



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

Good News Banner

February 2025

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



Anniversaries

This past week marked the 80th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz concentration camp in Poland by the Red Army. After years of imprisonment and the death of 1.1 million Jews, the killing had finally stopped.

At ceremonies marking the anniversary, officials of the museum at Auschwitz repeatedly said it was important to remember the horror of Auschwitz. For in forgetting, we run the risk of events like this happening again. That museum is the repository of that awful memory.

It's good to remember—the good things and the bad. Moses said to the Israelites in Deuteronomy 4:9, “Be careful and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your hearts as long as you live.”

Marking anniversaries is a way for us to not forget the significant moments of our journeys. They inform, they teach, and they shape the present and our future.

Did you know that 2025 is the 40th anniversary of the founding of Farragut Presbyterian Church? Two small Presbyterian congregations united to form a welcoming presence in the heart of this then-new town. Based on great hospitality and a commitment to being a voice for God's grace and love, FPC embodied what it means to grow in faith together amid diversity of thought and belief.

This anniversary should shape us by helping us remember our roots and then striving to be faithful to those roots through our continued commitment to loving God, loving each other, and growing in faith.

So, here's to anniversaries and to the beautiful and sometimes painful memories they invoke! They shape us and set the course for a more meaningful and just future.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

April 13 Blended service, Palm Sunday (brunch to follow worship)

June 29 Casual service (cookout to follow worship)

September 28 Casual service (tailgate to follow worship)

November 9 Blended service, Stewardship Sunday (Thanksgiving meal to follow worship)

December 7 Casual service, Children's Christmas Program

December 14 Traditional service, Lessons and Carols (reception to follow worship)

December 28 Traditional service

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



Outreach Giving 2024

Each year, our Outreach Committee gives ten percent of our annual giving to local, regional, and international causes. This is in addition to the various special offerings/fundraisers and giving done by groups within the church (men's group, Presbyterian Women, etc.)

In 2024, \$70,065 was awarded from just the outreach budget alone. Here is where the money was allocated:

Presbytery mission entities \$18,720
Emerald Youth Foundation 1,500
Morgan Scott Project 2,000
UKirk Campus Ministry at UT 1,500
Bridge Refugee Services 2,000
Volunteer Ministry Center 6,445
Interfaith Health Clinic 5,000
Sunset Gap 4,800
Mission of Hope 1,500
KARM 1,500

Overseas Missionaries \$5,000
Habitat for Humanity 2,000
Maryville College 1,300
Family Promise 2,500
Living Waters for the World 1,500
Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry 3,800
John Knox Center 2,000
Mobile Meals 2,500
Coalition Against Trafficking 2,000
McNabb Center 2,500



Please join Presbyterian Women as we help stock the Sunset Gap food pantry during this season of high unemployment. In October the pantry served 565 families, 2542 people, and in November they served 520 families (only open 3 weeks) for 2340 people .

Items most needed include flour, sugar, cornmeal mix, cooking oil, peanut butter, pasta & canned pasta sauce, canned meat, rice, mac & cheese, breakfast items, Ramen noodles and crackers. The drive will be Jan 19- Feb 9. Items can be placed in the basket in the narthex. If you have questions please contact Debbie Long



Valentine's Brunch

FEBRUARY 9 10 AM

Join us in the Fellowship Hall for a Secret Valentine gift exchange, photo booth, and yummy food sponsored by Family Ministries. We will be making Valentine's cards to add to our February snack bags for the clients of Volunteer Ministry Center.

BINGO NIGHT

SOUP, CHILI & BINGO!

Saturday, February 22 at 5 pm

Have someone in your life you'd like to introduce to FPC?

Bring them to Soup, Chili and Bingo night!

The Church Life Committee will provide drinks, chili toppings and bingo prizes.

Please sign up to bring your favorite soup, chili, salad, small dessert, or bread via the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or online:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScyRaqpTr15t7jGGviJClzGy5TEk7msyFvfdw3OHhbPiKYnw/viewform>.



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

Worship is a time for celebration and contemplation as a community of Christian faith. Through song and prayer, through silence and the spoken word, through sharing Communion at the table of Christ, we remember that we are children of God. In gathering as a community, opening the book of God's Word, proclaiming it aloud, and reflecting on its meaning, we engage in a communal encounter with the divine.

It would seem as if music has always been associated with worship. We read in Psalm 71: 'I will also praise thee with the harp for thy faithfulness, O my God; I will sing praises to thee with the lyre, O Holy One of Israel. My lips will shout for joy, when I sing praises to thee' and this brings out the close association between the act of making music and the act of giving praise to God. We know from Acts that when Paul and Silas were imprisoned at Philippi they 'were praying and singing hymns to God' which presumably acted to help them sustain their faith.

Music is something that reaches very deeply within us as human beings. We can quite literally be moved to tears by a particular melody. Music has developed its own language that can be used to express a vast emotional vocabulary.

Here are some of the ideas we as church musicians consider:

- In singing together, or in making music together, a particular group fosters its corporate identity and songs can develop a sense of fellowship. What we have then is a medium that has profound links to our humanity, in all its aspects: emotional, intellectual, spiritual. It is unsurprising that music has always been part of worship in any community. How will these words and music speak most directly to my particular congregation?
- How can I help our community worship more completely? What does the text of each song want in sound and tempo? Where in the liturgy does each musical instance fall? What comes before and what comes next? How can I help prepare the congregation to embrace the focus and flow of worship?
- What are they most likely to remember Monday morning? Music has staying power that text alone rarely enjoys. People do not forget the way a hymn, song, or anthem connected with a deeper reality.

Tami and I have been blessed to be part of the Farragut Presbyterian Church community for 25 and 27 years, respectfully. Through your love and nurture we have been committed to serving Christ in your midst, called to be your musicians, to help you worship with your community, and send you out into the world singing a song on your heart.

On December 15 you so graciously celebrated Tami and I for our service here at FPC. We want to thank Pastor Matt for your enduring love and care, and the privilege to work with you each week. Thank you to Dawn, Sandra, Mason, and Lori for not only being terrific colleagues but for being great friends as well. It is an honor to serve with you. Thank you to the FPC Chancel Choir, Farragut Ringers, and a host of talented musicians who give of their best to worship. Without each of you we could not be able to do what we do. Thank you to the group who planned and put together the wonderful celebration. From Pastor Matt's humbling words, the FABULOUS reception, and the hugs, love and gifts...you truly made us feel so special. We look forward to many more years of serving with you. May we continue to get "lost in wonder, love, and praise."

MINISTRIES



Prayer Shawl Ministry

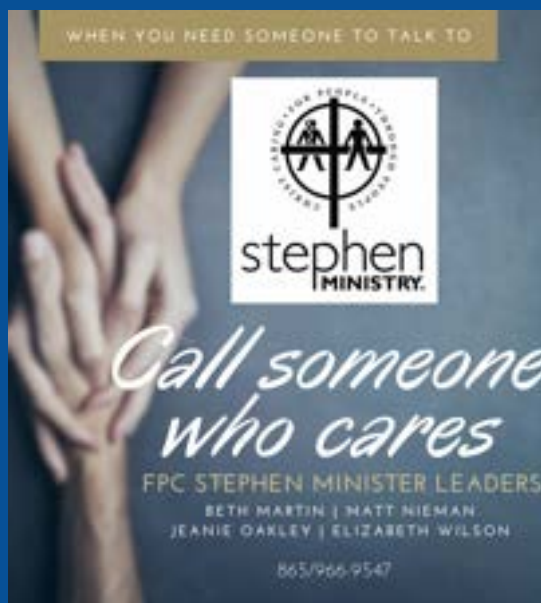
February 25

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.



Our Stephen Ministry Leaders can help:

Beth Martin
(865) 776-3132

Matt Nieman
(865) 966-9547

Jeanie Oakley
(256) 468-4501

Elizabeth Wilson
(865) 382-6786

Presbyterian Women

All circle meetings are held at the church

Circle #1

2nd Tuesday, 10 am

Leaders: Megan Figel

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

February 13 and 27

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

NARTHEX

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.

The Presbyterian Women's Groups have been busy with collections to various mission organizations. Very generous mission pledges were given to Santa Elves Inc, the non-profit foundation co-founded by Laura Hash which provides Christmas gifts and an annual party to all children in the foster care system in East TN.



Contributions were given to help a Newport family who were directly affected by the floods in the fall. Debbie Long also contributed an Afghan made by our Shawl Ministry.

A food pantry drive is now in progress to provide needed essentials to the families in Sunset Gap. The collection will continue through February 9. A basket is in the narthex with a list of items needed.

The PW Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday, March 29 in the fellowship hall at 11:30 a.m. Shelley Binder will be presenting the program on her ancestors who were survivors of the Titanic. All FPC women are invited to attend.

**Presbyterian Women
Spring Luncheon
Saturday, March 29
11:30 pm**



Titanic

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.



PASTOR MATT'S CLASS

LIBRARY

“Hope: A User’s Guide”

by MaryAnn McKibben Dana

How do we cultivate hope to face each day? How do we find the energy to persevere, knowing things don't always work out OK, no matter what the platitudes say? How do we pursue the work of justice, knowing that the task is too big for any of us? One thing is certain: real hope demands that we do something with it. That we live it out. That we use hope to participate in a bigger story playing out behind the bleak world we see on the news or in our social media feeds every day.

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

OUTDOORS/ROOM D

LED BY ELIZABETH WILSON

This class will discuss the weekly Lectionary text. The Revised Common Lectionary is a three-year cycle of readings from the Scriptures, arranged and intended for proclamation during the worship of the people of God. This practice of assigning particular readings to each Sunday and festival has continued through the history of the Christian Church.

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!

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. We will explore key themes like God's covenant with the Israelites, stories of pivotal figures like Abraham, Moses, David, and Daniel, learning about concepts of obedience, faith, justice, and redemption, while also examining how these stories and characters relate to their own lives and challenges today, especially through relatable experiences like dealing with difficult choices, facing adversity, and navigating relationships with others; all while understanding the historical context of the stories and how they foreshadow the coming of Jesus in the New Testament.

February Anniversaries

2/12 Brian and Linda Nunley

2/17 Eric and Lori Corbett

**Remember in
your prayers...**



Pat Dail, Kathy Emmerson, Marilyn Felts, Dean Fleming, Chuck Foriska, Frank Guess, Dixie Heflin, Mikie Lancaster, Beth Loyless, Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom

THANK YOU

MaryAnne Walls would like to thank everybody for the well wishes and food given to her following her surgery. She says, "I felt the support and prayers of our church family and I am recovering fine."

February Birthdays

2/01 Joyce Williams

2/02 Roxie Matson

2/07 Mindy Houlihan

2/07 Nancy Wilson

2/08 Joe Kzsos

2/08 Evelyn Snelling

2/09 Maylee Warren

2/10 John Neighbors

2/10 Eva Quinley Lynch

2/11 Logan Henderson

2/12 Karen Johnson

2/12 Janet Murphy

2/12 Ron Pevey

2/12 Chris Sparks

2/16 Betty Nicholls

2/17 Lisa Gary

2/19 Betsy Henderson

2/20 Pat Hickman

2/20 Jules Snelling-Brandon

2/21 Mary Hoagland

2/22 Dan Greaser

2/22 John Tabor

2/23 Ashley Boone

2/24 Nathan Burris

2/27 Mikie Lancaster

2/29 Debbie Schwartz

THE FPC SHEPHERD PROGRAM IS NOW UNDERWAY!

With our Shepherd program, each of you (and your family) have been assigned a Shepherd Leader. Your Shepherd Leader is a member of our congregation who has volunteered to contact you every month – to see how you are doing, if you have needs that we as a church could perhaps help with, and to ask how they can be praying for you!

We are blessed to have 30 Shepherd Leaders who have felt called to help in this ministry. Each Shepherd Leader has approximately 5-7 families within their "flock". Your Shepherd Leader will contact you each month in the way that is best for you, be it a phone call, card, email, or by text. Or perhaps you have an opportunity to see each other at church or in the community and can share at that time.

**SHEPHERD
MINISTRY**

Our hope is that this program will offer an additional way within our congregation for everyone to feel cared for and prayed for, connected and valued, and to have opportunities to build relationships. We also understand and want to respect each member's boundaries and need for privacy at whatever level he or she is comfortable. A big thank you to all our caring Shepherd leaders! We appreciate you all very much!

Our vision with this program is the 23rd Psalm – Jesus is our Shepherd! – and we hope that all in our church family feel cared for by each other, as Jesus cares for us!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us:

Beth Martin, Jeanie Oakley, or Joanie Scheuer

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on January 27, the Session:

- Approved Lisa Gary to serve as Clerk of Session, Tom Koch to serve as financial secretary, and John Begovich to serve as church treasurer in 2025.
- Endorsed a process called Vision 2035, led by John Sharp, to assist the Session in charting a course for effective ministry into the next decade. The process will involve getting feedback from key leaders on our church's strengths and weaknesses, as well as opportunities for growth.
- Entered into an agreement with a company called MultiVista for 3D laser scanning services to assist our architect, Brewer Ingram Fuller, in providing possible designs for improvements to the sanctuary and narthex areas as part of Fresh Look II.
- Accepted a recommendation of the Administration Committee to designate the church's 2024 surplus (\$94,000) to several areas, including our capital reserves and Fresh Look II.
- Approve the hiring of a third nursery worker as a substitute on Sunday mornings

Financial Report as of December 2024

	Actual for December	YTD December	YTD December Budget
Operating Income	\$78,707	\$762,389	\$700,650
Big Fish Academy Income	\$2,000	\$24,000	\$24,000
Total Income	\$80,707	\$786,389	\$724,650
Operating Expenses	\$82,131	\$692,198	\$724,650
Total Expenses	\$82,131	\$692,198	\$724,650
Total Income less Expenses	(\$1,424)	\$94,191	\$0



Get Social!

Farragut Presbyterian is live on Facebook, Instagram, and X.
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>



@FarrPres



<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.

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