This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*We invite you to stand as able.



Farragut Presbyterian Church

FPC

September 14, 2025
11:00 am

~ The Gathering ~

Prelude — *Adagio* — Galuppi
Tami Newsom, organ

Greeting — Rev. Matt Nieman

Call to Worship

The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance,
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Though the strong wind of judgment blows, all is not ended.
God will renew stubborn hearts and soften stiff necks,
for Jesus welcomed sinners and ate with them,
so we boldly come to make an offering of worship to the God of mercy,
who seeks and saves the lost.
Let us rejoice in the grace of our Lord!

*Hymn #466 — *O For A Thousand Tongues to Sing* — Azmon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Creator of the universe, we imagine that we are in familiar territory, that we know what to expect of this hour, that we will leave much the way that we came. Do not abandon us to our foolishness. In judgment, illumine our darkness. In mercy, bear us home – until we recognize your presence wherever evil is confronted, truth is spoken, and life is restored.

(please continue in silent prayer)

*Kyrie eleison #574 — *Lord, have mercy* — Johnson

*Declaration of Forgiveness

*Gloria Patri #579 — *Gloria Patri* — Greatorex

*The Peace

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

~ The Word ~

Anthem — *My Shepherd's Amazing Grace* — arr. Karissa Dennis
FPC Ringers

Prayer for Illumination — Jeff Gary

Mighty God, you spoke the world into being; speak now to our hearts. By the power of your Spirit, make these ancient words live, that we might be shaped into your people, eager to bear your claim in the world and to give flesh to your future. For we pray in the name of Jesus, who leads us into life. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 [Pew Bible pg. 208]

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98 — Dr. Angela Batey, cantor — Mawby



Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm have won for him the victory.

The LORD has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Sound praises to the Lord, all the earth; break into singing and make music.
Make music to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the voice of melody.

With trumpets and the sound of the horn sound praises before the Lord, the King.
Let the sea thunder and all that fills it, the world and all that dwell upon it.

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 15:1-10 [Pew Bible pg. 78]

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon — "Excessive" — Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Apostles' Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Anthem *Lord, I'm Coming Home* Anna Laura Page
Chancel Choir

I've wandered far away from God; The paths of sin too long I've trod.
I've wasted many precious years. Now I repent with bitter tears.

Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam.
Coming home, coming home, Lord, I'm coming home.

I'm tired of sin and straying, Lord; I'll trust Your love – believe Your word.
My soul is sick, my heart is sore; my strength renew, my hope restore.

My only hope, my only plea, is that my Savior died for me.
Lord, wash me whiter than the snow; I need Your cleansing blood I know.

Coming home, coming home, nevermore to roam

Sacrament of Baptism *Bevier Lauriston Van Allen*
Son of Gannon and Shayna Van Allen
Grandson of Kris and Rick Van Allen

Hymn #492 *Baptized in Water* Bunessan

Call for the Offering

You can use the QR code to give online or place your offering in the baskets located at the Sanctuary doors. Thank you for your gifts.

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 #356 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Nettleton

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #386 *O for a World* Azmon

O for a world where everyone respects each other's ways,
Where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

*Postlude *Basse et Dessus de Trompette* Clerambault
Tami Newsom, organ

A/V Team ~ Ken Ladrach, David Long, and Mason Warren

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.



Join us for a special time of Fellowship after the 11:00 service

Coffee, Lemonade, and Nibbles in the Narthex!

Looking for ways to be involved in Worship?

Sign-up to be an usher, scripture reader, or communion server!

All ages are invited to sign up.

Please go to: http://tinyurl.com/FPCvolunteerSignUp and sign up in the appropriate available time slot. If you have any questions, contact Mikie Lancaster, Ken Ladrach, or the church office (865/966-9547).





Members

Amy Begovich, Larry Byars, Pat Dail, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Chuck & Norma Foriska, Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby Marigold Elizbeth, Frank Guess, Mindy Houlihan, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Donna Phillips, Brenda & Mark Selecman, Beth White, Gayle Williams

Relatives of Members

Family of Robby Gibson, nephew of Beth Allen, upon his death

Friends and others

Gene Bird, his wife and daughter Barbara and Kim, friends of Joanie Scheuer

Farragut FPC Church

LOVE AND LEARN

Pastor.....Rev. Matthew Nieman
Director of Spiritual Formation.....Rev. John Sharp
Director of Family Ministries.....Mason Warren
Director of Music.....Dr. Angela L. Batey
Associate Director of Music.....Tami Newsom
Music Leader for Casual Worship and Office Administrator.....Sandra Porter Bohlken
Bookkeeper.....Lori Corbett
Treasurer.....John Begovich
Financial Secretary.....Tom Koch
Clerk of Session.....Lisa Gary

209 Jamestowne Blvd.~ Farragut, TN 37934
865/966-9547 ~ www.fpctn.org

http://tinyurl.com/FPCe-giving

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14. 2025

Quest Class for Adults

Myself: A User's Guide - Finding Fulfillment by Understanding Yourself and Serving Others

How do your life experiences, personality and skills pair with what you love to do and your spiritual gifts? A lively and enjoyable experience of self-discovery that integrates biblical teaching with the social sciences and self-reflection.



Join us on Monday, September 15, 22, 29 & October 6 from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Narthex. Let us know you're coming by signing up at: *https://tinyurl.com/MyselfAUsersGuide or use the QR code.*

Quest
Take a Next Step

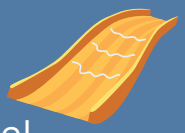
For a full menu of Quest Sundays for Children & Youth as well as Quest Sundays for Adults please see the printed list in the Narthex.

FAMILY MINISTRIES



September 28
KidsQuest sings at the 10am Service

11:00 Tailgate lunch with a bounce house and water slide!



Join us at the PET Middle School Retreat, September 26-28! Together we will look at the magnificent story that unfolds in the Bible and learn how our own stories fit into God's grand story! Contact Mason Warren for more details.





October 26
4-6pm
It's gonna be out of this world!
More details to come.



OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

Sunset Gap Food Pantry Drive

The Presbyterian Women invite the congregation to join us in helping stock the food pantry at Sunset Gap. Items requested in order of priority are: peanut butter, spaghetti sauce and pasta (preferably canned, available at Walmart & Kroger) rice (brown or white) canned meats, canned vegetables, breakfast items, and saltines. Please place in the basket in the Narthex. Deadline is October 15.

We will celebrate WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY on October 5th. There will be a collection of the PEACE & GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING that enables the church to promote the peace of Christ by addressing systems of injustice in our own communities and across the world.



MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

CCAHT COMMUNITY COALITION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING — POWERING grow FREE TENNESSEE

How to Volunteer with CCAHT

The mission of Community Coalition Against Human Trafficking (CCAHT) is to unite and equip the East Tennessee community to end human trafficking. CCAHT will sponsor an orientation session on September 18, from 5-6:30pm, for those who wish to do volunteer work with them. (There is a minimum age limit of 18 years old to do volunteer work on their behalf.)

The volunteer work may include lawn work in their small garden, organizing items that have been donated to them, assisting with moving of a residence, or other types of opportunities that arise over time. CCAHT requires that volunteers complete the orientation session before doing any work. If you are interested in attending the orientation, contact Kirk Morris for more information or to carpool to the orientation session. You will also need to fill out the volunteer inquiry form at this link:
https://growfreetn.org/volunteer/

VOLUNTEER MINISTRY CENTER VMC *Opening Doors for a Better Tomorrow*

Don't forget to sign up in the Narthex to serve at VMC! We still have openings available in November and December.



Meals with a Mission

Our next congregational mission project is scheduled for November 2 where we will work together to pack chicken soup!

This Week at FPC

Sun, Sept 14
- 9am Casual Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 10am Soul Cafe/Narthex
- Pastor Matt's Class/Library
- KidStart/Room D
- YouthQuest/Youth Room
- 11am Traditional Worship Service/Sanctuary
- 12pm Nibbles in the Narthex
- 5:30pm Youth Collective/Youth Room

Mon, Sept 15
- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 11am Library Reserved
- 5pm Church Life Committee/Library
- 5:30pm Quest Class - Myself: A User's Guide/Narthex

Tues, Sept 16
- 9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
- 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 6pm Admin/Library
- 7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Sept 17
- 9:45am Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 12pm Parlor Reserved
- 12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
- 6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Room A
- 7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Sept 18
- 6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Youth Rm

Fri, Sept 19
- 10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
- 7pm Gentle Yoga/Narthex

Shepherds mark your calendars!
There will be a gathering for all Shepherds on October 20 at 6:00 p.m. in Room A.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 28

One Worship Service at 10am with Bluegrass Music
Tailgate Party to follow
Bring your favorite team gear to decorate a lunch table. There will be prizes for the best decorated table!
RSVP up here:
https://tinyurl.com/FPCTailgateParty

October 4

Foodies Menu
Appetizer – Stuffed Mushrooms
Entree – Coq au vin over noodles
Salad – Orange & beet salad
Dessert – Apple pie with ice cream
Sign up in the Narthex

Farragut Presbyterian FPC Church
LOVE AND LEARN