



**PRAISING GOD
SERVING OTHERS
GROWING IN FAITH**

Good News Banner

March 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

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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

I'm really excited about Lent this year! Excitement and Lent don't often go together. However, the theme we're going to be incorporating into our worship is very fitting and helpful for discovering how we can reflect on our faith journey and make it more meaningful. And that's exciting!

"Good Enough" is the theme. Based on a book of devotions of the same name by Kate Bowler and Jessica Ritchie, we will be reminded through the Biblical texts that we don't need to be perfect, always be getting better, or be more successful. In God's eyes, our faith journey is "good enough."

Here's a paragraph from page 5 of the book I like: "So don't worry so much today about whether you want to love God or whether you have all the spiritual feelings you think a better person would have. It's enough to say hello to the idea of trying."

Saying hello to the idea of trying. I like that. So many times, we get in our heads that we must be perfect in our faith to garner growth or love or forgiveness. God couldn't love us more that God already does or forgive us more regularly. And we can grow in our faith despite our imperfections."

So, join us in worship this season and bask in this good news and in the Good News that awaits us all in our journey to the cross.

You and your faith are "good enough."

Welcome New Members



We welcome new members **Rob and Eva Lynch**, who are transferring membership from Erin Presbyterian Church, where they were married 11 years ago. Both are extremely active folks who are technically “retired” although Eva said that actually only lasted four months for her as she now heads plasma global regulatory affairs and laboratory operations

for CSL Behring, a major pharmaceutical company. She is based here in Knoxville, but also has an office at the Boca Raton, FL headquarters. Before his retirement, Rob spent most of his career selling hospital information systems to clinics and medical schools throughout the US. Later he owned a home improvement company, followed by obtaining licenses in Real Estate and Insurance.

Rob accepted a commission in the United States Navy following graduation from the University of Utah, and served duties on a WW2 submarine. Upon decommissioning, he went to the Naval School of Diving and Salvage and was part of a team that set the world’s record for deepest dive at that time (1,010 feet!). Obviously he needed to be in good physical shape and one of his hobbies was running marathons (five) and tennis. Now he likes cycling and enjoying the outdoors, both beach and mountains.

Rob has a son, Darrell who lives in Lawrenceville, GA, and Eva has two children. Son Evan lives in Owensboro, KY and has two boys. Daughter Erin lives just a few houses down from Eva and Rob and has two sons. One of Eva’s favorite activities is supporting her grandsons as they play sports. She is the team photographer and number one cheerleader. One of her hobbies is collecting Nativities, and she has over 200 from around the world. Her grandmother taught her to fish when she was a little girl and she still loves doing that. She also loves the outdoors.

The couple enjoy choir and supporting church activities. Rob has been involved in Sunset Gap while at Erin, and Eva is an Elder and served as a Sunday School teacher and youth leader at one time. They reside in Greystone Court in Farragut.



New member **Claire Ramsay** is a “hometown girl” who lived in Middle Tennessee for 30 years before recently relocating back to Knoxville. She feels a return to her roots, as well as enjoying the closeness of extended family. Her son Will is in his last year of earning his PhD in English Literature at the University of Alabama. Son Daniel lives with him and works remotely. Claire spends as much time as she can with them.

Being outdoors, books, fiber arts, sewing and yoga are some of Claire’s interests. She is looking forward to fellowshipping here and growing in Christ in FPC’s spiritual environment.



Lisa Kay, Henry, and son Donny Matchen just moved to Knoxville at the beginning of 2022, and Lisa Kay's top priority was finding a new church home that had an opportunity to sing in the choir. Even before joining FPC, she put on a choir robe and joined the soprano section – a very welcome addition. After living in various Georgia towns, including Roswell for many years and then five years in

Columbus, they picked Knoxville as a better commute point to be able to visit their daughter Elena and husband Wesley in the other Columbus: Ohio.

All three work from home. Lisa Kay is a programmer for the cabinet making industry, while Henry works for AvidXchange out of Charlotte, NC. Donny is a recent graduate of Columbus State University with a degree in cyber security and is currently job hunting. He builds computers in his spare time and is very interested in cryptocurrency. Henry, who was born in Costa Rica, enjoys shooting and is especially involved in supporting any drama activities, which is Lisa Kay's passion. She created and ran a drama ministry in her church in Alpharetta that grew to become the official city theater, as well as a continuing church ministry. The family enjoys the companionship of two whippets.



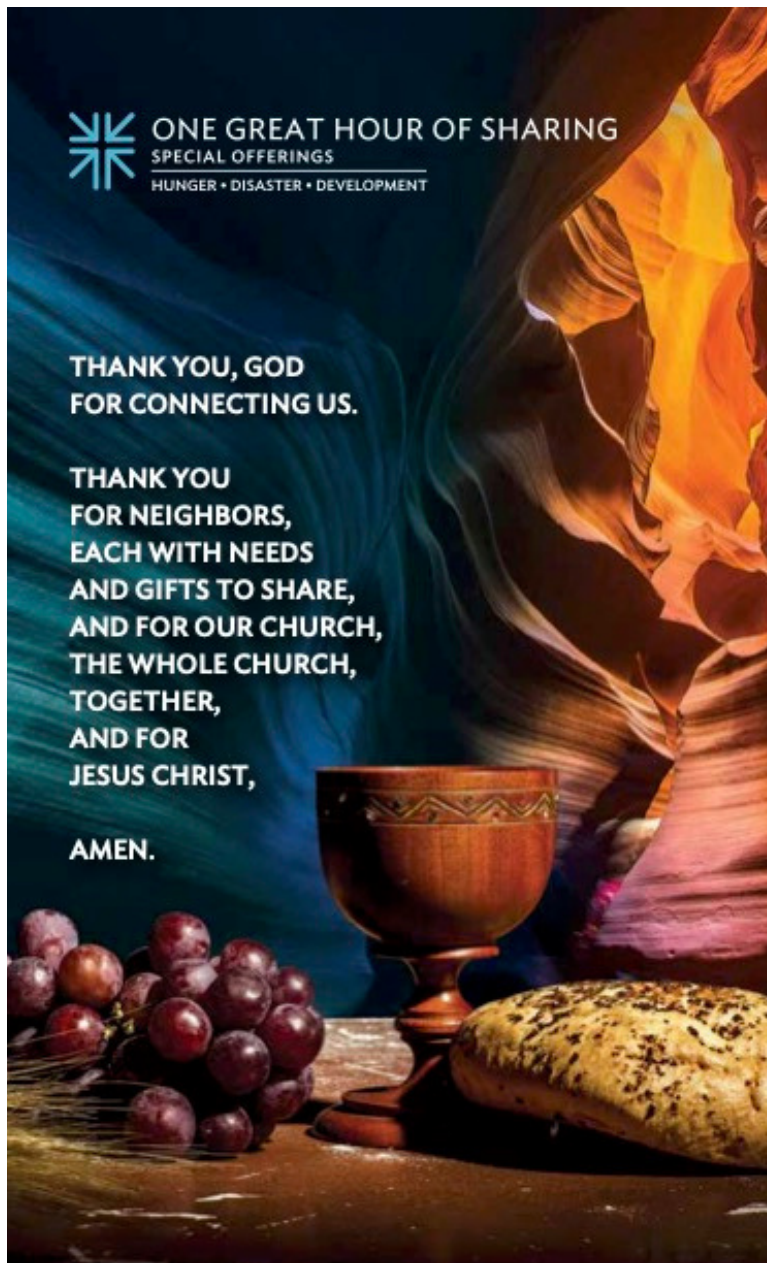
California native Connie Scott moved to Knoxville in May of last year, following her family, her daughter, son-in-law and two grandchildren who were transferred here for business. She had been living in San Jose, in the San Francisco Bay Area. With a psychology degree she had worked as a contract negotiator and administrator for the Aerospace Industry before her retirement.

Her life these days is full, with many interests in addition to her family, such as quilting, playing the piano, reading and gardening. She is enjoying learning new hobbies that she finds on YouTube videos.

Attending FPC for these past months has excited and enriched her, and she is a member of Presbyterian Women and attends Circle and their other activities.



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IF WE ALL DO A LITTLE, IT ADDS UP TO A LOT!

Donations may be made at any point through April 17.

To Donate

- Use an envelope provided at the church
or
- Send a check to FPC with One Great Hour of Sharing Offering on the memo
line
or
- Submit a gift through e-giving at fpctn.org

SAVE THE DATE

Posies for the Pantry

for the

April 23, 2022
9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

**Farragut
Presbyterian
Church**
209 Jamestowne Blvd.

A spring flower fundraiser
featuring seasonal annuals,
perennials, garden crafts,
food truck, kids crafts,
and a bargain booth

proceeds benefit



Birthday Offering of Presbyterian Women
Ofrenda del Cumpleaños de mujeres presbiterianas
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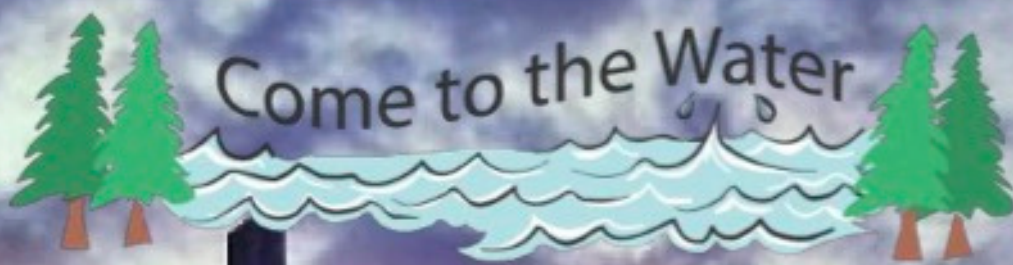
Celebrating a Century of the PW Birthday Offering!

In 1922, Hallie Paxton Winsborough challenged each member of the Women's Auxiliary of the Presbyterian Church in the United States to give a penny for each year of her life as a "birthday gift" and the offering benefitted Miss Dowd's School for Girls in Japan and construction of the Montreat Gate in North Carolina. A century later, Presbyterian women have contributed more than \$37 million to the Birthday Offering and helped improve lives at home and around the world.

While the world looks different now than it did when Hallie extended her call to give, deep needs and faithful responses remain. And thankfully, so do Presbyterian Women and Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering.

In celebration of God's gifts for our lives—the gift of community, the gift of care, the gift of Presbyterian Women—let's celebrate 100 years of Presbyterian Women's Birthday Offering!

**The FPC Presbyterian Women will host the
Birthday offering on
Saturday, March 26 at 11:30am
in the fellowship hall.
Ticket sales will be held at 9:00 and 11:00
on Sundays March 6, 13 and 20.**



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>



Men's **BIBLE STUDY**

March 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



Music at FPC

Dr. Angela Batey, Director

Music for Lent

A collage of Lenten symbols: purple ... fasting ... simplicity ... preparation ... baptism ... quiet ... ashes ... renewal ... conversion ... the cross ... repentance ... the catechumenate. The evolution of the Church's liturgical practices has certainly produced a rich and intricate tapestry for the season of Lent. Lectionary passages reinforce the special nature of the season. The music carefully selected for worship used during this season also builds on this groundwork, helping to bring alive the themes and moods of the liturgy, helping to set the season apart. Few people today would think of Lent as a season for liturgical music, because Christmas has almost cornered the market. Unsatisfied with its own ample store of tunes, Christmas absorbs other seasonal compositions. Handel's Messiah, no matter what you have heard, is an Easter oratorio, and the "Hallelujah Chorus" celebrates the Resurrection not the Nativity. Lenten music has its own particular beauty full of somber, minor sonorities. Lent has been an enormous source of inspiration for composers," the birthplace of gems like the hymn "O Sacred Head Now Wounded."

In a way, Lenten music began before the Church did. Jesus and the apostles sang Passover hymns on the first Holy Thursday, as testified by the Gospels of Matthew and Mark. The earliest Christians often sang of the passion and death of Christ, although their music is mostly lost. The High Middle Ages was a rich seedbed of penitential music. The Dies Irae ("Day of Wrath"), attributed to the 13th-century musician Thomas of Celano, was eventually incorporated into the Requiem Mass in the 16th century. To this day, composers take great delight in using this apocalyptic text as a starting point for magnificent (and very loud) orchestrations.

Bach's name is inseparable from sacred music, especially Lenten music, due largely to his four oratorios based on the Gospel accounts of the Passion. Two of them are lost, but the St. John Passion and St. Matthew Passion are high-water marks for depth and complexity. From the opening notes of the St. John Passion, we are invited to contemplate a world thrown out of balance by sin and the innocence of the Lamb to be slain; in Bach's own understated way, the trial sequence of the St. John Passion chillingly reminds us of the world's darkness.

For our worship during Lent, the area of hymn selection has great impact on the mood of our liturgies. Looking specifically at Lenten hymnody, we see that there are certain traditional hymns, coming from a number of sources (German

chorales, spirituals, English hymn tunes). The hymns "Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days," "Were You There?" and "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" are familiar to most congregations and should be a part of every Lent.

The anthems sung by the choir during the Lenten season are chosen very carefully, as always, with the goal of enhancing the spoken Word. Tami Newsom, our Associate Director of Music also makes selections very carefully, avoiding those joyful pieces which are better saved for Easter or Ordinary Time. Not just during Lent, but every Sunday - all music chosen for traditional worship is selected to coincide with the lectionary scripture passages prescribed for the day, intended to illuminate the Word and work as a cohesive element for the theme of worship on that day. During Lent, you will hear that Lenten music is not simply more of what is played or sung during Ordinary Time, but has a character of its own.

Purple tells our eyes it is Lent; texts tell our mind it is Lent; prayers tell our hearts it is Lent; and music tells our ears it is Lent. Lent, like Advent, is a time for solemn and sober thought about one's sins leading to repentance. It denotes a quiet time for watching, waiting, and praying for Christ passion and resurrection.



BETH HALLMAN
Director



March finds us looking for signs of spring. Spring flowers, the weather, and insects are some of our curriculum themes this month. We anticipate lots of nature walks and making fun collages with our finds. March 14-18 is our CEP spring break. We hope anyone who is traveling stays safe. Once we return our final weeks will go quickly. The last day of class will be May 19th. On February 15 I started my 31st year at The Children's Enrichment Program. Thanks to everyone who continue to support us. I am proud to be part of such a wonderful church family for so many years.

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.



DAYTIME ROCKERS

Thursday, March 31

11:30 am

**Bonefish Grill
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

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Remember in your prayers...

Prayers for Our Church Family

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

Bereaved

The family of Sue Lester

Military

Joshua Meador, David Sparks, Mark Wurth



Prayer Shawl Ministry

March 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.

Thank You

Thanks to the generosity of FPC members, grocery, gas, dinner cards were provided to the two families currently in the Family Promise program. Diapers and formula were donated to the family with three very young children.

Our guests so appreciate your support as they look for housing and employment. The schedule for the remainder of 2022 has not been published yet. It is expected we will continue with the hotel for the near future.

Thank you again for your compassion for these families

Beth Loyless

January Anniversaries

- 03/09 Van and Dixie Heflin
- 03/12 Matt and Beth Honey
- 03/12 Rob and Eva Lynch
- 03/14 Thom and Mary Ellen Haig
- 03/17 Victor and Kelly Schueler
- 03/20 John and Becky Thomason
- 03/21 Clay and Denise Griffin
- 03/23 Jerry and Beth Martin
- 03/24 Nathan and Byrd Mathis
- 03/29 Stuart and Donna Phillips

January Birthdays

- 03/01 Beth Martin
- 03/03 Olivia Colloredo
- 03/07 Terry Olberding
- 03/08 Michelle Henry
- 03/13 Mia Key
- 03/17 Linda Stutzenberger
- 03/17 Holly Gary
- 03/17 Maria Medina
- 03/18 Mason Warren
- 03/20 Kent Williams
- 03/20 Michael Wright
- 03/20 Sam Hopson
- 03/22 Jerry Seiler
- 03/23 Chris Kszos
- 03/24 Carol Kraft
- 03/24 Lynn Kszos
- 03/26 Kinsley Mashue
- 03/27 Paul Johnson
- 03/28 Dixie Heflin
- 03/29 David Stutzenberger
- 03/29 Bill Lester
- 03/29 Mark Scheuer
- 03/29 Carol Evans
- 03/31 Jo McElhaney

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

Wholehearted Faith
Rachel Held Evans

We will explore Rachel Held Evans last book that asks candid questions about the stories we've been told—and the stories we tell—about our faith, our selves, and our world. This book is for the doubter and the dreamer, the seeker and the sojourner, those who long for a sense of spiritual wholeness as well as those who have been hurt by the Church but can't seem to let go of the story of Jesus. Through theological reflection and personal recollection, Rachel wrestles with God's grace and love, looks unsparingly at what the Church is and does, and explores universal human questions about becoming and belonging.

Youth Sunday School

Led by Mason Warren

In this inspiring consideration of the spiritual themes in the popular Harry Potter series, well-known Christian author and Harry Potter fan Connie Neal explores the world of magic and mystery created by J. K. Rowling alongside the stories and grand themes of the Bible. Contrary to those who reject the series as a threat to the Christian faith, Neal demonstrates how the lessons in Harry Potter not only echo many of the stories in the Bible but reinforce the central messages of Christianity.

SESSION HIGHLIGHTS

At its meeting on February 28, the Session:

- Reaffirmed our church’s mission: “Praising God, Serving Others, Growing in Faith.”
- Heard that 17 church families have pre-paid their financial contributions to the church for 2022. This provides the church greater income at the beginning of the year for any unforeseen needs that may arise.
- Advised the Church Life Committee to begin plans for a possible Sunday brunch on Palm Sunday, April 10.
- Celebrated elder Darrell Sparks’ awarding of the Silver Beaver Award, the highest volunteer award presented by the Great Smoky Mountain Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Darrell has been involved in scouting as a volunteer leader for over three decades.

Financial Report as of January 2022

	Actual for January	YTD January Budget
Operating Income	\$67,353	\$62,489
CEP Income	\$12,441	\$12,235
Total Income	\$79,793	\$74,724
Operating Expenses	\$50,384	\$54,698
CEP Expenses	\$7,433	\$9,719
Total Expenses	\$57,818	\$64,417
Total Income less Expenses	\$21,976	\$10,307

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



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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.



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