



~The Gathering~

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God
Tami Newsom, organ

Hopson

Greeting

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Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Let us offer God thanks and praise.
 Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
To God be honor and glory forever.
 Come, let us worship and sing God's praises.

Hymn #559

We Gather Together

Kremser

**We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;
 He chastens and hastens His will to make known;
 The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,
 Sing praises to His name; He forgets not His own.**

**Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,
 Ordaining maintaining His kingdom divine;
 So from the beginning the fight we were winning;
 Thou, Lord, wast at our side; All glory be Thine!**

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
 And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
 Let Thy congregation escape tribulation;
 Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

Text: Netherlands folk hymn, 1625, Trans. Theodore Baker, 1894. Music: *Nederlandsch Gedenckclanck*, 1626, Harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877. *The Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymns, Psalms, and Spiritual Songs* © 1990 Westminster/John Knox Press. Public domain.

Prayer of Confession

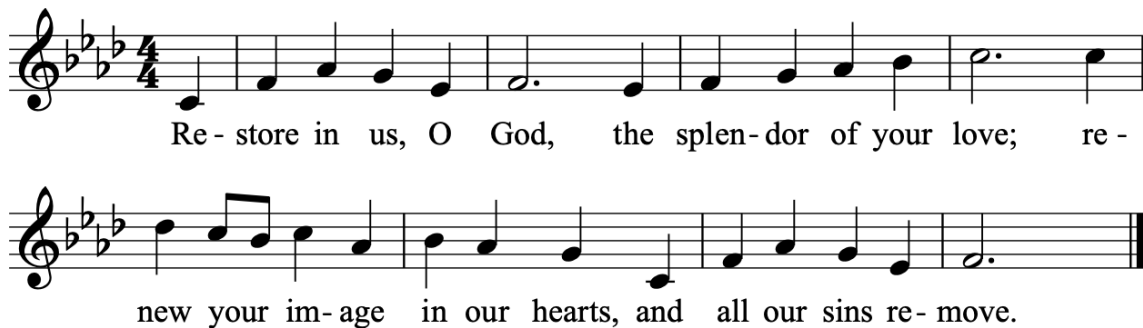
**Generous God, you give beyond measure,
bringing forth abundance day by day.
We confess our failure to acknowledge your goodness.
We confuse our efforts with your providence.
We conflate our deeds with your gifts.**

**Forgive our sins. Grow in us thankful hearts,
ready to praise your faithfulness.
Form in us grateful spirits, quick to trust in your gracious care;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(please continue in silent prayer)

Kyrie Eleison

Restore in Us, O God

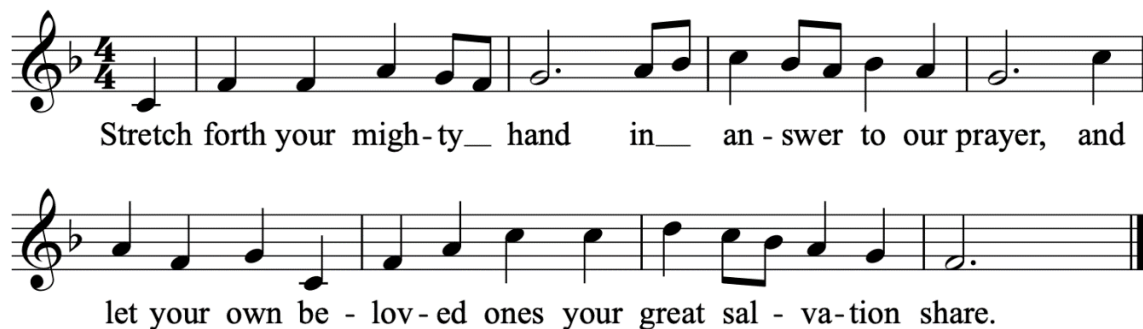


Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -
new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.

Declaration of Forgiveness

The Response

My Heart is Firmly Fixed



Stretch forth your migh - ty__ hand in__ an - swer to our prayer, and
let your own be - lov - ed ones your great sal - va - tion share.

The Peace

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

~The Word~

Prayer for Illumination

Kirk Morris

**God who is with us, guide us by your Word. Help us to again receive you in the
flesh. May the Promised One lead us in wisdom and truth and may we be
sustained by Christ who is the Bread of Life. Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Psalm 100
The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 100

Dr. Angela Batey, cantor

Hopson



Make a joy-ful noise to the Lord, al-le - lu - ia, a - men!

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all you lands!
Serve the Lord with gladness, come into God's presence with a song.
Know that the Lord is God, our maker to whom we belong;
we are God's people and the sheep of God's pasture. **(R)**

Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving and the courts with praise;
give thanks and bless God's holy name.
Good indeed is the Lord, whose steadfast love is everlasting,
whose faithfulness endures from age to age. **(R)**

Second Scripture Readings: John 6:25-35
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

“Better Ingredients”

Rev. Matt Nieman

~The Response~

Affirmation of Faith

In our living and in our dying, in our joy and in our sorrow, in our wholeness and in our brokenness, we are thankful. We are grateful that God feeds us with plenty—especially when we cannot feed ourselves. We are fed by the Good Shepherd, Jesus Christ, who tends to us with empathy, sincerity, devotion, and kindness. With the powerful hand and wisdom of a mighty king, Jesus also loves with the tenderness of the most loving parent. We need not worry: we are safe in his loving embrace.

The Anthem

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Chancel Choir

arr. Harlan

The text for this anthem may be found in The Hymnal, #551.

Please stand when indicated and join the choir on the final verse:

**Even so, Lord, quickly come, bring thy final harvest home;
Gather all thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin,
There, forever purified, in thy presence to abide.
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.**

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 #552

Give Thanks, O Christian People

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for workers of our day
Who heed the call to service and make it their life's way
To go to feed the hungry, to tend to those in need,
To work for equal justice, till all God's folk are freed.**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for leaders of our years
Who live to share with others our joy when Christ appears,
To teach the ones who seek light, to guide the faltering feet,
To lead the followers forward our living Lord to meet.**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for all who love the Lord,
Who live each day believing in God's eternal Word:
To share Christ's love in living, to witness with each deed,
To use the talents given to plant the gospel seed.**

**Give thanks, O Christian people, for life in fellowship
With all who trust our savior their serving to equip
To ease another's burdens, to cope in joy and stress,
To magnify God's message and Christ's great love confess.**

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Charge and Benediction

Congregational Response

Will You Come and Follow Me

Kelvingrove

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?**

Postlude

Rondo in G

Bull



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



We will have a **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING** today immediately following worship to elect new elders for the Class of 2025. Please plan on attending this brief meeting.

The Nominating Committee wishes to place the following elder candidates into nomination at the Congregational Meeting today, November 20, 2022. Upon election, they will serve a three-year term on Farragut Presbyterian's Session. The Committee that each candidate will co-chair is in parenthesis beside his or her name. We believe they make up an excellent Class of 2025, and we encourage you to give each one your prayers, support and vote.

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

Jane Bolus (moderator), Krista Belding, Jeff Gary
Scott McKinney, Kirby Purjet, Becky Thomason



Kathy Emmerson (Administration)

My husband, Dale, and I both grew up in Watseka, Illinois, a small farming community in central Illinois. I graduated from Northern Illinois University and worked in the insurance brokerage industry in Chicago for 42 years. I have been a member of various Boards of Directors including the Illinois Chamber of Commerce, an all-women's high school in Chicago, and several insurance related organizations. Dale and I have no children, but sponsored two children from Albania in the late 1990's. In April of 2020, we moved from the Chicago suburbs to Lenoir City. I am currently on the finance committee of our homeowner's association. In December 2020, I became a member of Farragut Presbyterian Church after having attended services, participated in one of the women's circles and the FPC golf group. Since joining FPC, I have become the assistant to our circle leader, become a member of the Presbyterian Women's Coordinating team, served lunches at Volunteer

Ministry Center, and continued to be active with the FPC golf group. I feel blessed to have found and become a member of the FPC family and for the numerous opportunities to serve.



Beth Honey (Christian Education)

I was born and raised in Maryville, TN. I met my husband Matt at the University of Tennessee. After I completed nursing school at Tennessee Wesleyan University, I first worked as a hospital nurse, and then for several years in hospice. I went to graduate school at Carson-Newman and have been working as a nurse practitioner in primary care since 2020. We have two sons, Adam (4), and Dean (almost 2). We love watching football, playing board games, and working our way through interesting cookbooks. I grew up at Monte Vista Baptist Church where I was baptized at the age of 12. I have been involved at Farragut Presbyterian since 2018. We joined as members in 2021, and Matt, Adam, and Dean were baptized together that year. I am involved in the Christian Education committee and in the various aspects of FPC's family ministries and love working with kids and helping plan fellowship events. I am excited to serve on session to continue the mission and growth

of this wonderful faith community.



Bill Nelson (Outreach)

I grew up in Memphis as the son of two schoolteachers. After high school graduation I enrolled and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in Electrical Engineering. After spending a year in the oil field, I was employed by TVA in 1976. I was first married in 1978 and we had three sons. At TVA, I designed, constructed, tested and started up power generation facilities. These facilities were powered by coal, natural gas, nuclear and solar cells. I spent a lot of time working 7 days a week and traveling to TVA's sites. After I retired from TVA in 1989, we left Knoxville and I took a more sensible job in Greenville, SC. I worked for various engineering and construction companies and for myself. I have retired as the Corporate Director of International Operations for the Power Business Unit of Kellogg Brown and Root. During my career there I traveled the world building power plants on 5 continents. The combined costs of the EPC facilities exceeds 8.6 billion

dollars. I met and married Helen Nalley in 2006. We met through friends of the power business. We have six children between us, and all of our children live in the Southeast. Helen and I have been coming to FPC for 2 ½ years and we love it here. I truly love the 11 AM worship service. It has allowed me to grow my faith. I enjoy being involved in the Outreach Committee.



Jeff Thode (Church Life)

Originally from Wayne NJ, I moved to Atlanta after graduating from college in 1984 and worked as an engineer for Lockheed Georgia company. In 1987, I decided to change careers and become an investment advisor and have been one ever since. After marrying my first wife, we moved to Knoxville in 1989 to start and raise a family. I found Knoxville to be a wonderful place to raise a family, so I poured myself into the community by serving it through various leadership roles on charitable boards including Big Brothers and Big Sisters, the American Heart Association, Farragut High School Education Foundation and UT Medical Center NICU capital campaign where the girls were born. While initially attending Sequoia Hills Presbyterian Church when we first moved to Knoxville, after having children we found a real home at Farragut Presbyterian, joining in 2001. I have three girls through my first marriage who have all been involved with Farragut Presbyterian in one way or another. In 2008 I remarried to Ms. Kelly Shreve. While I have been involved with the youth group over the years in different capacities, both Kelly and I have participated in mission trips and youth activities with the church. I think the biggest impact I've gotten by being a member of this church, is how much we are all loved by God, and I continue to applaud the leadership at the church by constantly sending that message, to not only the members but the youth as well. I was asked to be an elder years ago at the church and I look forward to serving the session again.



Gayle Williams (Church Life)

I was born in Monroe, Louisiana and attended North Monroe Baptist church all of my young life. My parents were charter members and our family was very involved in the church. I married my college sweetheart, Mark Williams in Knoxville, Tennessee in 1976. I received my BA and Mark received his PhD at the University of Tennessee and we were married on UT campus in a chapel there. After graduation I worked at the University of Tennessee in Personnel and the Treasurers office as a counselor. Mark and I moved to Baton Rouge, LA to be near our family in 1983 where he worked at Louisiana State University. As the wife of the Director of the Nuclear Engineering Department, students have always played a big part in my life.

I worked as a substitute teacher throughout my children's education. We attended First United Methodist Church and I taught 3rd grade Sunday School and served as Director of Bible school. We moved back to Knoxville in 2003 where Mark returned to ORNL after retiring from LSU. Mark passed away in 2018 of cancer and I began a new life. I knew it was time to find a church I loved like my hometown church and it was time to give back to my community and the University I loved! I established the Mark Lane Williams Scholarship endowment fund and opened a group study room in his honor at the new Zeanah Engineering Complex. After joining Farragut Presbyterian Church, I have been involved in the Presbyterian Women's organization where I serve on the PW Coordinating Team, responsible for Christian Community Action and attend Circle 1. I also serve on the Stewardship committee. FPC has opened doors in my life and has taken me to new places from the mission of helping the Sunset Gap community among others. The FPC church community has become my family and Pastor Nieman has brought me closer to God and strengthened my Christian faith. I look forward to serving as an elder on the Church Life committee.



The Candidates for the 2023 Nominating Committee are:

- Kirby Purjet (moderator)
- Darrell Sparks (vice moderator)
- Krista Belding, Becky Dangel, Betsy Hopson
- Scott McKinney, Nancy Pevey



Today is the day! At 3:00 p.m. we are very excited to present our annual **Christmas Festival!** This year our own Chancel Choir will partner with the Chamber Singers of the University of Tennessee to present Handel's *Messiah*, Part the First. You won't want to miss this exciting event which always fills our chancel with the glorious sounds of the season. Be sure to come early to get a good seat.

HOLIDAY PARTY AND GIFT STEAL

Join us for an evening of fun and festivity on Saturday, December 3rd from 6-9 pm at the Trussells. This adults night out event is for all singles and couples, but please RSVP so we know how many are attending. The attire is casual, bring a dish to share (anything goes), and **DON'T FORGET** – bring a wrapped unisex gift (approximately value \$10 - \$20) per person for the gift steal. Please RSVP to Jenny Trussell at cedarstudios4@gmail.com who will provide an address and directions.

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

Bring the little ones in their pajamas and join us for *Mickey's Once Upon a Christmas* at our Christmas movie night event on Saturday, December 10th from 3 – 5 pm. We'll have a series of shorter films and wonderful Christmas activities for children ages preschool – 5th grade. We understand Santa will make an appearance with photo opportunities on the Polar Express! Please RSVP to Mason Warren at masonwarren@fpctn.org.

Thanks to our volunteers who helped feed the homeless at VMC earlier this month: Kent & Joyce Williams, Greg & Carol Kraft, and Jean Peretz. The **VMC luncheon** for Tuesday, December 20th is being coordinated by Carol Kraft. A sign-up sheet will be on the narthex table. We are in need of a VMC Meal Coordinator effective January 1st. Gloria Purjet has stepped down after several years of outstanding service and we need to find her replacement. The position involves informing FPC membership of the need for monthly assistance and scheduling volunteer coordinators each month to recruit servers. This is a very worthwhile and rewarding opportunity to serve those in need. If you have any questions, please contact Kirk Morris or Jean Peretz.



It's not too late to pledge! The consecration theme this year is **“Taking Care of Each Other, Our Church, Our Community.”** If you would like to indicate your pledge for 2023, please fill out an estimate of giving card found throughout the church, or use this QR code to pledge electronically. We hope to successfully wrap up this stewardship campaign within the next week or so.



SUNSET GAP CHRISTMAS: We are sponsoring 40 children this year and have both on-site sign-ups in the narthex, and online sign-ups at: <https://tinyurl.com/SunsetGapChristmas2022>. The deadline to return your wrapped gifts will be Sunday, December 4th. Grab a tag and sign-up on the narthex board, or go to the link above to get started! Let's embrace God's love and give less fortunate children a wonderful Christmas!

Please join Presbyterian Women as they **COLLECT WINTER HATS, SCARVES, AND GLOVES/MITTENS**. The items will be available to anyone who needs them November through February at no charge. Deadline to donate is Sunday, Dec 4th.

REMEMBERING OUR MISSION WORKERS: Mailing Christmas cards each year shows our mission workers in a small, but very real way, our interest and commitment to them. Cards need to be mailed as soon as possible. 1 USA Global Forever stamp (\$1.40) will cover the postage, or you can use 3 regular first class postage stamps and mark Air Mail on the envelope. Addresses are:

Mark Hare and Jenny Bent (Keila & Annika)
c/o Mauricio Chacon-UBL
APDO 901-1000
San Jose
Costa Rica

Cobbie and Dessa Palm
c/o Divinity House
14 Mack Street, Bantayan
Dumaguete City 6200
Philippines

EVENING ROCKERS are coming back! Finally! The first dining out will be at Connor's Steak House on December 2, 2022. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. Questions? Call Irene Rice at 865-675-4804.

Service of Lessons and Carols

On **Sunday, December 04 at 6:00 p.m.** we will participate in our TWENTY-FIFTH annual **Service of Lessons and Carols** in the sanctuary. The Service of Lessons and Carols is a traditional seasonal service of scripture and music. It is a very special and intimate service celebrating the true meaning of the season. We will also enjoy a **Holiday Dinner** at 4:30 pm in Fellowship Hall prior to the service. Meal registration can be found at: <https://tinyurl.com/FPCHolidayMeal2022>.



SHEPHERD OF HOPE FOOD PANTRY will be distributing December food bags again this holiday season to those less fortunate, and ask if we can contribute specific items for the meals. They need Boxed Potatoes (mashed or au gratin), Cake Mix & Icing and Stuffing Mix. Collection will run through December 10 and items can be placed on a table in Room A. *Thank you for your support!*

FAMILY PROMISE has announced that the in-person hosting of guest families by congregations will be delayed until April 2, 2023. Westside/FPC have signed up for 3 weeks in 2023. I hope you will consider attending a training session at the day center on December 5 at 4:00 pm. There is also online training available at the following site: <https://family-promise.coassemble.com/unlock/yytVdB>. Contact Beth Loyless for more information.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Nov 20	9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Sunday Worship		
	9:00	a.m.	KidZone/Room 10
	3:00	p.m.	FPC Christmas Festival /Sanctuary
	5:00	p.m.	Small & Mighty Youth Friendsgiving /FH
Mon, Nov 21	10:00	a.m.	Chair Yoga/Narthex
	6:15	p.m.	STEM Scouts/Fellowship Hall
	7:00	p.m.	Property Committee/Zoom
	7:00	p.m.	Administration Committee/Library
Tues, Nov 22	11:30	a.m.	Big Fish Chapel/sanctuary
	7:00	p.m.	Boy Scouts #444/FH, Narthex, Room A
	7:00	p.m.	Cub Scout Leaders #444/Library
Wed, Nov 23	****	****	Big Fish Closed/Thanksgiving break
	****	****	Church Office closes at 12 noon
Thur, Nov 24	****	****	Big Fish Closed/Thanksgiving break
	****	****	Church Office Closed /Happy Thanksgiving
Fri, Nov 25	****	****	Big Fish Closed/Thanksgiving break
	****	****	Church Office Closed /Thanksgiving break



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