



FOX CHAPEL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

As a community of Christ's disciples, we joyfully participate in Christ's mission of love and peace, transformation and hope.

August 16, 2026 – 8:15AM

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

How good it is to sing praises to our God, for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

God determines the number of the stars; God gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord and abundant in power; God's understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; God casts the wicked to the ground.

*HYMN 610

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

AZMON

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

All are invited to exchange signs of reconciliation and peace with others.

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 15:21-28 (NT pg. 17)

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Nevertheless She Persisted

Rev. John Bell

OFFERING

Please complete a Connect Card and place it in the offering plate.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN 829

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

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** Please stand as you are able.*

Participants Today

The Rev. Dr. John Bell, Interim Senior Pastor (john@fcpc.us)

The Rev. Cheryl Khylllep, Covenant Associate Pastor (cheryl@fcpc.us)

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God.

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