

Farragut Presbyterian Church

October 19, 2025
11:00 a.m.

LOVE AND LEARN

This service is being recorded by video and audio means.

*We invite you to stand as able.

~ The Gathering ~

Greeting — Rev. Matt Nieman

Prelude — *Movement* — Stirling
Tami Newsom, organ

Introit — *Lord, You Bring Our Gift of Music* — Weisse Flaggen
Chancel Choir and Friends

Call to Worship

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when, just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow and destroy,
so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the Lord.
I will put my law within the people, and I will write it on their hearts;
I will be their God, and they shall be my people.
Your commandment makes me wiser than my enemies, for it is always with me.
We will continue in what we have learned and firmly believe:
Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth, and God will grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night.

*Hymn #264 — *When in Our Music God Is Glorified* — Engelberg

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

God of grace, for our failure to love others as you have loved us,
Forgive us.
For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods,
Forgive us.
For losing heart and abandoning hope,
Forgive us.
For all the ways we turn from you,
Forgive us.

(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 ~

Prayer for Illumination David Stutzenberger

Speak to us, by the power of your Holy Spirit, and equip us to be messengers of your life-altering, world-changing, blessing-filled Word. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

First Scripture Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 [Pew Bible pg. 735]

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 119 (97-104) Dr. Angela Batey, cantor Hopson



Lord, I love your law! It is ever in my mind.
Your command makes me wiser than my foes, for it is mine forever. **(R)**

I have more insight than all who teach me, for I ponder your will.
I have more understanding than the old for I keep your precepts. **(R)**

I turn my feet from evil paths to obey your word.
I have not turned from your decrees; you yourself have taught me **(R)**

Your promise is sweeter to my taste than honey in the mouth.
I gain understanding from your precepts, and so I hate false ways. **(R)**

Second Scripture Reading: Luke 18:1-8 [Pew Bible pg. 81]

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

Sermon "Emblems of Faithfulness" Rev. Matt Nieman

~ The Response ~

Affirmation of Faith (from the PCUSA)

What is the nature of resurrection hope?

Resurrection hope is a hope for the transformation of this world, not a hope for escape from it. It is the hope that evil in all its forms will be utterly eradicated, that past history will be redeemed, and that all the things that ever were will be made new. It is the hope of a new creation, a new heaven, and a new earth, in which God is really honored as God, human beings are truly loving, and peace and justice reign on earth.

The Anthem *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* arr. G. Young
Chancel Choir, FPC Ringers, and Friends

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

Come, lift your hearts on high; Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend; To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

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 #486 *When the Morning Stars Together* Weisse Flaggen

*Benediction

*Congregational Response #264 *Let Every Instrument* Engleberg

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always: Alleluia! Amen!

*Postlude | *Voluntary No. 10 in D major* | Alcock

Tami Newsom, organ

Usher ~ Thom Haig

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.



Members

Amy Begovich, Pat Dail, Dean & Lucy Fleming, Chuck & Norma Foriska, Meredith & Tucker Fritz and baby Marigold, Frank Guess, Mindy Houlihan, Beth & Jimmy Loyless, Ann McAnally, Maria Medina, Irma McGuffey, Tami Newsom, Robert & Terry Olberding, Donna Phillips, Mark Scheuer, Linda Wert, Gayle Williams

Bereaved

We mourn the loss of Beth Hallman on Sunday, September 14, and hold her husband, Tim, and son and daughter-in-law, Michael and Tess, in our prayers as they grieve.

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).



Today we celebrate our annual **Invite a Friend to Choir** Day.

We had a terrific rehearsal and fellowship on Wednesday. Both our Chancel Choir members and our guests are eager and ready to lead our music in worship and we have filled the choir loft with the people of God who are bonded together through music.

We would like to invite anyone who is interested in our traditional Music Ministry to join us in rehearsal next Wednesday night from 7:30 - 8:45. The Music Ministry of Farragut Presbyterian **IS** for **ALL** the people of God! Once again, the **ONLY** pre-requisite for joining the choir is a **DESIRE TO SERVE THE LORD THROUGH MUSIC!** If you don't think you can sing, we challenge you to join us for one week. Listen closely today. Could God be calling you to this ministry?

Our music ministry here at FPC is for everyone who wishes to share their time and talents. Come make a joyful noise!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING...

WEEK OF OCTOBER 19. 2025

Meals with a Mission is Back!



Sunday, November 2nd from 10-11am, we will gather to pack Friendship Beef Soup bags for our neighbors in need.

Sign-up is located in the Narthex or online at: tinyurl.com/MissionProjectSignUp



Bring 28oz cans of diced tomatoes and 6oz cans of tomato paste

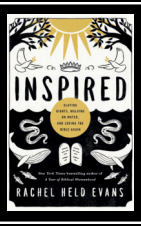
This is a great hands on project in which all ages and ability levels can participate-- you can pack bags while standing or sitting!
Since we packed 425 meals in record time last June, we've decided to double our amount this time to 850 meals! Let's see what kind of record we can set with this project!



Quest Take a Next Step

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

Join Pastor Matt's class on Sundays at 10am in the Library. For the month of October we will journey through Rachel Held Evans' book "Inspired."





Led by John Sharp, this class meets in the new Narthex gathering space. Join us for a lively and interactive conversation around worship themes and content for the day (and coffee and nibbles too!). Art, cultural engagement, biblical perspective, science and technology – it's all in the mix.

Looking for a daily devotion to enhance your faith journey? Pick up a booklet in the Narthex. We offer two devotionals: "The Upper Room" and "These Days"

FAMILY MINISTRIES



October 26
4-6pm

Sign-up to help on the Family Ministry Bulletin Board located down the hall from the Library.

Sign-ups include:
-Hosting a trunk or treat spot
-Volunteering to run kid games in the Fellowship Hall



It's gonna be out of this world!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

THE Shepherd OF Hope Food Pantry

From October 26 through November 9, Farragut Presbyterian will again collect cake mixes and canned frosting (any flavors) and/or brownie mixes for Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry holiday baskets. As you shop, please consider adding these dessert items to your list and drop them off in the cart in the narthex beginning October 26. *Contact Becky Thomason if you have questions.*



COMMUNITY BOARD

UT Women's Chorale Annual Fall Recital

November 2 @ 3:00pm

Bring your friends and come enjoy the lovely sounds of this group in our Sanctuary.





Come see our own LisaKay Matchen play Lady Bracknell in the Roane State Playmakers' production of "The Importance of being Earnest"
November 20-22 @ 7:00pm
November 23 @ 2:00pm
Tickets are available online at https://our.show/RSCCEarnest

October 20
Shepherds Gathering

There is a gathering for all Shepherds tomorrow, October 20 at 6:00pm in Room A.

This Week at FPC

Sun, Oct 19
9am Casual Worship Service/Outside
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
1pm FH Reserved
4pm Bridgepoint345/FH
5:30pm Youth Group/Youth Rm

Mon, Oct 20
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex
11am Library Reserved
5pm Church Life Committee/Library
6pm FPC/UT Joint Choir Rehearsal/Sanctuary
6pm Shepherd Gathering/Room A

Tues, Oct 21
9:30am Library Reserved
10:30am Feed the Hungry/VMC
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
7pm BS #444/FH, Room A, Narthex

Wed, Oct 22
12pm Parlor Reserved
12:15pm Big Fish Chapel/Sanctuary
1pm PW Bible Study/Library
6pm Casual Worship Team Rehearsal/Room A
6pm Handbell Rehearsal/Sanctuary
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal/Room A

Thurs, Oct 23
8am Men's Bible Study/Narthex
12pm Pastors Lunch/Library
12:30pm Neighborhood Book Club/Youth Rm (Parlor)
6:30pm CS #444/FH, Narthex, Room A, Room D, Youth Rm

Fri, Oct 24
10am Chair Yoga/Narthex

A big thank you to all who participated in Presbyterian women's drive to help stock the food pantry at Sunset Gap. Our donation is greatly appreciated. 98 families were served on Wednesday, almost 400 families in the first three weeks this month. The food will definitely make a difference for the recipients.



Mark your Calendar

November 5
CAM Cabin Trip



November 8
PW Thank Offering Luncheon
Guest Speaker on
"Who Are You Walking On?
Divinely Inspired Graveyard Forensics"
Sign-up in the Narthex

November 9
Consecration Sunday
One worship service at 10am
with Stewardship & Thanksgiving
Luncheon to follow

MAKE A PSALM 100 JOYFUL NOISE

December 5
Christmas Gift Steal Party
@ the Concord Yacht Club