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Christ the King Sunday

~The Gathering~

Greeting Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude Jesus, Still Lead On Cherwien

Tami Newsom, organ

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CALL TO WORSHIP

God established the world from of old, God's reign shall never end.
God delivered us in freedom and truth.
God's love is everlasting.
Come let us worship God.



*HYMN #551

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come St. George's Windsor

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, how often we trust in the promises of earthly rulers instead of the power of your love;

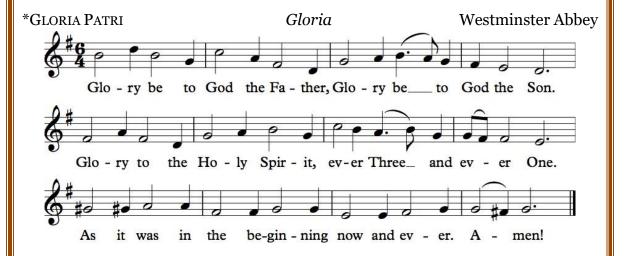
help us to turn our hearts toward you.

Restore us in your love and set us free to forgive as we have been forgiven, by the grace and mercy of Christ.

(please continue in silent prayer)



*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS



*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

~The Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Linda Ewald

Come, Holy Spirit; open our hearts to receive a word of truth, then set us free to follow in the power of Christ's love. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

[Pew Bible pg. 208]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 132:1-12, 13-18

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

James Montgomery



Hail to the Lord's A-noint-ed, great Da-vid's great-er Son; hail in the time ap-point-ed, his reign on earth be-gun.

Lord, remember David, and all the hardships he endured;
How he swore an oath to the Lord and vowed a vow to the Mighty One of Jacob:
"I will not come under the roof of my house, not climb up into my bed;
I will not allow my eyes to sleep, nor let my eyelids slumber;
Until I find a place for the Lord, a dwelling for the Mighty One of Jacob." (R)

"Let us go to God's dwelling place;
let us fall upon our knees before God's footstool."
Arise, O Lord, into your resting-place, you and the ark of your strength.
Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
let your faithful people sing for joy.
For your servant David's sake, do not turn away the face of your anointed. (R)

The Lord has sworn an oath to David, and in truth, will not break it:

A son, the fruit of your body, will I set upon your throne.

If your children keep my covenant and my testimonies that I shall teach them,

Their children will sit upon your throne forevermore. (R)

 ${\bf From}\, {\it Psalms}\, {\it for}\, {\it All}\, {\it Seasons}$

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 6:25-33

[Pew Bible pg. 6]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Aiming Higher"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – from the Confession of 1967

The risen Christ is the savior for all. Those joined to him by faith are set right with God and commissioned to serve as his reconciling community. Christ is head of this community, the Church, which began with the apostles and continues through all generations. The same Jesus Christ is the judge of all. His judgment disclosed the ultimate seriousness of life and gives promise of God's final victory over the power of sin and death. To receive life from the risen Lord is to have life eternal.

John Behnke

THE ANTHEM

Crown Him with Many Crowns Chancel Choir

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne; Hark how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own. Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, And hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

Crown him the virgin's son, the God incarnate born,
Whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem
The root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.

Crown him the lord of love. Behold his hands and side, Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified. No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, But downward bend their wond'ring eyes at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high, Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Please stand when indicated and join the Choir on the final verse:

Crown him the lord of heav'n, enthroned in worlds above, Crown him the king to whom is giv'n the wondrous name of love, Crown him with many crowns as thrones before him fall; Crown him, ye kings, with many crowns, for he is king of all.

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 #555

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun danket alle Gotte

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*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #423

Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun

Duke Street

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does its successive journeys run, His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

*Postlude

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

Walcha

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Usher ~ Gary Heidinger and Linda Ewald

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- Go to https://tinyurl.com/record-FPC-attendance, or
- Email the office at office@fpctn.org, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

SUNDAY MORNING VOLUNTEERS

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).

SUNSET GAP SECRET SANTA



This Christmas we are sponsoring 40 children from Cosby Elementary for Christmas. Look for the signup sheets both on-site in the narthex and on-line at https://tinyurl.com/SGChristmas2024 (or use the QR code). Select a tag, sign up on the sheet with both your name and phone number. Be sure to note your tag's number. Please return gifts wrapped for Christmas, with the child's name and tag number on the package by Dec 8th. Questions? Please contact Debbie Long.

SUNSET GAP HAT/MITTEN TREE: The congregation is invited to join Presbyterian Women as we collect for the hat, mitten/gloves, scarves tree that the center has available to anyone in the community needing these warm items. The need will be even bigger due to Hurricane Helene. Items may be handmade, or store bought. Items are needed for people of all ages and need to be new. Deadline is Dec 8th as they will be delivered with the gifts for the children. Questions, please contact Debbie Long



Sunday Worship Volunteers

Needed

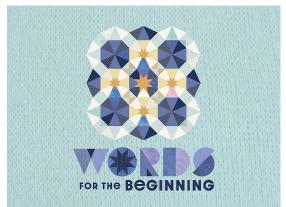
We met our goal! The **SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY** holiday food baskets have enough cake and brownie mixes and frosting! Thank you to all who donated to these holiday baskets that will be given to the less fortunate this Thanksgiving and Christmas. Your generosity is deeply appreciated. Contact Becky Thomason with any questions.



If you would still like to make a pledge towards the programs and services FPC provides in 2025, it's not too late! Please go to:

https://tinyurl.com/makemyFPCpledge or scan this QR code with your phone's camera. You can also stop by the church during office hours to get a pledge card to turn in.







ADVENT BEGINS NEXT SUNDAY!

The theme for Advent this year is "Words for the Beginning." An Advent devotional on this theme (from *Sanctified Art*) can be viewed at online.flippingbook.com/view/811735764/. If you prefer a printed copy, please let the church office know, and we can print one for you.

SAVE THE DATE!

FPC Children's Christmas Program ~ December 8th at 10:00 a.m. followed by a Christmas Cookie Reception!

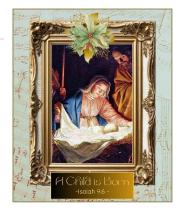


SPECIAL THANKS to FPC volunteers.

Gale Montgomery, Margo Gregory, Sharon Koch, November meal coordinator Carol Kraft, and Lori Patterson for organizing, purchasing, preparing, and serving a meal to the homeless at VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER this month. Thank you also to Beth Honey, Jean Peretz, and others who help our FPC children decorate "take home" bags for the guests to leave with after eating, and for purchasing the items to fill those bags. If you would like to help with future monthly meals, check the table in the narthex to sign up, or contact Jean Peretz. Men's Bible Study will be supplying the meal in

December, so signups will begin again in January 2025.

On **Sunday, December 15 at 10:00 a.m.** we will participate in our twenty-seventh annual **SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS** in the sanctuary, followed by an elegant heavy hors-d'œuvre reception by our Church Life Committee. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. Don't miss singing the beloved carols of the season in this special service, and the celebration that follows!



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH

FAMILY: Billie Fain, Marilyn Felts, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Mike Houlihan, Paul Johnson, Ronny Lomax, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, LaQuita Misner, Tami Newsom, Irene Rice, Gail Wallace

Please continue to pray for all the devastated families of the Southeast that have been affected by the Hurricane Helene tragedy. If you would like to help support the disaster relief efforts from



our presbytery, go to: https://www.presbyteryeasttn.org/donate/ (please choose the PET Disaster Response Fund option when making your donation).

This Week at FPC

Sun Nov 24	9:00 a.m. Casual Service and 11:00 Traditional Service		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
Mon, Nov 25	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Tues, Nov 26	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Library
	11:00	a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Room D
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Leaders #444/Library
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Rm A
Wed, Nov 27	****	****	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSES AT 12 NOON
Thur, Nov 28	****	****	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED/Thanksgiving Day
Fri, Nov. 29	****	****	CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED



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"To praise God, welcome all, serve others, grow in faith, be disciples of Jesus Christ and share the Good News."



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