



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

February 2022

Farragut Presbyterian Church

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Office Hours

**Monday - Thursday 9-3
Friday 9-1**

Worship

**9:00 am
Casual Service**

**11:00 am
Traditional Service**

Sanctuary

Subscribe to the FPC Youtube page to watch via the web live or at a later time

We are a diverse and welcoming community of believers, called by God, graced by Jesus Christ, and empowered by the Holy Spirit to serve God through worship in the Reformed tradition, compassionate service to all, and the nurturing of each other so as to grow in faith together.

Reverend Matt Nieman

A Message from our Pastor



“Good Enough”

Lent is only a month away! That’s hard to believe. However, I’m excited about a series of worship services and devotions we will be offering throughout the season. The theme is “Good Enough.” And it’s based on a book of devotions by authors Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie. I really like the introduction to the series from Marcia McFee, founder of Worship Design Studio:

We live in a culture bent on definitions of a good life as continuous upward mobility-climbing ladders of prosperity with increasingly fabulous experiences that we can post to ever-more-likable social media accounts. We may comb the shelves of the self-help section in search of just the right formula to gain success. Perhaps we even gravitate towards spiritual leaders who promise great rewards if we only do “the right thing.” But life happens, right? Most times we are not moving upward but trying to repair the rung we’ve just slipped from. So what if we stopped climbing and started fertilizing, watering, and blooming right where we find ourselves? Welcome to a Lent of affirming a faith in which we are blessed, regardless, and where we can lean into embracing our “good enough” lives.

Starting in worship on Ash Wednesday, March 2, and continuing through Easter Sunday, April 17, we will focus on different themes from the Revised Common Lectionary that drive home the point: Our lives are “good enough” through the grace and mercy of God.

In addition to worship, I invite you to purchase a copy of the book of nearly 40 devotionals titled “Good Enough.” You’ll be able to sign up for a copy in worship and online starting on February 6.

Lent is a season of reflection and self-examination. What better way to do this than by leaning into a series of scripture texts and devotionals that reinforce how blessed we are wherever we are and that these blessed lives are “good enough.”

Looking forward to worshipping with you during this upcoming holy season.



Chat with Matt

As 2022 gets going, there will be two “Chat with Matt” classes held on February 6 and 13. The class begins at 10am in the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to know more about FPC, our Presbyterian beliefs, ministries, committees, and activities, consider attending this informative meeting with Pastor Matt. Anyone thinking about joining our church family is encouraged to attend.

Outreach

BUILDING COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING



The month of February is traditionally the time FPC Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join them in providing necessary supplies to the Newton Child Development Center in Chattanooga. For over a century this facility has been a mission of the East TN Presbytery, but in the past few years its structure has changed. It still serves inner city children with educational opportunities and quality child care, but now is a well-organized Head Start center. Extra

monetary support is still a need, and anyone wishing to donate can send a check to this address: P.O. Box 807, Chattanooga, TN, 37401. For questions see Mikie Lancaster.



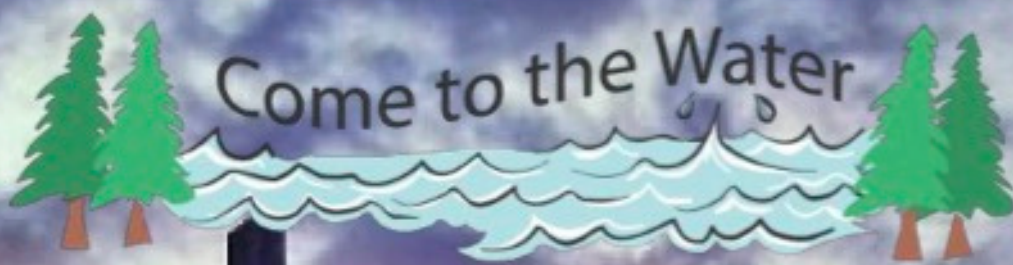
Volunteer Ministry Center reaches out to many homeless and impoverished individuals and families in our community. Their ministry provides food, clothing, counseling, temporary housing, and emergency funds for utilities and rent assistance. Members of the congregation volunteer their time each month to prepare and serve meals to the

hungry at VMC. If you would like to help prepare and serve meals at VMC on Tuesday, February 15, look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex or contact Gloria Purjet. Only FIVE people will be allowed in the VMC kitchen, so if you are interested, sign up soon!



Next hosting February 27-March 6

Join us in support hosting Family Promise with Westside UUC the week of February 27. Our assignment will be helping with dinners and grocery/gas cards. The guest families eat meals at the day center then retire to the hotel to sleep. These will be drop off dinners, and the appliances at the day center include a microwave, toaster oven, and an air fryer. Watch the bulletin and Constant Contact for the location of a sign up sheet. Teams to provide meals are most helpful. Violence against people who are homeless has been increasing. Family Promise provides a safe haven for parents and children. Thank you so much for supporting this blessed ministry. bethloyless@hotmail.com



Come to the Water

Help Send Kids to Camp

**An Evening of Purpose
and Fun**

BANQUET AND BENEFIT

Delectable Dining

Music by The Sam Adams Trio

Spirited Live Auction

Saturday, March 19, 2022

5:45 – 8:30 PM

Messiah Lutheran Church

6900 Kingston Pike

Knoxville, TN

Keynote Speaker:
Ms. Amanda Hara,
WVLT Evening Anchor
and Executive Producer
of Digital Content



Tickets \$50. All proceeds send middle school youth of east Tennessee to a week of Christian summer camp. For tickets, contact: coordinator@ComeToTheWater.us

Come to the Water, Inc. is a fully volunteer Tennessee 501(c)(3) nonprofit. It strives to enable youth of east Tennessee to experience a life-changing week of Christian camp who, because of life circumstance, would not otherwise have the opportunity. Every penny of every gift sends kids to camp. For more information: <https://ComeToTheWater.us>



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

Music in the Service of Worship

Worship is dedicated to God. It is our desire to glorify the Lord with our worship. Worship is not about us; it is about God. Our corporate worship should open hearts to the moving of the Holy Spirit, the preaching of the Word, and the celebration of the Sacraments.

Traditional worship at Farragut Presbyterian is offered to the Lord through a prayerfully planned service that has a flow that begins with focusing the minds, hearts, and spirits of our congregants toward worship. We follow the Revised Common Lectionary – a three-year cycle which prescribes specific Bible passages for each week. You can bookmark the Lectionary <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu>. We use many resources to select music for worship that aligns with the scriptures for every Sunday. This allows us to create a worship experience that is carefully curated to ‘theme’ each service. So, it is not an accident that the hymns and psalms we sing together and the anthem the Chancel Choir sings illuminates the spoken Word for the day!

Music in worship at our church is not ‘performance’ – music at FPC is part of the very fabric of worship. The music of the Prelude helps prepare the atmosphere in the sanctuary and readies the people for worship. When our Associate Director of Music, Tami Newsom, selects and prepares the music for the Prelude, she has in mind what is coming later in the service and what it will take to both prepare us for worship as well as move us in the direction of where the remainder of the worship service will take us.

The service of worship, thus, begins with the music of the organ and its call to silent meditation and preparation for worship. Through its power and brilliance, may you feel the majesty and glory of God; in its quietness, God's peace. Perhaps the word “Prelude” is misleading. It doesn't mean something that happens before the worship begins, rather that which leads us from a focus on ourselves towards a focus on God. The Prelude signals the beginning of the worship service. As the Prelude starts, it sets the tone for what is to follow. We should always think about worship, not just when it begins, but why we worship, whom we worship, and how we worship.

Did you realize there is normally a minimum of twelve pieces of music in our traditional worship service each week? They are the Prelude, Introit, Processional Hymn, Kyrie eleison, Gloria Patri, Psalm, Anthem, Offertory, Doxology, Recessional Hymn, Congregational Response and Postlude! Each musical piece has its own distinctive function in our worship. Some are exuberant in nature, some introspective. Typically, nine of the twelve pieces involve sung words. Of those nine sung pieces, a whopping seven involve the singing of the congregation! The ability for all of us to join together in worship through song runs strong through our Protestant veins – be sure that YOU are always contributing to our worship in mind, heart, spirit and SONG!

Men's

BIBLE STUDY

February 10 and 24

8am in the Narthex

Coffee and doughnuts provided

Presbyterian Women

ALL CIRCLE MEETINGS
ARE HELD AT THE CHURCH

CIRCLE #1

2ND TUESDAY, 10 AM

LEADERS: JANET TINDER, 865-966-5302

KAREN ELLIS, 865-368-9093

CIRCLE #2

2ND TUESDAY, 10 AM

LEADERS: BECKY THOMASON, 865-607-0727

BETH WHITE, 865-966-1121

CIRCLE #3

2ND WEDNESDAY, 10 AM

LEADERS: MIKIE LANCASTER, 865-675-0360

JO MCELHANEY, 865-966-5424



Chair Yoga

**MONDAYS AT 10 AM
NARTHEX**

30 minute class is perfect for those with limited mobility or balance concerns.

All classes are taught by yoga teacher Jenny Trussell (RYT500/RCYT) at no cost.

Please reach out to Jenny at CEDARSTUDIOS4@GMAIL.COM for additional information or a private introductory session!

TGIF Gentle Yoga

**FRIDAYS AT 8:15 AM
FARRAGUT COMMUNITY CENTER
239 JAMESTOWNE BLVD.**

**FRIDAYS AT 7 PM
FELLOWSHIP HALL**

60 minute gentle/slow flow class
Bring a mat and comfortable clothing. For beginner and experienced yogis.



Join the **FOODIES** for a night of fun and fellowship!
Sunday, February 27

Each group consists of 6-8 people who meet at the home of a designated host based around a meal. Participants bring a dish from a preset menu where the recipes are provided.

The menu includes:

Appetizer-Chocolate Covered Strawberries
Entree-Shrimp and Cheese Grits
Crusty Bread
Tossed Green Salad of choice
Dessert-Bananas Foster Upside-Down Cake.

Look for the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or online at: tinyurl.com/FoodiesRegistration.
Registration deadline is February 15.
For more information, contact Pat Hickman at 865-458-9899 and leave a message.

DAYTIME ROCKERS

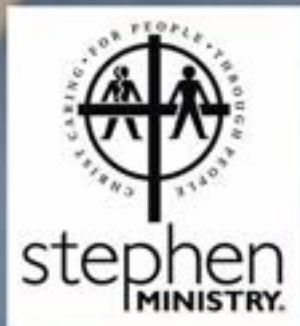
February 24

11:30 am

**Olive Garden
Turkey Creek**

**A signup sheet is in the
narthex.**

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

Remember in your prayers...

Prayers for Our Church Family

Andy Andrew, Candice Blake, Judith Bradbury, Denise Damelio, Cathy Dorman, Patricia Dail, Billie Fain, David Greaser, Faye Greenlaw, Ron Griffith, Frank Guess, Bill and Sue Lester, Bron Lewis, Beth Loyless, Irma McGuffey, Peggy Monger, Mike Murphy, Dee Robinson, Kathryn Robinson, Dorean Stuewe, Steve Tinder, Helen Weaver, Hazel West, George White

Bereaved

The family of Sara Clapp

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth

Birth

We celebrate the birth of *Indie Violetta Snyder Haynes* born on January 24 to Tony and Lexie Haynes of Dickinson, North Dakota. Proud first-time great-grandmother is Kathi Damelio.



Prayer Shawl Ministry

February 22, 2 pm

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.



Thanks to everyone who sent get well cards and sympathy cards on Jon's behalf. Also thanks to those who brought delicious meals. They were so appreciated.

Carolyn DeGroot


January Anniversaries

- 2/12 Brian and Linda Nunley
- 2/14 Frank and Cathy Dorman
- 2/17 Eric and Lori Corbett
- 2/29 John and Gale Montgomery

January Birthdays

- 12/01 Joyce Williams
- 2/07 Nancy Wilson
- 2/08 Joe Kzsos
- 2/08 Evelyn Snelling
- 2/09 Maley Warren
- 2/10 John Neighbors
- 2/11 Logan Henderson
- 2/12 Karen Johnson
- 2/12 Janet Murphy
- 2/12 Ron Pevey
- 2/12 Chris Sparks
- 2/12 Darcey Mashue
- 2/16 Betty Nicholls
- 2/16 Norm Estep
- 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
- 2/27 Jeff Dobson

Celebrate each other



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Led by Elizabeth Wilson
Parlor

The Adult Bible Study Class discusses each week's Lectionary readings. A handout of the four Scriptures is emailed, which includes a short commentary and some thought questions which are then discussed with Elizabeth Wilson leading. In fair weather we meet outside; otherwise we meet in the Parlor. Come join us! (There might be cookies!)

Pastor Matt's Class

Women and the Bible
led by Brian Davison
Library

Why do we Presbyterians believe in the full inclusion of women? This course, which can be dropped in on any Sunday, will explore the scriptural roots for women as prophets, teachers and leaders.

The **Thursday Evening Bible Study** is exploring the book of Esther. This well-loved story from just after the end of the Exile describes the origin of Purim, a Jewish holiday similar to Mardi Gras. One of the commentators described it as being "narrated with a ready eye for farce, an appetite for slapstick, and a pervasive sense of the ridiculous." We meet from 7-8 pm on Zoom and welcome new participants. If you would like to join us, please contact Elizabeth Wilson or the church office.

MONDAY CONNECTION

Led by David Long
Room A

Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven

Dr. Amy-Jill Levine

The Sermon on the Mount, Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples, and to others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live?

Join us as we introduce the major topics in the Sermon on the Mount, explain historical and theological contexts, and show how the words of Jesus echo his Jewish tradition and speak forward to reach hearts and minds today.

Youth Sunday School

Led by Mason Warren

Join the Youth Sunday School as they DIVE IN to the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion to explore a different book of the Old Testament. For more information, contact Mason Warren, Director of Family Ministries. masonwarren@fpctn.org.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on January 24, the FPC Session:

- Decided to increase its support to the Presbytery of Tennessee by \$1,300 to a total of \$27,300 in 2022.
- Designated \$6,000 of the 2021 budget surplus to promotional materials for our casual worship service at 9:00 on Sunday mornings. The remainder of the surplus will be placed in reserves.
- Discussed and reviewed the FPC mission statement and slogan. Many ideas for slight revisions were shared and will be considered in ongoing Session conversations.

Financial Report as of December 2021			
	Actual for	YTD December	YTD December
Operating Income	\$48,418	\$651,761	\$630,600
CEP Income	\$914	\$105,991	\$103,725
Total Income	\$49,331	\$757,752	\$734,325
Operating	\$63,691	\$622,082	\$630,628
CEP Expenses	\$12,604	\$85,932	\$103,697
Total Expenses	\$76,295	\$708,014	\$734,325
Total Income less Expenses	(\$26,964)	\$49,738	\$0

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>



@FarrPres



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



KARM STORES
The Thrift Store with a Mission

When donating used items to KARM tell the employee the name of the church. Quarterly, 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.



Support Farragut Presbyterian Church
Go to smile.amazon.com
When you shop, Amazon donates.

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