 AT THE DOOR

PURCHASE TICKETS BY VENMO @UPERKUTK, AT THE QR CODE BELOW, OR BY EMAILING PASTOR RACHEL AT REV.RACHEL@UKIRKUTK.ORG TO RSVP



On Friday, November 15, the UKirk Board will be hosting a "Night With UKirk" dinner and fundraiser at Second Presbyterian Church to help fund this important ministry of our Presbytery. During the night, participants will hear directly from students about all UKirk means for their lives and faith.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. Tickets can be purchased by check through your church office or by Venmo @UPerkUTK.

UKirk (meaning "University Church") is a 501(c)(3), not for profit, network of ministries supported by the Presbyterian Church (USA). We are charged with reaching, loving, and teaching college students so they may be lifelong followers of Jesus Christ. At UKirk UTK, we believe that every person, without qualification, should have the opportunity for God's amazing love to be made known to them. We believe what God intends for the world is a reality in which people recognize God's image in the other and value diversity of perspective, race, class, gender, sexual orientation, ideological and political beliefs, or any other point of contention or division in our society. We believe all people are invited to Christ's table, not to fit in, but rather to bring their honest, authentic, and, at times, broken selves to experience the grace of God.

We hope you'll stop by and give us an opportunity to extend a warm welcome. Whether you're a freshman or non-traditional student, Presbyterian or not Presbyterian, you're invited.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

It is once again nearing the time of year to give thanks! We are so grateful to be worshipping in a beautiful sanctuary replete with magnificent musical instruments, and the capability to livestream our services, we are reaching more people than ever before! We give thanks to God, who has provided so much to the Music Ministry through the generous gifts from members of our congregation. And we give thanks to our congregation who values a quality worship time so very highly. We are so truly blessed!

One of the many wonderful things we always enjoy during the Advent and Christmas season is the music that enhances our celebration. Our Music Ministry is very proud to offer several opportunities to worship and celebrate together during the upcoming season. On Sunday, November 03 at 3:00 p.m., don't miss the UT Women's Chorale with reVOLution contemporary acappella ensemble in their Fall Recital!

On Sunday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m. we are very excited about our annual Christmas Festival! This year our own Chancel Choir will partner with the Chamber Singers from the University of Tennessee to sing the wonderful Carols of the Season! Featured will be the electrifying Gloria by Sir John Rutter with professional brass, percussion battery, and organ – now in its 50th Anniversary Year! You won't want to miss this exciting event, which will fill our chancel with the glorious sounds of the season!

On Sunday, December 15 during our special 10:00 a.m. worship service, we will participate in our 27th annual Service of Lessons and Carols in the sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. Come enjoy the music of our Chancel Choir, FPC Ringers, Flute Trio and more! Our service will be followed by a sumptuous reception. Celebrate with us in these very special events!

CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL!

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 AT 3:00 P.M.

FPC Chancel Choir and the Chamber Singers from the University of Tennessee



*Sounds
of the
Season*

**Carols of the Season
featuring the
electrifying
Gloria
by Sir John Rutter**

MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

November 26

11:00 am

Room D

Join this wonderful group of knitters and crocheters to make shawls for FPC members who need extra comfort during a difficult time. Patterns and yarn are provided.

WHEN YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO



Call someone who cares

FPC STEPHEN MINISTER LEADERS

BETH MARTIN | MATT NIEMAN
JEANIE OAKLEY | ELIZABETH WILSON

865/966-9547

Our Stephen Ministry Leaders can help:

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(865) 776-3132

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Jeanie Oakley
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Elizabeth Wilson
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Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am
Leaders: Megan Fidel
240-319-6768
Kathy Emmerson
312-286-1676

Circle #2

2nd Tuesday, 10 am
Leaders: Becky Thomason
865-607-0727
Linda Nunley

Circle #3

2nd Wednesday, 10 am
Leaders: Mikie Lancaster
865-675-0360
Jo McElhaney
865-705-6518

Presbyterian Women in the Congregation (PWC) groups build community, affirm women's calls to leadership and spiritual growth, raise concerns and channel information to and from Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery. Presbyterian Women is a loving community that can challenge and nurture you, and be a vehicle for making the world a better place for all of God's children. Consider joining an FPC Circle.

Check us out on Facebook: Presbyterian Women in the PC(USA) or on Instagram: PWPCUSA, Inc.
www.presbyterianwomen.org

Men's Bible Study

November 7 and 21
8 a.m. / Narthex

The men of FPC gather twice a month for fellowship and a time of bible study. The group meets the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of each month in the narthex at 8am. If you would like to join us, please contact John Neighbors or the church office to get on the contact list. Breakfast, coffee, and great fellowship provided!

Chair Yoga

MONDAY AND FRIDAY
10:00 - 10:30 AM
NARTHEX

Class designed for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

TGIF Gentle Yoga

FRIDAY 7:00 - 8:00 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL

Gentle, slow flow class. Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. For beginner and experienced yogis.

Contact Jenny Trussell at CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM for additional information or a private introductory session!

No childcare available, but both Yoga classes are free and open to the public.



Ever wonder what stories the survivors of the Titanic might have told?

Here's your chance to hear some of them.

Shelley Binder, retired UT Associate Professor, is an avid researcher of the Titanic. Her great grandmother and great uncle were survivors and Shelley grew up hearing many of their stories which she presents in a program filled with information and music.

The FPC Presbyterian Women's Thank Offering Luncheon will be held on Saturday, November 16, at 11:30am in the fellowship hall. Jason's Deli will be catering our meal. The cost is \$15 and can be paid during sign up sessions following both services October 27 through November 10.

This will be an exciting program!



Farragut Presbyterian had an impressive turnout at the fall retreat of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery on a beautiful day at John Knox Center.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES



PASTOR MATT'S CLASS LIBRARY

“The After Party.” It’s an examination of a growing movement that believes how we engage in politics — how we show up for the conversation, if you will — should be anchored in the clear teaching of Jesus. It’s more about “the how” than “the what” – how we interact with each other more than what the “what” is. Join us in the library at 10:00.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY OUTDOORS/ROM D LED BY ELIZABETH WILSON

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. There’s an optional lesson handout, but you can also join us for the conversation.

YOUTH CLASS CAFE/PARLOR LED BY MASON WARREN

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.

KIDS ZONE!

We invite any little adventurers aged 3-9 to come aboard for a Sunday morning full of fun at 9:00am in our Fellowship Hall!

Kids will dive into the magical world of God's love with Bible tales, catchy tunes, cool videos, and loads of giggles, while grown-up helpers guide them through arts, science, food and jam sessions.

Let's make Sundays a fun day!

TRUNK OR TREAT FUN!



November Anniversaries

11/01 Hal and Jeanie Oakley
11/07 David and Liz Gargan
11/10 Scott and Betsy Henderson
11/14 Kent and Joyce Williams
11/20 Jim and Carolyn Caldwell
11/20 Earl and Kimberly Platt
11/29 Andy and Merle Andrew

**Remember in
your prayers...**



Nathan Burris, Kathy Emmerson, Billie Fain, Marilyn Felts, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Paul Johnson, Beth Loyless, Eva Quinley Lynch, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Jim Meador, Maria Medina, Tami Newsom, Irene Rice, Linda Stutzenberger

November Birthdays

11/01 Mary Lutz
11/01 Becky Thomason
11/02 Dee Robinson
11/02 Debbie Long
11/05 Steve Plumlee
11/06 Sue Burton
11/06 Darren Schmitz
11/06 Christy Fitzgerald
11/07 Mia Feldhausen
11/13 Nancy Pevey
11/14 David Countiss
11/16 Margo Gregory
11/16 Laura Hofman
11/16. John Sharp
11/18 John Huntley
11/21 Jan Seiler
11/21 Laura Colloredo
11/21 Gale Montgomery
11/21 Colin Fitzgerald
11/25 Robert Olberding
11/25 Beth Honey
11/28 Rick Van Allen
11/29 Greg Keagy
11/30 Helen Agee
11/30 Kathy Emmerson

**SHEPHERD
MINISTRY**

We are excited to announce our FPC SHEPHERD MINISTRY is back beginning January 2025 to provide care to our church family.

We are having Shepherd Training on Sunday, November 10 from 1:00-3:00 in Room A, following our Church Wide Consecration Lunch. If you have a desire to be a Shepherd for a small group of church members or have any questions, please get in touch with Jeanie Oakley at 256/468-4501.

Thank you to all those Shepherds who have already committed to serve and care for our church family!

In Christ's Love and Care,

**Beth Martin, Jeanie Oakley & Joanie Scheuer
Your Shepherd and Stephen Ministry Leaders**

No highlights to report this month

**SESSION
HIGHLIGHTS**

Financial Report as of September 2024

	Actual for September		YTD September		YTD September Budget
Operating Income	\$65,701		\$576,935		\$525,486
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000		\$18,000		\$18,000
Total Income	\$67,701		\$594,935		\$543,486
Operating Expenses	\$70,705		\$506,840		\$541,767
Total Expenses	\$70,705		\$506,840		\$541,767
Total Income less Expenses	(\$3,005)		\$88,094		\$1,719

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Cheryl Cardwell

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Beth Honey
Cheyanne Feldhausen

Church Life
Jeff Thode
Gayle Williams

Outreach
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Scott McKinney

Property
Darrell Sparks
Thom Haig

Worship and Music
Catherine Manning
MaryAnne Walls

Clerk of Session
Lisa Gary



Get Social!

Farragut Presbyterian is live on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter.
Have something to post?
Send to our social media coordinator, Emily Sweetland,
at social@fpctn.org or text 865-567-7636



<https://www.instagram.com/farrgutpesbyterian>



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<https://www.facebook.com/FPCKnox>



Farragut Presbyterian Church



KARM STORES
The Thrift Store with a Mission

When donating used items to KARM tell the employee the name of the church. The church will receive gift cards to KARM Stores that can be given to someone in need.

Support FPC Christian Ed with Kroger Community Rewards Program. Link your Kroger reward card to FPC.
Sign up at: Visit
<https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow/>
Our organization number is YU915.

