We are a diverse 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 one another so as to grow in faith.

April 9 Palm Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
April 13 Maundy Thursday 7:00 p.m.
April 14 Good Friday Noon
April 15 Great Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m.
April 16 Easter Sunday 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.
The Excluded and Unworthy Ones
In the fourth chapter of John, Jesus is at it once again—teaching and healing. This time, he was in the region of Galilee, where he was welcomed warmly by his fellow Jews. Out of the crowd stepped a foreigner, a Roman official most likely serving King Herod. His son was sick, and the man begged Jesus to heal him.

Jesus replied, “You may go. Your son will live.” And the boy did.

Richard Rohr reflects on this story: “For a non-Jew of the ‘nobility’ to trust an itinerant Jewish healer with no formal credentials is certainly a breakthrough into newness. The official trusts Jesus at his word, with no evidence at hand. When the official returns home, his weeping is indeed turned into delight. There is no mention whatsoever of any checklist of beliefs, no correct loyalty systems, no asking whether the royal official is in his first marriage, or whether he has made a good confession of his sins. It seems really rather irresponsible of Jesus.”

Yes, it was. Jesus should have known better, but he probably did know better. And still he acted in mercy.

Jesus reached out to the excluded and unworthy. And it seems that the church should be about this as well.

I’m proud to serve a church that recognizes the need to cross boundaries in order to serve those whom our society has sometimes deemed excluded and unworthy. Two examples of this are our work with the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry and Family Promise. We have many volunteers working to ensure local families—poor families—have food and shelter through these two programs. And in doing so, we’re showing our willingness to step over the line and be inclusive of all of God’s children.

Peter Marty, writing in the recent Christian Century, offers a dramatic example of this kind of welcome. “Fifty-six years have passed since six-year-old Ruby Bridges walked into William Frantz Elementary School in New Orleans. Ruby was black; the other students were white. Her walk into that school, surrounded by federal marshals (later immortalized in Norman Rockwell’s painting The Problem We All Live With), signaled a major development in desegregation. Before her first day of first grade had ended, parents had emptied the school of white children in a massive boycott. Ruby learned alone that year, taught by the one teacher willing to remain.”

One teacher remained. One teacher stayed on the job to teach little Ruby. One teacher welcomed the one who had historically been told she wasn’t welcome. One teacher did what Jesus would’ve done.

Maybe this kind of attention and welcoming for those who are normally excluded is our highest calling today.
Join us for our last **Feast, Faith, and Fellowship** on April 5. We will enjoy soup in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Joining us will be Maryville College history professor Dr. Aaron Astor.

Dr. Astor will discuss the three major migrations of Scots and Ulster Scots from Scotland and Northern Ireland and the impact they have had on our country. We will also learn some of the events before and after migration that influenced the character of these mostly Presbyterians and the positive influence of that character on our history.

We thank our own Dan Greaser for coordinating these informative programs.

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**WHERE HAS THE TIME GONE??**

It is time for us to update our Pictorial Directory. Kids have grown, beards have come or gone, hair color or style has changed….it is TIME! We plan to print this in early June, and it will also be available electronically. The hard part is always the pictures! Families have choices: if you like the one that is in use now, we will keep it; if you have a good family photo, you can email it to the church office. With Easter coming, families might consider getting their group picture taken that morning in front of our beautiful flower-filled cross. We will have several folks available to take these photos, before and after either service. For questions, see Mikie Lancaster. Phone: 675-0360 or mikielancaster@gmail.com.
And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Luke 10:2

One Great Hour of Sharing
The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be held at FPC on April 9, Palm Sunday. The offering will be shared amongst three PCUSA Missions-Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (32 percent), Presbyterian Hunger Program (36 percent), and Self Development of People (32 percent). Presbyterian Disaster Assistance works alongside communities as they recover and find hope after natural or human-caused disasters. Presbyterian Hunger Program takes action to alleviate hunger and the systemic causes of poverty, and Self-Development of People invests in communities responding to their experiences of racism, oppression, poverty, and injustice and educates Presbyterians about the impact of these social ills. A brief history of One Great Hour of Sharing follows.

During WWII and immediately following, Protestant churches made appeals for relief and reconstruction. At the prompting of newly elected Presiding Bishop Henry Knox Sherrill of the Episcopal Church in 1946, a goal of one million dollars per year was set for World Relief. On nationwide radio, he challenged members to raise “one million dollars in one hour” to help people and communities in need. During the first three years, Episcopalians raised $3.8 million.

In 1950, the title “One Great Hour of Sharing” was used for the first time. Its goal was to make the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffered the effects of disaster, conflict, or severe economic hardship and for those who serve them through gifts of money and time.

From the beginning this has been an ecumenical effort. As denominations changed and merged, One Great Hour of Sharing has varied from eight to twenty-nine participating communions. Currently, the OGHS committee officially comprises eight Christian denominations: American Baptist Churches USA, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Church of the Brethren, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), United Church of Christ and Church World Service.

The purpose of One Great Hour of Sharing has remained the same: to collect special gifts to assist those in need. Today’s projects are underway in more than 100 countries; receipts have exceeded $20 million annually for the past 20 years.

Help make a difference with your contribution to One Great Hour of Sharing on Sunday, April 9.
We welcomed several new volunteers to our Family Promise ministry this past month, and if you missed this last training session in March, I would be happy to sit down with you at any time to go over the program to see where your talents and interests would fit it. The most exciting parts of this ministry are establishing relationships with our guest families who are at one of the lowest periods in their lives, and providing them with food, shelter, and compassion. To share conversations and play with the children is such a wonderful thing. All of our 2016 and 2017 families have transitioned into their own housing so far, and that is a testament to the staff and family’s hard work and your support. Our next support hosting week is May 28-June 4. Please join us.

Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry Volunteer Training
Training to participate in the Shepherd of Hope Food Pantry activities is scheduled for April 6th at 6:00 PM and April 13th at 11:30 a.m. The brief one-hour training is held at the pantry located at the rear of Faith Lutheran Church. The pantry is open 2 days each month and is a very worthwhile outreach in our local community. If you would like to attend the training to learn ways to participate at the pantry, please contact Betty Nicholls at bettinicholls@gmail.com or 671-8097.

Volunteer Ministry Center Lunch
Our monthly lunch at the Volunteer Ministry Center (VMC) will be held on April 25. The people we feed perform chores at VMC and attend personal responsibility classes aimed at helping them obtain housing.
Our volunteer servers leave from FPC at 10:30 a.m. and return by 1 p.m. Transportation is available for volunteers who prefer not to drive downtown. The April lunch coordinator is Gloria Purjet. If you can help, contact Gloria (gpurjet@hotmail.com) or sign up in the narthex.
UT Contemporary Acappella is coming to FPC!!!

Collegiate contemporary a cappella ensembles are largely student-run and directed singing groups that perform entirely without instruments. Such groups can be found at many colleges and universities in the United States, and increasingly worldwide. The Rensselyrics of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (formerly known as the RPI Glee Club), established in 1873 is perhaps the oldest known collegiate a cappella group. However the longest continuously singing group is probably The Whiffenpoofs of Yale University, which was formed in 1909 and once included Cole Porter as a member. The first all women's ensemble, the Smiffenpoofs, was founded in 1936 at Smith College.

College a cappella has grown tremendously since 1980. This growth was fueled in part by a style change of using voices to emulate modern rock instruments, and marked a shift away from the more traditional sounds of the jazz or classical ensembles and glee clubs to contemporary a cappella, with groups focusing on modern pop music, complete with complex textures and a driving beat.

Collegiate a cappella spans multiple genres and styles. Music style and individual group preference mandate a great variety in how groups arrange, and perform the music. Collegiate groups usually perform with 8-16 members and are generally self-sustaining. These groups often benefit from the talent of non-music majors that have significant experience with music and/or choral singing. Participation in such groups provides both social interaction and creative opportunities for students pursuing other fields of study.

Come enjoy these UT groups and bring your friends!
Spring Concert!
Sunday, April 30, 6:00 p.m.

UT CONTEMPORARY ACAPPELLA

This concert features groups from the University of Tennessee: reVOLution (all-female), VOLume (all-male), UT Singers (co-ed)

Concert events take place within our sanctuary and are offered to our congregation and community at no cost. We hope many of you will invite your friends and neighbors to attend these events and experience the friendliness of Farragut Presbyterian Church!
Child Protection Plan

In June 2016, the General Assembly invited Kris Schondelmeyer to share his heartbreaking story of being abused in the church as a youth.

In response, the PC(USA) unanimously approved a Child Protection Policy to take steps to be sure that tragedies like Kris' can never happen again in our churches. Following the powerful example of our governing body, Farragut Presbyterian Church is excited to be launching our own Child Protection Plan.

Beginning this month, we will be asking all volunteers working with children and youth to fill out a quick permission form, which allows FPC to run a background check with Protect My Ministry. This company specializes in church child protection and makes the process easy while protecting the identity and privacy of the volunteers. Volunteers will receive an email with a link to the form and are asked to fill it out by the end of April so that we can assure our VBS families that FPC is fully committed to protecting all children and youth who enter our building. Volunteers will also receive a link to an online training video, which will provide important information about best practices in working with children, signs of abuse, and how to report if abuse is suspected.

If you have any questions or would like more information about FPC's Child Protection Plan, contact Katina Sharp or any member of the Christian Education Committee.
Children's Choir
We are excitedly preparing our jazzy spring musical: *100% Chance of Rain*. You won't want to miss the youth of the church sharing the promise of God's unending love for us, so be sure to mark your calendars to attend the 11:00 worship service on April 23! We will be taking our show on the road on May 3 when we minister to the residents at Autumn Care Assisted Living. (Choir members, we will have dress rehearsal April 22 10:00-noon and will meet on April 23 at 10:30 to warm up.)

Calling all Musicians
The church preschool is studying the orchestra in music class this spring. Each week we are covering a different instrument family. The Sharp Boys will be visiting to demonstrate cellos in the string family, and Ashley Boone will be visiting to play her flute and answer questions about the woodwind family. We would love to have a visitor come and demonstrate brass, percussion, keyboard, and non-orchestra instruments (and other string/woodwind instruments too!) Would you be willing to share half an hour on a weekday morning to give these preschoolers a live demonstration? Contact Katina for more information!

Sunday School Teachers
On behalf of the Christian Education Committee and the families of FPC, I would like to offer my heartfelt thanks to Joanie Scheuer, Betsy Hopson, Betsy Henderson, Robin Taylor, and Emily Sweetland for volunteering to teach our children/youth Sunday School classes in the 2016-2017 year. These teachers have provided a loving and safe place for children and youth to explore their faith and learn about the amazing love of God.

This fall we will have 3 openings for teachers in the elementary classes. These teachers rotate teaching dates so that they are able to attend an adult class on the off-weeks. The curriculum is very leader-friendly and requires minimal prep work. Would you like to share your gifts with our children? Consider signing up to teach a class one or two Sundays a month. Contact Katina for more information!
FPC is excited to be participating in the Youth 4 Religion project. Youth 4 Religion is a series of workshops intended to help young people learn about different religious practices in their community in order to create understanding, build interfaith relationships, and encourage youth to advocate for religious freedom. The event is intended for youth ages 12-18 (parents are encouraged to attend with their children). Each workshop will include a tour of the house of worship, a brief presentation of the beliefs and practices, and a Q/A session with a leader and a youth from the host location. There is no cost to attend.

March 30
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Heska Amuna Synagogue
3811 Kingston Pike, Knoxville
865-522-0701

April 4
7:00 – 8:30 p.m.
Muslim Community of Knoxville
100 13th Street, Knoxville
865-637-8172

April 20
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Farragut Presbyterian Church
209 Jamestowne Blvd, Farragut
865-966-9547

April 27
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Central Baptist Bearden
6300 Deane Hill Drive, Knoxville
865-588-0586

April 6
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
Immaculate Conception Church
414 West Vine Ave., Knoxville
347-886-4270

May 4
7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
6024 Grove Drive, Knoxville
865-688-7472
Adults and teens can be heroes too! We need 50 adult and youth volunteers to make our VBS truly spectacular! We need volunteers in all stations, and many of the jobs require no prep work! Be a hero: volunteer today!

To register as a child participant or a volunteer, visit www.cokesburyvbs.com/farragutandfaith

We are taking registrations for this year's Hero Central VBS. The fun will take place June 5-9 from 9:00am till noon. Register your children today at: www.cokesburyvbs.com/farragutandfaith
April 2: Elementary Fellowship Meetup at LaserQuest (4:45)
April 23: Children's Choir Musical (11:00 worship service)
April 23: Middle School Fellowship Meetup at Key Quest (5:45)
May 3: Children's Choir travels to Autumn Care Assisted Living (5:45)
May 21: Youth Sunday (11:00 worship service)
June 5-9: VBS (9:00-noon)
July 19-23: Middle School Montreat
September 16-17: 4th/5th Grade Fall Retreat
October 6-8: Middle School Fall Retreat
Mother Nature has finally decided to give us a taste of Spring. We love warm, pretty days to enjoy our wonderful playground. The trees and flowers are blooming, and we see so many colorful birds each day. This month we continue to study nature, the weather, and the seasons.

The preschool classes are almost ready to celebrate the 100th day of school. They will have a party and make some projects with 100 things. These are usually very creative. There will be a “collage parade” to each classroom, and then the projects will be displayed. Please feel free to come take a look.

We plan to read some silly books, have a silly snack, and wear silly clothes in honor of April Fools’ Day. Ms. Beth usually decorates her office with Christmas trees and wreaths! That’s really silly! Let’s see if she does something different this time.

The Muse of Knoxville will visit on April 20. They will present two programs for us. One program, Shake, Rattle, and Roll, will be for the toddler classes. The preschool classes will participate in a program called Ramps, Slides, and Pathways.

Our four-year-old and five year old classes will take a field trip to the Fresh Market. After a tour and learning about what the different departments do, they will teach us how to decorate cupcakes. Everyone gets to bring their cupcake back to CEP and take it home.

Of course we will also celebrate Easter this month. There will be parties, Easter egg hunts, and decorating Easter baskets. We will also dance the Bunny Hop and the “Bunny Pokey”.

Registration continues for our next school year. Some classes are currently full. Other classes have limited space available. Please call 671-4616 or contact bhallman@tds.net for more information.

As always thank you for all of your continued support.
Presbyterian Women
Birthday Offering Dinner

Tuesday, April 11, 6:00 p.m.

$10
Speaker: Judy DiGregorio
Catered by: Modish Cuisine

The April 22 Spring Gathering
Second Presbyterian Church
2829 Kingston Pike, Knoxville

Advanced Registration deadline is April 12.
Day of Registration: 9:30 a.m.
Program begins at 10:00 a.m.

Keynote Speaker: Jeff Wagner
Director of Operations for
Living Waters for the World
Tickets are $8, payable in advance
Join us for our annual Spring Men’s Dinner at 6:00 p.m. on Monday May 1, 2017 in the Fellowship Hall. We will enjoy a meal, conversation and an interesting and timely presentation by Harrison Akins. The presentation is titled “Western Misconceptions about Islam and Muslim History in the World.”

Harrison is the son of FPC members Darrell and Deb Akins, and a PhD candidate in Political Science and a Graduate Research Fellow in the Baker Center for Public Policy at the University of Tennessee. He earned a BA in History from American University, an MA in Liberal Arts from St. John’s College, and an MSc in Political Theory from the London School of Economics. Prior to coming to UT, Harrison was an Ibn Khaldun Chair Research Fellow at American University’s School of International Service. His research interests include intra-state conflict, terrorism, Islamic culture, and US foreign policy. His writings have appeared in a number of outlets including Washington Post, BBC, AL Jazeera, Huffington Post, India Times and the Guardian.

Reservations are needed by April 28. Call or e-mail John Neighbors at 966-9317, or cjneighbors64@gmail.com. You may also place a pew reservation card in the offering basket.

The cost is $10.
ALL MEN ARE INVITED... COME JOIN US!!!

April 13 and 27
8:00 a.m. in the Narthex

Contact John Neighbors for more info
748-6707 or cjneighbors64@gmail.com

CIRCLE #1
1st Tuesday
(for April only)
10:00 a.m.

CIRCLE #2
2nd Tuesday
10:00 a.m.

CIRCLE #3
2nd Wednesday
10:00 a.m.
Fun, Food and Fellowship for Fifty and older!

Daytime: Thursday, April 13, 11:30 am
Puleo’s, 260 N. Peters Road

Evening: Saturday, April 8, 6:00 p.m.
Carrabba’s, 325 N. Peters Road

Line Dancing Classes!!!
Intermediate Step
Mondays at 6:30 p.m.
Fellowship Hall
For questions contact
Chuck Stuewe at
966-8295 or
stuewechuck@gmail.com

9:00 a.m. in Room A
3:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
(Monday thru Thursday)
Instructor Michelle Henry
shakeyourrumba@gmail.com
Prayers for Our Church Family
Mike Agee, Phill Bradbury, Christine Britt, David and Jewell Countiss, Stuart Daw, Billie Fain, Tyrone Gregory, Marge Griffith, Frank and Margo Guess, Pat Hickman, Mary Linhart, Ron and Jeanette Mann, Fay McMahan, Joel Neely, Deena Ramey, Dale Rogers, Steve Tinder, Jim Wilbanks, Melody White, Elizabeth Wilson
For a complete prayer list that includes friends and family, or to join our prayer group, please contact the church office.

Military
Joshua Meador, Stephen Peterson, Kevin Shelton, Chase Sterling, Mark Wurth

Mission Workers
Mark Hare and Jenny Bent – Haiti
Carlton “Cobbie” and Dessa Palm – Philippines

Bereaved
The family of Norman Garrett, Becky Dangel’s father
The family of Edward Corbett, Eric’s father
The family of Carol Kraft’s mother, Johanna, who died at age 100.
The family of Bill Bullen, Vivian’s husband
The family of charter member Gordon Pillsbury

Dear Church Family,
Thank you all so much for the cards, and hugs, and flowers, and most of all the prayers over the last 10 months. While I am sad that my dad has left this life, I am hugely comforted by his strong faith and love for God. His life was well lived and I am so grateful and proud to be his daughter. Your prayers were a big help to my family and me and I truly believe that they were answered. Dad got a great last 10 months, suffered very little, and fully enjoyed the company of family and friends right up to the end. And so we are all at peace…
Blessings, Becky Dangel

Dear FPC Friends,
I am truly blessed to be a part of this church. During my hospital stay for testing it was the kindness and prayers that helped me get through it all. I am happy to report nothing significant was found.
In the name of Christ, Jo McElhaney

Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for all the cards and prayers on the death of my mother, Johanna. They were greatly appreciated and brought me much comfort. I feel truly blessed to be part of such a wonderful church!
Fondly, Carol Kraft

Please join us with your crocheting and knitting skills for a meaningful ministry and good fellowship!

Tuesday, April 25
2 pm in the Parlor

We have patterns for both crochet and knitting for full size shawls and pocket prayer squares.
God in America: How Religious Liberty Shaped America
Meets in the Library

For those who know that in America, religion matters, and for those who wish it didn’t matter so much, come GOD IN AMERICA, a sweeping history of how religious faith has shaped America. This PBS documentary series interweaves documentary footage, historical dramatizations, and interviews with religious historians to explore the historical role of religion in the public life of The United States.

Adult Bible Study
Meets in Room A

Studying from *The Present Word*, through the exploration of biblical text, adult study groups are invited into a deepened relationship with God. *The Present Word* engages participants in an experiential style of learning—connecting faith and life. Discussion encourages participants to live out their faith in their individual and congregational activities. Our Spring study will give us a much deeper gratitude for the lives we live – loved by God, through faith in Jesus Christ, and by the sustaining power of the Holy Spirit."

Children and Youth
Meet in the Educational Wing

Pre-K and Elementary classes use *Whirl*, where children practice reading the Bible and discerning what God is saying to them thru a fun DVD enhanced curriculum.

Youth use *Connect*, a quirky DVD series that launches students into discussions of reading the Bible from a Reformed perspective.

Monday Connection
Meet in the Parlor

*When God Interrupts: Finding New Life Through Unwanted Change*

Our lives are constantly changing. It's hard to keep up, to keep our balance. It's hard to keep trusting in God. At times it seems as though God has moved far, far away. In *When God Interrupts*, M. Craig Barnes, a sensitive, insightful pastor, shows us how we can be found by God in the middle of unwanted change.
At its meeting on March 27, the Session:

• Heard from the Property Committee that the new HVAC unit in Room A has been fully charged for the cooling season. A new thermostat will be installed, in addition to new temperature sensors in the sanctuary.
• Approved the wedding of Scott Koch (Tom and Sharon’s son) and Amy Dukes here in our sanctuary on May 27.
• Allocated up to $10,000 more for strategic planning of our facility usage with Brewer Ingram Fuller Architects. To date, nearly $16,500 has been spent on implementing congregational feedback toward ideas for possible additions or remodeling of our church facility. Deeper cost analysis of specific proposals the Session is interested in is currently being conducted.

### Financial Report as of February 2017

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