



~The Gathering~

Prelude

The Lone, Wild Bird
Tami Newsom, organ

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Greeting

Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Jesus Christ, who rules over all things, gathers us in love.

Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us offer our praise and thanksgiving!

Come, let us worship the Lord.

Hymn #478

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Lauda Anima

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; To His feet thy tribute bring;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, Evermore His praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

**Praise Him for His grace and favor To His people in distress;
Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Glorious in His faithfulness.**

**Father-like He tends and spares us; Well our feeble frame He knows;
In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.**

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**Angels, help us to adore Him: Ye behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon bow down before Him, Dwellers all in time and space.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

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Prayer of Confession

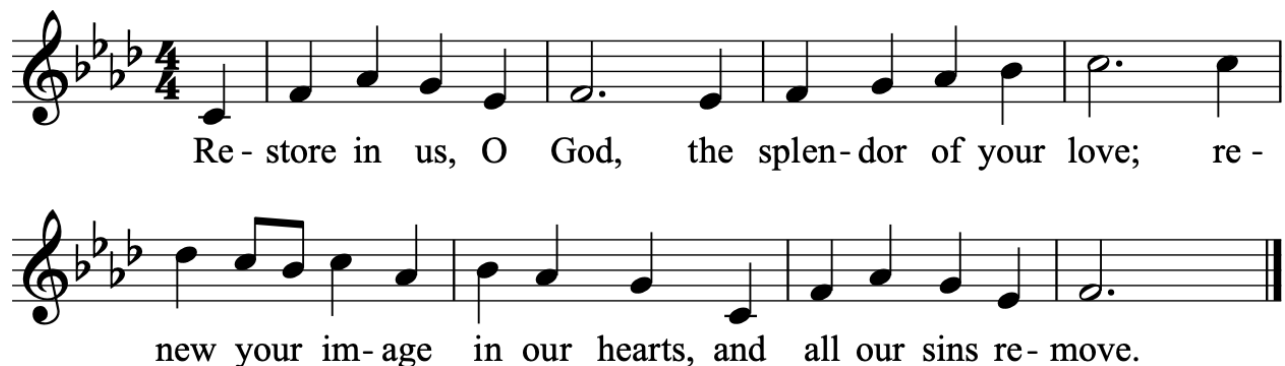
**God of justice and righteousness,
you lift up the lowly and fill the empty; yet we adore the high and the mighty.
You reach out to the poor; yet we ceaselessly pursue wealth.
You talk about treasure in heaven; yet we want dollars in our accounts right now.**

**Correct our misguided ways. Forgive our lack of generosity.
Free us from striving for more and more. Change our hearts so we can tend
to things that matter and find our life in Jesus Christ.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

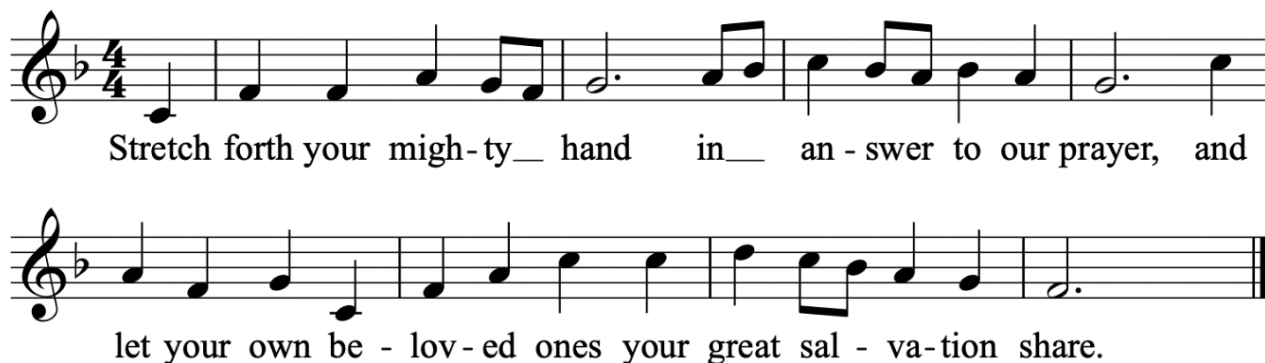
Restore in Us, O God



Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response

My Heart is Firmly Fixed



The Peace

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

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

MaryAnne Walls

Nurturing God, you give life to all things and long to satisfy the needs of your children in their desire for healing and wholeness. Send your Spirit upon us this day, that as we hear your word we may meet Jesus, the one in whom all our hungers are fed. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Luke 16:19-31

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Psalm 91 (Hymn tune: Wareham)

Seerveld

**Whoever shelters with the Lord and lives within the Almighty's shade can say,
"My God, in whom I trust, your refuge makes me unafraid!"**

**The faithful Lord will spare you death. God's wings will cover you from harm.
No terror, sickness, night or day, will ever cause you grave alarm.**

**Though thousands perish at your side, such punishment shall not touch you.
Because the Lord serves as your home, God's grace will always see you through.**

**God gives his angels charge of you to guard from those who persecute.
You shall not trip against a stone, but trample serpents underfoot.**

**"Because you cleave to me in love and know my name to call in need,
I shall protect and keep you safe with blessing, glory, life indeed."**

Second Scripture Readings: Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"The Sovereign"

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

The Affirmation of Faith – from the *PCUSA Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love, God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all the families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

Poor man Lazarus, sick and disabled, dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
He had to eat crumbs from the rich man's table; dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Refrain:

I'm tormented in the flame! I'm tormented in the flame!
Dip your finger in the water; come and cool my tongue,
'cause I'm tormented in the flame!

Rich man Divies, he lived so well. Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
And when he died, he went straight to hell. Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame! [*Refrain*]

I love to shout, I love to sing. Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame!
I love to praise my heavenly King. Dip your finger in the water;
come and cool my tongue, 'cause I'm tormented in the flame! [*Refrain*]

Moment for Mission

Peace & Global Witness Offering

Bill Nelson

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.**

~ The Sending ~

Hymn #446

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austrian Hymn

**Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for a blest abode.
On the rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.**

**See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age.**

**Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna which God gives them when they pray.**

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Charge and Benediction



Postlude



If you would like the church office to record your attendance today, you can:

- 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

WILD ENCOUNTERS – After a Summer in the frigid cold of North Castle, KidZone is headed somewhere a bit warmer! Join us as we embark on a “Wild Encounter!”

Utilizing the “Simply Loved” curriculum, children will discover what it means to be loved by God and how to share that love with others in their day-to-day lives! Bring the kids and grandkids ages 3-9 to FPC KidZone at 9 am on Sundays during the casual service for a wild time with new animal friends! Adult helpers and substitutes are always needed – please contact Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org for more information.



YOUTH AT FPC meet on Sunday nights at 6 pm in Room 10. This semester, we will be looking at “The Gospel According to Star Wars” in addition to the variety of games, trips, and other fellowship activities we have over the course of the school year! Contact Mason Warren for more information at masonwarren@fpctn.org.



Our celebration is just a few weeks away! We invite you, our friends, to participate in our annual **“Invite a Friend to Choir”** Day. As we have in the past, we would like to fill the choir loft with the people of God who are bonded together through music. This event is **NOT** just for people who know how to read music, or who have sung in a choir before. No previous experience is required! The music ministry of Farragut Presbyterian is for **ALL** the people of God! Please join us for rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday night, October 12, and Sunday, October 16 as we

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE!

FAMILY PROMISE HOSTING WEEK OCTOBER 2-9:

The sign-up for the October 2-9 Family Promise hosting has been posted at westsideuuc.org. There are 3 guest families living at the extended stay motel this time, so we are asking for 3-\$30 gift cards per day for dinner. The cards may be for Krogers or for the dining places listed on the site: Cracker Barrell, McDonalds, Chick-Fil-A, Nixon's Deli, Monterrey Mexican, IHOP or Applebee's. The 3 cards should be for the same restaurant and put in an envelope clearly marked with the day the cards are to be used. Please drop them off at the church office by 9/27. Contact Beth Loyless for more information.



ROCKERS: Gloria Purjet has stepped down from coordinating the Daytime Rockers monthly lunch. If anyone is interested in volunteering to organize this event, please feel free to see Gloria for a contact list of participants. Thank you.

HELLO FOODIES!

The October Foodies will meet on Saturday, October 22nd. The menu will be: Stuffed Mushrooms, Grilled Pork Tenderloin, Rosemary Roasted Potatoes, Roasted Asparagus, and German Chocolate Cake. Look for the sign-up sheet in the narthex. If you have questions, please contact Pat Hickman.

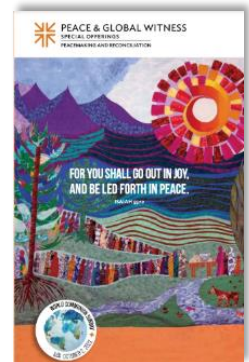


Presbyterian women are sponsoring a **POUND PARTY** now thru October 9 to help stock the Sunset Gap Food Pantry. Items most needed include: sugar, cooking oil, flour, cornmeal mix, pasta and pasta sauce. Donations can be left in the narthex basket. Any questions, contact Debbie Long.

A gift to the **PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING** enables our church to promote the Peace of Christ by addressing systems of conflict and injustice across the world. This offering is tied to World Communion Sunday on October 2. The Outreach Committee has designated Knoxville Family Justice Center, a local group supporting Peace and Global Witness, to receive 25% of the 2022 offering. Mid councils get 25% for ministries of peace and reconciliation. The remaining 50% is used by the Presbyterian Mission Agency to advocate for peace and justice in cultures of violence, including our own, through collaborative projects of education and Christian witness.

TO DONATE:

- Use an envelope provided at the church
- Send a check to FPC with *Peace and Global Witness* on the memo line
- Submit a gift through e-giving at www.fpctn.org



We are in need of coffee mugs at **RANDOM ACTS OF FLOWERS.** We have an abundance of vases, so at this time we are only looking for coffee mugs. No corporate logos please. Please contact Linda Scothorn for more information.

CAM CABIN DONATIONS: It's that time again...we will be making a trip to the CAM Cabin in Wear's Valley at the end of October, so any craft items that you no longer need, can find a new home with a needy crafter. Items requested: fabric, thread, yarn, batting, buttons, costume jewelry, old license plates. Questions? Contact Debbie Long or Mikie Lancaster.



This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 25	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
Mon, Sept 26	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 10
	6:00	p.m.	Youth Group/FH
	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Session/Library
Tues, Sept 27	10:00	a.m.	PW Coordinating Team/Library and Zoom
	11:30	a.m.	BFA Chapel and Music/Sanctuary
	2:00	p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry/Parlor
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444 Court of Honor/FH, A, N & Sanc
Wed, Sept 28	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Leaders #444/Library
	11:30	a.m.	BFA Chapel and Music/Sanctuary
	1:00	p.m.	PW Bible Study/Library
	2:00	p.m.	Staff Meeting/Library
Thur, Sept 29	4:50	p.m.	FPC Fellowship Golf/Avalon Country Club
	7:30	p.m.	FPC Chancel Choir/Sanctuary
	6:30	p.m.	Cub Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Thursday Night Bible Study/Zoom
Fri, Sept 30	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	7:00	p.m.	Gentle Yoga/Fellowship Hall

Sunday School at 10:00 a.m.

Class	Room	Topic
Adult Bible Study	Outside or in the Parlor in bad weather	This class discusses the Lectionary text from the sermon, and still meets under the trees in good weather and in the parlor in bad weather.
Monday Connection	Zoom and Room A	This class is studying the book <i>Grateful: The Subversive Practice of Giving Thanks</i> by Diana Butler Bass. The study shows it is not impossible to imagine a society based on gratitude; it just takes courage, creativity & trust.
Pastor Matt's Class	Library	Currently, the study utilized by this class is based on the book <i>We Make the Road by Walking</i> by Brian D. McLaren. The book is a brilliant retelling of the Biblical story and a thrilling reintroduction to Christian faith.
Youth	Room 10	The youth Sunday School class meets to "DIVE IN to the Old Testament!" Each week throughout the 2022-2023 school year, youth explore a specific book of the Old Testament utilizing videos and discussion.



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