



Farragut
Presbyterian
Church

February 23, 2025

11:00 a.m.



This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*We invite you to stand as able.

~The Gathering~

GREETING

Rev. Matt Nieman

PRELUDE

Meditation
Tami Newsom, organ

Peeters

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CALL TO WORSHIP

The way of Christ turns the world upside down.

God's ways are not our ways.

It moves us beyond retribution and cycles of violence.

God's ways are not our ways.

It leads us to enemy-love and scandalous forgiveness.

God's ways are not our ways.

It calls us beyond reciprocity into radical giving.

God's ways are not our ways.

So let us commit our way to the Lord together

**until our righteousness shines like the dawn and
our justice like high noon.**

*HYMN #489

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Unser Herrscher

*CALL TO CONFESSION

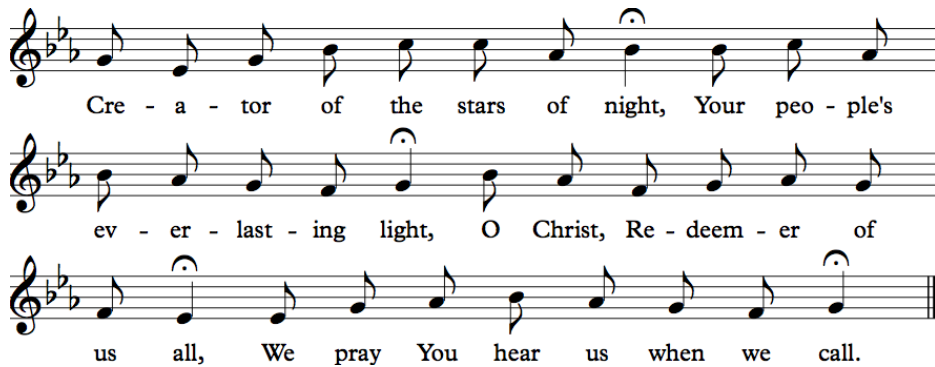
*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not followed your ways
or trusted your promises. We love only those who love us;
we show kindness only to those who are kind to us; we give only
when we expect to receive. Forgive us, Lord. Fill our hearts with
your selfless love. Change our lives by your matchless grace.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

*KYRIE ELEISON

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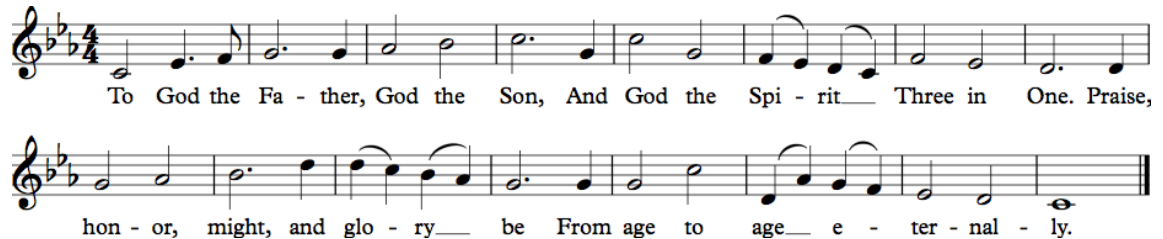


Cre - a - tor of the stars of night, Your peo - ple's
ev - er - last - ing light, O Christ, Re - deem - er of
us all, We pray You hear us when we call.

*DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI

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To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, And God the Spi - rit Three in One. Praise,
hon - or, might, and glo - ry be From age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

*THE PEACE

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

~The Word~

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Brian Davison

Gracious God, by your Word you provide all we need – for salvation, for wholeness, for abundant life. Now draw us close in your Spirit so that we may discover your will and live according to your purposes; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 6:27-38

[Pew Bible pg. 64]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

PSALM 37: 1-11, 39-40

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Guimont



The hum - ble shall own the land, and en - joy the full - ness of peace.

Do not fret because of the wicked; do not envy those who do evil,
for they wither quickly like grass and fade like the green of the fields.

If you trust in the Lord and do good, then you will live in the land and be secure.
If you find your delight in the Lord, he will grant your heart's desire.

Calm your anger and forget your rage; do not fret, it only leads to evil.
For those who do evil shall perish; those waiting for the Lord shall inherit the land.

The salvation of the just comes from the Lord, their stronghold in time of distress.
The Lord helps them and delivers them and saves them, for their refuge is in God.

From *Psalms for the Revised Common Lectionary*
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SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 45:3-11, 15

[Pew Bible pg. 42]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Liberation”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the *PCUSA Study Catechism*)

How can you forgive those who have really hurt you?

I cannot love my enemies, I cannot pray for those who persecute me, I cannot even be ready to forgive those who have really hurt me, without the grace that comes from above. I cannot be conformed to the image of God's Son, apart from the power of God's Word and Spirit. Yet, I am promised that I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.

THE ANTHEM

Put Peace Into Each Other's Hands
Chancel Choir

Jane Holstein

Put peace into each other's hands and like a treasure hold it;
protect it like a candle flame, with tenderness enfold it.

Put peace into each other's hands with love your expectation;
be gentle in your words and ways, in touch with God's creation.

Put peace into each other's hands, like bread we break for sharing;
look people warmly in the eye: our life is meant for caring.

Give thanks for strong yet tender hands, held out in trust and blessing.
Where words fall short, let hands speak out, the heights of love expressing.

Put Christ into each other's hands, he is love's deepest measure;
in love make peace, give peace a chance and share it like a treasure.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Camp John Knox

Penny Babelay, Transitional Director

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.**

*HYMN #386

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~The Sending~

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE #335

Come, Spirit, Come

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**Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.**

*POSTLUDE

Finale in D minor
Tami Newsom, organ

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Usher ~ Thom Haig

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.

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.



It's Foodies time again!!!

This is a fun fellowship event that meets quarterly in small groups of 6-8 people. Participants bring a dish to pass from a provided menu recipe. We meet at the home of a designated host for a great dinner and fellowship. Sign up in the Narthex for our first meal that takes place on Saturday, March 15th.

Our menu will include

Appetizer: Irish soda bread and some cheeses

Entrée: Corn Beef and Cabbage with potatoes and carrots

Dessert: Key Lime Cheesecake with Strawberry Sauce

Save the date for
upcoming
Foodies gatherings
May 3
July 12
October 4

Contact Pat Hickman with questions.

TIME TO CLEAN OUT THE GARDEN SHED & DONATE UNUSED ITEMS TO THE

Posies for the Pantry
BARGAIN SHED

Drop off **gently-used** items to the church rear parking lot picnic tables between March 9th - April 6th
contact Joyce or Kent Williams for more information
(all proceeds benefit Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry)



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/>

Thank You

THANK YOU VMC VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you to our volunteers, Carol Kraft, Sharon Koch, Frank Dorman, Gayle Williams and Margo Gregory who served at the Volunteer Ministry Center on February 18.

Sign up to serve next month on March 18 via the sign-up sheet in the Narthex.



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

Shop for flowers, plants, crafts, garden decor & more

Posies for the Pantry

SAVE THE DATE!

fundraiser proceeds benefit:

THE Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry

Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd. - Farragut
APRIL 12th-9am to 1pm

Community churches supporting the pantry:
Faith Lutheran-Concord Methodist
Farragut Presbyterian-Grassy Valley Baptist

This Week at FPC

Sun, Feb 23	9am Casual Worship Service ~ 11am Traditional Worship Service		
Mon, Feb 24	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Fellowship Hall
	5:30	p.m.	Youth Group/Parlor
	6:30	p.m.	Village Green HOA/Room A
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	11:00	a.m.	Room D Reserved
Tues, Feb 25	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Library, Zoom
	11:00	a.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Room D
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	2:00	p.m.	Visioning Gathering/Library
Wed, Feb 26	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Room A, Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	CS Leaders #444/Library
	12:00	p.m.	Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
	12:00	p.m.	Room D/Parlor Reserved
	1:00	p.m.	PW Bible Study/Library
	6:00	p.m.	Casual Worship Music Rehearsal/Room A
Thurs, Feb 27	6:00	p.m.	Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary
	7:30	p.m.	Chancel Choir/Room A
	8:00	a.m.	Men's Bible Study/Narthex
	12:00	p.m.	Pastor's Lunch/Library
	12:30	p.m.	Neighborhood Book Club/Room A
Fri, Feb 28	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga Class/Narthex



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