

Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

Blessed are they
Luke 6:17-26

February 16, 2025 9:00 a.m.

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*We invite you to stand as able.

~We Gather~

Prelude

All My Fountains
Music Ensemble

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Call To Worship

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,

whose confidence is in God.

They will be like a tree planted by the water,

sending out roots by the stream.

This tree does not fear when heat comes;

its leaves are green, its fruit endures.

So come, let us place our trust in God!

Let us live in blessed faith together!

*Opening Song

Thrive

VERSE 1

Here in this worn and weary land
Where many a dream has died
Like a tree planted by the water
We never will run dry

PRE-CHORUS

So living water flowing through
God we thirst for more of You
Fill our hearts and flood our souls
With one desire

CHORUS



Just to know You, and to make You known. We lift Your name on

5

high. Shine like the sun, make darkness run and hide. We know we were made for

11

so much more than ordinary lives. It's time for us to more than just sur -

16

- vive: We were made to thrive._____

VERSE 2

Into Your Word we're digging deep
To know our Father's heart
Into the world we're reaching out
To show them who You are

BRIDGE

Joy unspeakable
Faith unsinkable
Love unstoppable
Anything is possible
(REPEAT 3X)

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Blest Are They

Gsus Leader or All G D C

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

Dsus D7 Gsus G Gsus G

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D C Dsus D Gsus G

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain All C D7 G D Em G C G

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am A D C D7 Em Em7

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C Dsus D C G

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God’s ways.

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BLEST ARE THEY
 Irregular

*Prayer of Confession

Rev. Matt Nieman

God of renewal, we admit to you and to each other that we have not always loved you and our neighbors as fully as you call us to love. We have failed to be good stewards of the air, the water, the animals, and the plants. We have turned away from you and toward our own self-interest. We have been shortsighted, and we are humbly sorry. Help us turn back to you, O Lord, to reach toward you as a tree sends its roots out toward water.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*The Peace

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

~We Proclaim~

A Moment with the Children

Rev. Matt Nieman

Prayer for Illumination

Whitney Sharp

O God, whose Word is like water to the root of the tree, let your Word now flow into us that we might flourish – bearing gospel fruit for a hungry world. In the name of Jesus, the Living Word, we pray. Amen.

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-8
Luke 6:17-26

[Pew Bible pg. 719]
[Pew Bible pg. 64]

Sermon

“Blessings and Woes”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~We Respond~

Affirmation of Faith (from the *PCUSA Study Catechism*)

We love because God first loved us. God loves us in Christ with a love that never ends. Amazed by grace, we no longer live for ourselves. We live for the Lord who died and rose again, triumphant over death, for our sake. Therefore, we take those around us to heart, especially those in particular need, knowing that Christ died for them no less than for us.

Musical Reflection

Beatitude
Music Ensemble

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Call for Giving

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

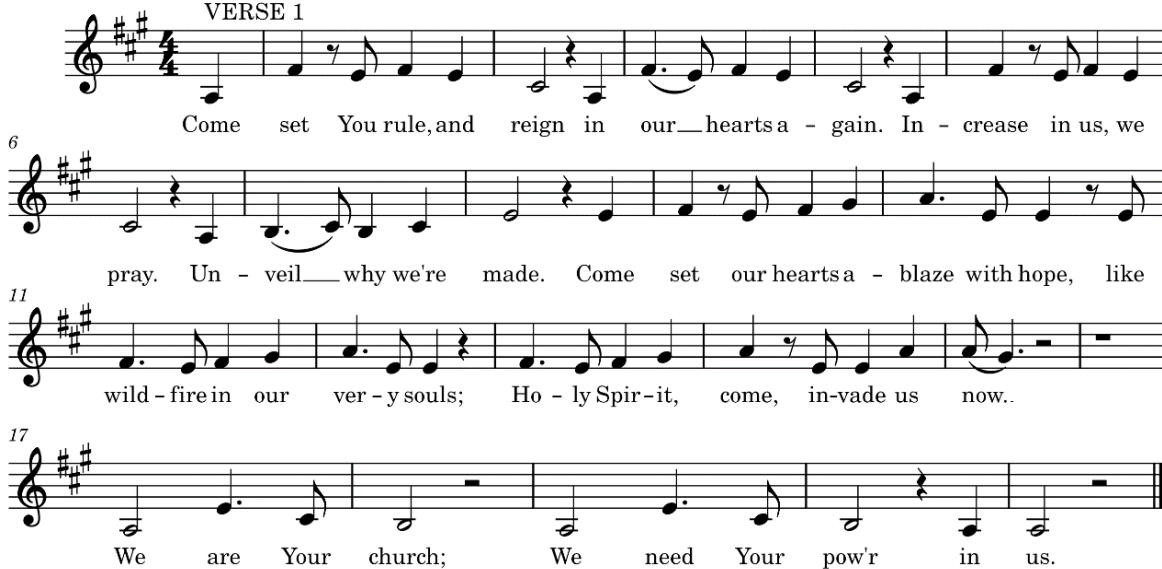
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

~We Go Out Into the World~

*Closing Song

Build Your Kingdom Here

VERSE 1

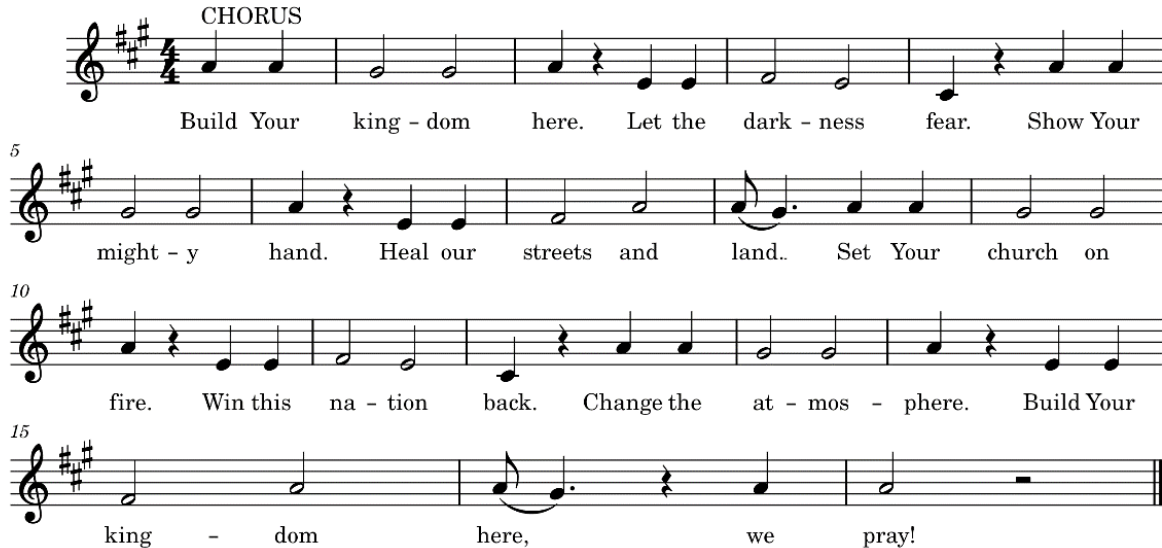


6 Come set You rule, and reign in our hearts a - gain. In - crease in us, we
11 pray. Un - veil why we're made. Come set our hearts a - blaze with hope, like
17 wild - fire in our ver - y souls; Ho - ly Spir - it, come, in - vade us now.
We are Your church; We need Your pow'r in us.

VERSE 2

We seek Your kingdom first. We hunger and we thirst;
Refuse to waste our lives, For You're our joy and prize.
To see the captives' hearts released; The hurt the sick the poor at peace.
We lay down our lives for heaven's cause.
We are Your church; We pray revive this earth. (*Chorus*)

CHORUS



5 Build Your king - dom here. Let the dark - ness fear. Show Your
10 might - y hand. Heal our streets and land. Set Your church on
15 fire. Win this na - tion back. Change the at - mos - phere. Build Your
king - dom here, we pray!

VERSE 3

Unleash Your kingdom's pow'r, Reaching the near and far.
No force of hell can stop Your beauty changing hearts.
You made us for much more than this; Awake the kingdom seed in us.
Fill us with the strength and love of Christ.
We are Your church; We are the hope on earth. (*Chorus*)

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*Charge and Benediction

Today's music ensemble:

Sandra Bohlken, piano & vocals ~ Charles Needham, bass guitar ~ Kevin Zetina, percussion
Joey Nieman, guitar & vocals ~ Shannon Needham, vocals

Ushers ~ Eiffert Family

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, Mason Warren, Parker Morrell,
Turner Neely, & Kat Wilson

Please use one of the methods below to record your attendance with us today:



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, or
- Sign the pew attendance pad.

SOUP, CHILI & BINGO NEXT SATURDAY



Do you have someone in your life you'd like to introduce to FPC? Bring them to Soup, Chili and Bingo night!

The fun will start at 5pm on Saturday, February 22 in the Fellowship Hall.

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 QR code or the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



MARYVILLE COLLEGE PERFORMANCE

Our A/V Team intern, Kat Wilson, is performing in Maryville College's "The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet" on the following dates in the Flex Theatre of the Clayton Center for the Arts on the MC campus: February 13, 14 and 15 at 8:00pm, and February 16 at 2:00pm. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for seniors and area students. For more information, call the box office at 865-981-8590.

Maryville College Theatre Department Presents



*William Shakespeare's
Romeo and Juliet*



RESTRING APPALACHIA

Do you have extra musical instruments or equipment collecting dust? DONATE them! **ReString Appalachia** is an initiative from *American Songcatcher* supported by over 200 musicians, instrument makers, nonprofits, venues, visual artists, actors, and media outlets, dedicated to getting quality instruments back in the hands of those who lost them due to Hurricane Helene, and Hurricane Milton. Learn more at <https://americansongcatcher.com/restringappalachia/>

Shepherd Ministry



We are so excited that 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.

Contact Beth Martin, Jeanie Oakley, or Joanie Scheuer with any questions.

THANK YOU FROM SUNSET GAP

A big thank you to all who participated in the food drive for Sunset Gap food pantry.



Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Unemployment is high since so many of the tourist attractions are closed during this time of year and the need is great. Thank you, Debbie Long



PRAYERS FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY:

Pat Dail, Kathy Emmerson, Marilyn Felts, Dean Fleming, Chuck Foriska, David Greaser, Frank Guess, Dixie Heflin, David Long, Beth and Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Irma McGuffey, Maria Medina, Shannon Needham, Tami Newsom



Please continue to pray for all the victims and those affected by the California Wildfires as well as Hurricane Helene and Milton.

If you would like to help Presbyterian Disaster Relief for the California wildfires, go to: <https://pcusa.org/CAfires25>

If you would like to help Presbyterian Disaster Relief for the Hurricanes, go to: <https://pma.pcusa.org/donate/make-a-gift/gift-info/DR000169/> or you can also donate to the PDA through presbyteryeasttn.org/donate/.



This Week at FPC

Sun, Feb 16	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Feb 17	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	3:00	p.m.	Fellowship Hall Reserved
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	*****	*****	OFFICE CLOSED
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
Tues, Feb 18	5:00	p.m.	Church Life Committee/Library
	6:00	p.m.	TVP Auditions/Sanctuary, FH, Narthex
	10:30	a.m.	Feed the Hungry/VMC
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
Wed, Feb 19	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	10:00	a.m.	Property Committee/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	12:00	p.m.	Room D/Parlor Reserved
Thurs, Feb 20	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
Fri, Feb 21	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
Sat, Feb 22	5:00	p.m.	Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire Building
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex
	9:00	a.m.	Chamber Singers Retreat/Entire Building
	5:00	p.m.	Chili, Soup, and Bingo Night/FH

Sunday School at FPC

- **KidZone** is for children ages 3-9 who meet in Fellowship Hall at 9am to learn about the love of God, through Bible verses, songs, videos and fun activities.
- **Adult Bible Study** meets in Room D to discuss the weekly Lectionary text. Everyone is welcome. Contact Elizabeth Wilson with questions.
- **Pastor Matt's Class** is studying a book titled "Hope: A User's Guide," by MaryAnn McKibben Dana. Join us in the library at 10:00.
- **FPC Youth Class** meets at 10am in the Café (parlor) each week during the school year to "Dive In" to the Old Testament. Contact Mason Warren for more information.



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Church Office Hours:

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



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